Dear Student

Thank you for your interest in the C. Ed Davis PAL Scholarship for youth formerly in foster care with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). To assist you with funds needed to continue your education, DFPS is offering scholarships of $1,000 per academic year, awarded in increments of $500 per semester. These scholarships are for basic non-tuition needs for students interested in the field of law and majoring in government, political science, history, or other pre-law fields. Scholarships will be awarded to two (2) students each academic year and are subject to the availability of funds.

Applicant Requirements:
- Aged-out of DFPS foster care or was legally emancipated
- Minimum GPA of 2.0 and in good academic standing
- Demonstrates a need for financial assistance with higher education
- Attending or enrolled in a Texas college or university
- Majoring in government, political science, history, or other pre-law field
- Enrolled as a full-time (12 hours) sophomore, junior, and senior student or in law school
- Be between the ages of 18 - 25 to “activate” the scholarship
- Must have completed the Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Life Skills Training Program

Timeline:
Applications may be submitted for consideration to DFPS at any time and are located on the Texas Youth Connection website, [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth/](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth/) or on the DFPS public website at [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Transitional_Living/default.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Transitional_Living/default.asp). Applications received will be reviewed at least 3 months prior to the start of each semester. Decisions regarding scholarship awards will be made by August 1 (for the Fall semester) or November 1 (for the Spring semester). Notification and distribution of a scholarship award will occur within 45 days before the start of each semester of the academic period. Students may submit a new application and supporting documents each academic year until the age of 25.

Applying for a Scholarship
To be considered for the C. Ed Davis PAL Scholarship, the student must submit:
- Completed scholarship application (located on the reverse side of this letter)
- Personal (typewritten) essay of 500 words on “Why I want to enter the field of law and why should I be considered for a C. Ed Davis PAL Scholarship.”
- Current college transcript
- Current student Financial Aid award letter
- Letter of recommendation or reference
- Two (2) page resume (optional)

Incomplete applications and/or missing required documents will not be considered for a scholarship. Students will not be notified if incomplete applications are submitted. All documents may be submitted either by e-mail, fax, or regular mail delivery. Information on where to submit all required documents are located on the application located on the reverse side of this letter or as a separate attachment.
**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services**  
**C. ED DAVIS - PAL SCHOLARSHIP - APPLICATION FORM**

**APPLICATION DATE:** ___________________________  
**Date Received:** ___________________________  
*Office Use Only*

**Personal Data**  
**Applicant's Name:** ____________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________  
Social Security Number: ____________________________

**Current Address** (check with be mailed to this address):

__________________________________________________________

Current Phone Number: ______________________________________

Alternate Phone Number: ______________________________________

Current e-mail address: ______________________________________

**DFPS/PAL Information**  
Approximate month/year discharged from DFPS Foster Care:___________________

Approximate month/year when PAL Life Skills Training was completed:___________________

*Note: DFPS will verify foster care eligibility and PAL Life Skills Training completion.*

**College/University Information:**  
Are you currently attending school?    Yes____    No____

If Yes, what year are you enrolled in? _________________  
If No, have you applied yet?  Yes____  No____

If enrolled, which school will you be attending (include location)?

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What pre-law fields are you majoring in or planning to major in?

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Indicate the total cost (per academic year) of the college/university you are attending, include tuition (if not using the state tuition and fee waiver), housing, utilities, books, personal needs, etc.

Are you currently receiving or have you applied for other financial aid or scholarships? If so, what is the total anticipated or known amount of the awards?

Community service or volunteer experience in the last two years (may be included as an attachment):

____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Student organization memberships (may be included as an attachment):

Applications and supporting documents may be sent by:

**E-mail address:**  
C_ED_DAVIS@dfps.state.tx.us

**Fax Number:**  
512-339-5927-(Attn. C. Ed Davis PAL Scholarship)

**Mailing Address:**  
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services  
Dept. Mail Code W-157  
Attn: C. Ed Davis PAL Scholarship  
P.O. Box 149030  
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