

## Higher Education Book Scholarship Instructions

Funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families

### Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

Any student applying for the Higher Education Book Scholarship is expected to meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating senior at a participating Parent Linking Program
- Have 75% participation rate or higher in Group Sessions
- Have an average GPA of 3.0 (B) or better in their senior year
- Be accepted to a community college, university or higher education program

### Application Instructions:

- Complete the PLP Higher Education Book Scholarship Online Application: <https://pcanj.wufoo.com/forms/plp-higher-education-book-scholarship/>
- Submit an official high school transcript (NOT report card)
- Submit a "Letter of Recommendation" from a teacher or guidance counselor. You must inform the person completing your letter of recommendation to include the following:
  - ✓ Describe your character
  - ✓ Describe your commitment to educational pursuits
  - ✓ Why he/she believes you are deserving of the scholarship
- Submit a college acceptance letter from the school you will attend.
- Complete an essay choosing ONE of the topics below. Essays must typed and a minimum of 1 page in length (maximum of 3 pages) double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font.
- Submit a completed W-9 form (this is a requirement to receive a check from a non-profit agency). You must complete the following sections:
  - ✓ Name
  - ✓ Address
  - ✓ Social security number

\*\*\*All application materials can be uploaded with the online application.\*\*\* Alternately, materials can be emailed to [Koliveira@preventchildabusenj.org](mailto:Koliveira@preventchildabusenj.org). Submissions will receive a confirmation email of what has been received. All required materials must be received by the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mailed or faxed applications will not be considered at this time. We suggest that you keep copies of your application materials.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 12, 2021 and will also be announced at the PLP Annual Teen Conference.

### Essay Topic Options: Please choose one essay question to answer.

1. The theme of this year's Teen Conference is **Rising Strong**. Write about a time when you were resilient or had to rise strong in the face of adversity. In your essay, tell us what the struggles and obstacles were and how you overcame them.
2. The theme of this year's Teen Conference is **Rising Strong**. What is a character trait of yours that has helped you to continue Rising Strong? How will this trait help you succeed in college and beyond? Within your essay, describe this character trait, how it shows up in your life already, and how it will make you successful while you are in college.

**Application Deadline: April 30, 2020**

Send all application materials to:  
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