



APPLICATION CRITERIA

Last Dollar Grant

The Future Begins Today will offer last-dollar renewable grants of up to \$1,200 to selected graduates who have demonstrated unmet financial need for post secondary education. TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE LAST DOLLAR GRANT, APPLICANT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING:

1. Students living in Troy and graduates of high schools within the Troy district are eligible to apply. An applicant may participate in the program for a maximum total of four years. *Students are eligible to apply up to 5 years after graduation from high school.*
2. **Students shall be considered for a grant only after they have demonstrated that they have applied for all other sources of financial aid, and they demonstrate financial need as determined by federal guidelines.**
3. Students must meet the **minimum Grade Point Average requirement of 2.0 at all times.**
4. To be eligible for grants, students must be attending **full-time** an accredited or qualified post-secondary school (as defined by the Department of Pupil Services), and high schools within the Troy district, as described by Section 170 (B)(I) (A)(II) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
5. All grants will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution at the beginning of each term.
6. Students shall submit to *The Future Begins Today* office their grade reports at the end of each postsecondary term before grants for subsequent terms will be issued to the college or university.
7. Student recipients of *Last Dollar Grants* must volunteer **15 hours of community service in Troy, Ohio** each grant year.
8. Receipt of grants for any term or year does not guarantee receipt of grants in any additional year or term.
9. Upon further review by the Board of Trustees, students who fail to complete a term in which they received grants shall **pay back such grants to *The Future Begins Today*.**
10. Grants will be awarded for undergraduate education only. Students who have participated in The Future Begins Today school program will be given first consideration.

TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **Applicant must have applied for financial aid from federal, state, and college/school sources, before that institution's priority deadline or June 1st, whichever comes first.**
2. Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of **2.0** at the beginning of the senior year of high school. Applicant **may appeal** based on special circumstances.
3. *Current recipients must have completed the community service from their 2005-2006 Last Dollar Grant award.*
4. Applicant must mail the documents necessary to complete this application to:
The Future Begins Today, P.O. Box 511, Troy, OH 45373, and postmark by June 30th postmark.
5. **Applications that are incomplete on this date will not be considered for funding for any part of the next school year.**

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO BE SUBMITTED:

Submit the COMPLETED application and copies of the following documents to:
The Future Begins Today, P.O. Box 511, Troy, OH 45373, no later than June 30th.

- Check ___ 1. A copy of the **Financial Aid Certification Form** has been given to the Financial Aid office at your college. (**Found on website**)
- Check ___ 2. Attach a recent **photograph** we may use for promotional purposes only, if we do not have one on file. (**Write name on back.**)
- Check ___ 3. Attach a copy of most recent **college grade report**, if this office does not have it on file.
- Check ___ 4. All **community service hours** for the past academic year have been completed and service forms sent to **TFBT**.

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