



# Youth Essential Skills – YES

## William and Agnes Hoston Memorial Scholarship

### 2025 APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

The Youth Essential Skills (YES) is a non-profit community-based organization with the vision to develop underserved youth for social responsibility in the community and in the workplace. YES strives to equip youth with essential soft skills through programs within our four primary modules: Social, Leadership, Health and Education.

The YES scholarship is in partnership with and is partially funded by The William and Agnes Hoston Memorial Scholarship fund that honors the life and legacy of a couple who epitomized community leadership and service through advocacy for literacy, higher education, voter participation, and job creation. Together, William and Agnes, promoted the importance of education, and sacrificed so that all five of their children were able to obtain college degrees. They influenced and positively impacted so many lives, and this scholarship will allow this impact to continue. YES supports the Hoston Memorial educational efforts.

The purpose of this scholarship is to increase the number of underserved youth who are aspiring to attend higher education institutions. Although the scholarship targets all underserved youth, African American candidates will receive a higher rating.

#### Eligibility

Candidates for an this scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- GPA: 2.5 or higher
- A graduating high school senior who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities (junior colleges and above).
- SAT or ACT official scores (optional)
- Extracurricular Activities
- Recommendation letters (2)
- Essay (600 words or less)
- Resident of San Bernardino and Riverside

#### Selection

Scholarship recipients will be selected each spring by the organization's scholarship committee. Recipients will receive notification of their selection prior to the end of their senior school year.

#### Awards

Scholarship up to \$1,000 will be awarded to the recipient prior to the end of the high-school school year. Awards are made to the students upon presentation of proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university. The student may be provided the opportunity to select how their award will be presented (e.g., bookstore certificate, computer, etc.).

#### The Application Package

Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting complete application packages which include: (1) a completed application form (copies are acceptable); (2) a high school transcript (unofficial is okay); (3) official proof of ACT or SAT scores (optional); (4) two recommendation letters, one academically related and one service related; (5) a letter from the student introducing yourself and providing anything you would like for the committee to know about you; (6) an essay meeting the outlined requirements; and (7) a completed checklist. Please redact Social Security Numbers from any documents.

Complete application packages **MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN April 22, 2025.**

**Mail Application to:** Youth Essential Skills  
PO Box 8335, Redlands, CA 92375  
Attn: Scholarship Committee

**In lieu of US mail, complete application packages may also be scanned and emailed (by the due date) to the following email address: [info@youthessentialskills.com](mailto:info@youthessentialskills.com)**

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M\_\_ F\_\_

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### Parent(s)/Guardian

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Name Occupation  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Name Occupation  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name Occupation  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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College(s) to which you have applied \_\_\_\_\_

Where accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ Intended major \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Total score for ACT \_\_\_\_\_ or SAT \_\_\_\_\_ Date you took examination \_\_\_\_\_

Critical Reading score \_\_\_\_\_ Math score \_\_\_\_\_ Writing score \_\_\_\_\_

Overall academic grade average \_\_\_\_\_ **on a 4.0 scale.**

Name of high school presently attending:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Extracurricular Activities** in Which You Are Presently Active:

1. School Activities \_\_\_\_\_

2. Community Activities \_\_\_\_\_

3. Offices Held and Honors Received \_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate sheet, in 600 words or less (typed, doubled-spaced), please write a **concise essay** addressing (1) what do you expect to accomplish in next 5 years; (2) how your personal goals and objectives will positively impact the community; and (3) any additional information which may assist the selection committee.

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On a separate sheet, in 600 words or less (typed, doubled-spaced), please write a **personal introduction letter** that informs the scholarship committee of anything you would like them to know about you: e.g., any personal highlights and accomplishments; personal struggles and adversities you overcame; people who may have contributed to your success in getting into college, etc.

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**I hereby state that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## William and Agnes Houston Memorial Scholarship Scholarship Application Checklist

The following is a list of qualifications and items that **MUST** be submitted in order for a scholarship application to be considered. Every candidate must be able to check each line.

As a candidate for the scholarship program, I affirm the following:

- I have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- I am a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll next semester in an accredited college or university.
- I am one of the underrepresented minorities (African American, Hispanic or Native American).
- I have submitted a completed application form (copies are acceptable).
- I have attached a current high school transcript; unofficial is acceptable.
- I have composed the requested essay that is 600 words or less, and it has been proofread for typing errors, grammar, focus on main point, structure, organization, content and clarity.
- I have composed a personal introduction letter introducing myself to the scholarship committee.
- I have attached a copy of the official record of my ACT and/or SAT scores (optional).
- I have attached two (2) recommendation letters: 1) academically related; and 2) service related.
- I have attached a personal introduction letter.
- I am a resident of San Bernardino or Riverside County
- I have additional sheets, as needed, listing all school and community extracurricular activities.
- My name appears on ALL attachments.

Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and therefore affirm each statement. After signing, attach this form to the front of your application. Applications will not be reviewed without the checklist attached. Any omissions or misrepresentations of the truth will be grounds for disqualification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name (PRINT)                      Date

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School Counselor's Name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature                      Date

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Counselor's Email address

Phone \_\_\_\_\_