

Nicasa Teen Court Scholarship Program

Background

Nicasa Teen Court Advisory Board awards one \$1,000 scholarship and two \$500 scholarships annually to Nicasa Teen Court youth volunteers that will be attending either a two-year or four-year college. Each of these scholarships honors one of the founders of Nicasa's Teen Court Program. The program is funded through joint efforts of several civic and fraternal organizations throughout Lake County. The Advisory Board seeks to reward those students who may not meet the traditional requirements of financial need or academic excellence. The Advisory Board recognizes that the key to career success relies just as much on personal drive and contribution to humanity as do the standard measures of accomplishment. Therefore, the scholarships are based on a broad spectrum of criteria including, but not limited to: Teen Court participation, financial need, school and community involvement, character, initiative, life goals, and philanthropy.

Eligibility

To be considered, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- A current high school senior planning to enroll as a full-time student (12 semester hours or more) in an accredited two or four-year college or university in the U.S. for the 2016-2017 academic year.
- Currently an active volunteer with one of Nicasa's Teen Courts. Must have served as a Teen Court volunteer for at least two years with at least 80% attendance at court.

Application Process

Eligible students may apply by e-mailing or mailing the completed application, along with a copy of the following documents to:

Annalise Morelli
Teen Court Supervisor
Nicasa Behavior Health Services
31979 N. Fish Lake Road
Round Lake, IL 60073
amorelli@nicasa.org - email
847-201-8543 – phone
847-546-6760 - fax

All material **must** be received no later than the deadline shown below.

Required documents include:

- Proof of acceptance and/or enrollment for full-time study from a recognized college or university.
- Two letters of recommendation – one from a high school staff member and one from a community representative (may **not** be related to applicant).

For consideration, all applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 16, 2018.

Selection Criteria

Awards will be based on quality of participation in Teen Court and the information provided on the application form, personal essay, extracurricular activities, work experience, contributions to the community, and individual goals.

Selection and Notification Process

A committee of Teen Court Advisory Board members will select scholarship recipients. All applicants will be notified in writing by **April 14, 2018**.

Application Availability

Scholarship application forms may be downloaded from the www.nicasa.org website. If you do not have direct access to the Internet or have any difficulty in downloading the application, please contact Annalise Morelli, at (847) 201-8543.