



Guidelines for Real Life Scholarship Applicants

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The Real Life Scholarship is a needs-based award that recognizes students who have participated in the Real Life afterschool program and are of a refugee or immigrant background.

FUNDING

Scholarships are to be used for the purposes of a college education (i.e., tuition, books, fees, school supplies, or room and board) at the college or university of the winner's choice. Scholarship awards are made possible by the Low Family Foundation, Merrick Bank, and Barker Charitable Foundation.

SELECTION PROCESS

All components of the applications must be received by **March 1**. Applications must be complete and follow all requirements outlined. No late applications can be considered, and no part of the application can be returned. Applications must be submitted on the Youthlinc website www.youthlinc.org. A Scholarship Award Committee made up of Utah community leaders will review the applications. The overall winners will be notified by **April 1** and recognized at an Award Ceremony. All winners will also be invited to attend the Annual Youthlinc Benefit and two additional tickets will be provided to each finalist.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must be a Senior in high school or must be enrolled in an undergraduate college or University program and meet all scholarship qualifications. Applicants must be current participants in Real Life, have participated in Real Life programming in the past, or have participated at one of Real Life's partnering sites: Refugee and Immigrant Services – Asian Association of Utah, Promise South Salt Lake, Salt Lake School District, or Umoja Generation.

PUBLICITY

The award winners for the Real Life Scholarship will be featured in a slideshow or video presentation at the Award Ceremony and the Youthlinc Annual Benefit. Finalists may be asked to make themselves available for prior photography and videotaping of interviews. All applicants must be willing to be featured in any related television or newspaper coverage. Any information included by applicants may be used at Youthlinc's discretion for the purpose of promoting the Real Life Scholarship.

AWARD DISTRIBUTION

Checks for the awards will be written to the college or university of the award recipient's choice. Checks will not be written to the student. Award recipients must supply Youthlinc with the name of their chosen college or university as soon as possible and no later than three months after receipt of the award. Failure to do so may result in a retraction of award monies. A letter will be written to the college or university explaining the Award and explaining that if money remains when the student is no longer attending the institution, no refund of any kind can be made to the student. Students who receive the Real Life Scholarship agree to request no refund of award money should they leave the educational institution. Falsification of any part of the application is grounds for immediate retraction of any award amount received. If any part of the application is found to be falsified, the recipient agrees to return the award in full. If the award has been applied to tuition fees, the recipient agrees to return the award money with their own funds. Scholarship monies must be used by the recipient for a college education within three years of the award notification. Youthlinc does not agree to hold award monies for a recipient after three years.

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