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# THE HELEN M. MCLORAIN SCHOLARSHIP FOR FOSTER CARE & EMANCIPATING YOUTH

A SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF THE DENVER FOUNDATION

## Application Packet for the 2012 – 2013 Academic Year



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Born in Chicago in 1918, Helen M. McLoraine was a pioneer who, in the 1950's, put on a hard hat, learned about the oil industry, and broke new ground for women to assume leadership roles in business. She studied business at the University of Chicago and was a long time resident of Winnetka, Illinois with her husband Frank McLoraine who was a lawyer. Helen moved to Denver in 1985, several years after the death of her husband, and lived in Denver until her death in January, 2003.

Helen was deeply influenced by her mother's dedication to philanthropy and became a generous benefactor in the areas of education, youth social welfare, figure skating, and medical research. She was especially committed to small nonprofit organizations with great missions and small resources. A gift from her estate was used to create this scholarship program.

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### Program

The Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship Program for Foster Care and Emancipating Youth was created to provide educational scholarships for foster care youth who are emancipated or are in the process of preparing to emancipate from the foster care system in Colorado. Awards can be used toward part-time or full-time undergraduate study at any accredited U.S. post-secondary school (including trade, vocational, community college or four-year school).

### Eligibility

Read the following carefully. Applicants must:

- Have been in the foster care system in Colorado for a minimum of 24 months between the ages of 13 and 18 (months do not need to have been consecutive). Applicants who meet this requirement and are emancipated, were adopted at age 15 or older, or are participating in the Guardianship Assistance Program or Independent Living Arrangement are eligible to apply; and
- Be age 23 or younger on August 15, 2012; and
- Complete the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) in 2012; and
- Be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary school as an undergraduate in the U.S. for the 2012-2013 academic year.

*Please note that individuals that are related to a member of the scholarship Selection Committee or a Denver Foundation staff or board member are not eligible to apply.*

### Selection

Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement/potential, motivation, potential for success in their chosen program and field, and financial need.

### Awards

Scholarships of varying amounts will be awarded once each year through a competitive process. Award amounts can be up to \$10,000 per year based on the strength of the student application, educational plan, and unmet financial need. Awards can be used for tuition, fees, and required books and supplies. Awards must be used for the 2012-2013 school year. An individual can receive a scholarship award from this fund for a maximum of three years.

### Deadline

The application form and the items listed on page two must be mailed and **postmarked by March 30, 2012.**

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## 2012 Application Instructions

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This application is for first time applicants and applicants who have applied before but did not receive a scholarship award. Submit **all** of the following items. Please label your items A, B, C, etc. and put them in the following order:

### **A. Application Form**

Complete the four page application form by either printing clearly or using Adobe Acrobat. To download an application from visit the 'Scholarships/Grants' section of The Denver Foundation's website at [www.denverfoundation.org](http://www.denverfoundation.org).

- ▶ **High School Seniors/GED Candidates** - Complete Section I and Section III on the application form
- ▶ **Current College Students** - Complete Section II and Section III on the application form

\*\*If you have received funding from this scholarship program, you must fill out the Current Scholar Application. To receive a copy of the Current Scholar Application please contact Lisa Fasolo Frishman at 303.996.7328.\*\*

### **B. 2012 Student Aid Report**

Each applicant must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for this scholarship. Upon completion of the FAFSA you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) that lists your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). You must submit a copy of the SAR with your application for your application to be reviewed by the selection committee. To learn more and to complete the FAFSA please visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### **C. Transcripts**

Submit a transcript of **all** college and/or post-secondary coursework that you have completed. If you are a high school senior, or have not yet completed coursework after high school, submit a copy of your high school transcript. If you are in the first year of a program, submit a copy of both your college/post-secondary transcript **and** your high school transcript. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. Applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship may be required to submit official transcripts for verification.

### **D. College Placement Scores** - *(Applicants who are applying to post-secondary school for the first time only)*

If your high school transcript does not include your SAT or ACT scores, submit a copy with your scholarship application.

### **E. Personal Statement** - Your statement should be typed in 10 or 12 point font and double spaced.

Submit a typed personal statement, no longer than three pages, which discusses all of the following:

1. Tell us why you want to attend college or vocational school. What do you plan to study, and why?
2. Describe the three important accomplishments that you are most proud of and why each is important to you.
3. Describe a time when you had to advocate for yourself. What was the outcome? Please share one or two things that you learned through this experience.
4. In 500 words or less, is there anything else you would like the Selection Committee to know as it considers your application?

### **F. Letter from Case Worker, Chafee Counselor, CASA, or Guardian ad Litem**

Include a letter from one of your personal advocates. This letter must be written on professional letterhead and include the following information: verify the years that you had/have been in the foster care system, their relationship to you, the length of time they have been your personal advocate, and their name, phone number, and title. Please ask him or her to describe your motivation, character, chance for success at the school you have chosen, and why he or she would recommend you for a scholarship.

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## Application Instructions continued

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### **G. Reference Letter**

Submit at least one additional letter of reference from someone who knows you well. This letter can be from a teacher, advisor, coach, paid or volunteer work supervisor, etc. Please ask your reference to describe your motivation, character, and chance for success in completing the program you have chosen. This letter must be dated within nine months of the application deadline and should be on letterhead.

### **Mail all of the items in one packet postmarked by March 30, 2012 to:**

The Helen M. McLoraine for Foster Care and Emancipating Youth Scholarship Fund, c/o The Denver Foundation, 55 Madison Street, 8th Floor, Denver, CO 80206. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. A letter will be mailed to all applicants regarding the Selection Committee's decisions on or before May 9, 2012. We do not accept applications via fax or email. All applications will need to be photocopied for selection committee members. For this reason, **please do not use staples or binders other than paper clips.**

**Questions?** If you have questions about this application or scholarship fund, please contact Lisa Fasolo Frishman at 303.996.7328 or lfasolo@denverfoundation.org.

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

*Please utilize the checklists below to ensure that you are submitting a complete application.*

*Applicants that don't fill out the right sections on the application form, or leave out an item will not be considered by the selection committee.*

*For high school seniors, GED candidates, or first time post-secondary applicants:*

- Completed Application Form, *including Section I and Section III*
- A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Transcripts
- College placement scores if they are not on your transcript
- Personal statement
- Letter from Case Worker, Chafee Counselor, or Guardian ad Litem
- Reference Letter

*For current college students:*

- Completed Application Form, *including Section II and Section III*
- A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Transcripts
- Personal statement
- Letter from Case Worker, Chafee Counselor, or Guardian ad Litem
- Reference Letter

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## Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship for Foster Care & Emancipating Youth 2012 Application

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**Personal Information** - Please type your answers using Adobe Acrobat or print clearly.

Title: Miss Ms. Mr. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of the County you live in: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Date/Year

Please check all that apply:

- I am a current foster care youth
- I am an emancipated youth
- I was adopted from foster care after the age of 15
- I am in the Independent Living Arrangement
- I am in the Guardianship Assistance Program
- I was in foster care until age 17 but did not emancipate

Please list the dates during which you were in foster care in Colorado (ex. 6/06-10/09 and 12/09-3/11):

Have you applied for this scholarship in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Education**

Please check one:

- I am a high school senior
- I am studying to take the General Education Development Test (GED)
- I am studying part-time at a two- year or four-year post-secondary school
- I am studying full-time at a two- year or four-year post-secondary school
- Currently I am not enrolled in school but plan to enroll in classes in the fall
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### **SECTION I - Complete this section if you are a high school senior, about to complete a GED, or have yet to start a post-secondary education.**

Name of high school/GED program you attended/are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative G.P.A (unweighted) \_\_\_\_\_

Date you will receive/received your high school diploma or GED (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

List the main activities in which you have participated in during the past three years (ex: work, clubs, sports, music, community service, church youth group, etc.).

Activity	Time Commitment	Dates (From-To)	Role or Position

List any academic, leadership or other awards you have received or special academic programs in which you have participated:

College, university, or vocational school you plan to attend: (If you are unsure, list your top 3 choices.)

	Name of School	City, State	Have you applied?	Have you been accepted?
First Choice				
Second Choice				
Third Choice				

Expected Major/Program Focus: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to start classes (month/year)? \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II - Complete this section if you are a current college or post-secondary school student or have completed some college coursework (excluding any college level courses taken while in high school).**

Name of school you will be attending in the fall: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or Program: \_\_\_\_\_

What degree/certificate are you working towards? \_\_\_\_\_

How many credits have you completed towards this degree? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you begin your program: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed any degrees, certificate programs or other coursework at another post-secondary school? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, describe:

**SECTION III - All applicants must complete this section.** (Financial information will kept confidential and used for scholarship selection purposes only.)

**Anticipated Educational Expenses for the 2012-2013 Academic Year for your First Choice School:**

Please estimate the costs that you anticipate for each semester/term/quarter that you will be attending in the upcoming year. *Please leave the box blank if you will not be attending during a certain time period or if your school does not have a semester/term/quarter that matches the column heading.*

	Summer 2012	Fall 2012	Winter 2012-2013	Spring 2013
<b>Number of Credit Hours</b>				
<b>Tuition and Fees*</b>				
<b>Books &amp; Required Supplies</b>				
<b>Total for Each Semester/Term/Quarter</b>				

*\*This information can be found on your school's website or obtained from the Financial Aid Office.*

List your monthly expenses and the associated cost for each of the following:

<b>Housing</b>	\$ _____
<b>Child Care</b>	\$ _____
<b>Transportation</b>	\$ _____
<b>Health Care</b>	\$ _____
<b>Other</b> _____	\$ _____
<b>Other</b> _____	\$ _____
<b>Other</b> _____	\$ _____
<b>Other</b> _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

If you have other expenses during the year that do not fit into the categories above, list them in the space below:

**Resources & Income**

What date did you file the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) (month/year)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as listed on your 2012 SAR report? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible to apply for an Education and Training Voucher? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, have you applied? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a week do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your position/title? \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Financial Aid**

List the amount of aid you expect to receive for the 2012-2013 academic year. Include only amounts that do not need to be repaid. Do not include loans. Please be sure to list any scholarships that you have applied for besides this scholarship in the other spaces below. *Receiving aid from other sources does not disqualify an applicant from receiving a scholarship award from this fund.*

	Amount	Pending or Confirmed?
<b>Pell Grant</b>	\$ _____	_____
<b>State Grants</b>	\$ _____	_____
<b>Scholarship(s) from College/School</b>	\$ _____	_____
<b>Education and Training Voucher</b>	\$ _____	_____
<b>Other</b> _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
<b>Total:</b>	\$ _____	_____

**Signature** - Please read the following statement carefully before signing and dating.

I certify that all of the information in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that if I am selected for a scholarship, I may be asked to provide proof of the information stated on this form, including copies of relevant tax forms. I understand that if this information is not provided, or if the information is different than presented in this application, that the award may be rescinded. I understand that if I am selected my scholarship award will be paid directly to the school I will be attending. I acknowledge that each school has different financial aid and scholarship policies that may limit the amount of outside scholarships that can be applied to a student's financial aid package. I understand The Denver Foundation will not send my scholarship award if it will displace other aid that I have been awarded. If I am selected to receive a scholarship, I agree that my name, award amount, and information provided about future plans may be used in announcements or articles (ex. graduation, newspaper) issued by The Denver Foundation. In addition, I give my Case Worker, Chafee Counselor, CASA or Guardian ad Litem permission to verify information or answer additional questions. By signing this form, I hereby authorize the college/school that I will be attending to release information about the financial aid I will be receiving and my cost of attendance to The Denver Foundation and The Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship for Foster Care & Emancipating Youth Selection Committee.

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Signature

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Date