

# Exceptional Youth Scholarship Application Instructions

The Exceptional Youth Scholarship (EYS) is a one-time, need-based, \$10,000 award that can be used towards college tuition and other attendance-related expenses such as housing, meal plans, books and campus fees at accredited four-year colleges and universities. The EYS's goal is to recognize and reward high achieving students who are actively involved in giving back to their community.

**Application Period: March 23, 2020 – April 30, 2020 (ends at 11:59 pm ET)**

## **Eligibility**

- Must be a high school senior at time of application – Scholarships cannot be deferred
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Must have participated in some form of community service, volunteerism, or mentorship activities
- U.S. Citizen or legal resident

## **Items you will need to provide**

- High school transcript(s) (upload)
- Two recommendations (these cannot be from the same person)
  1. School Recommendation (can be teacher, administrator, school team coach)
  2. Community Service Recommendation
- SAT/SAT Subject/ACT score sheets (upload)
- FAFSA – Financial Aid Award Letter (upload)
- School Financial Aid Award Letter(s) (upload)
- Letter of acceptance from college/university you will be attending (if received/known) (upload)
- Cost of attendance for that college/university. If you are still undecided, please provide the cost for the ones you are considering.

## PLEASE NOTE

- The application deadline is 11:59 pm Eastern Time/8:59 pm Pacific Time, Thursday, April 30, 2020.  
**\*\*THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS\*\***
- Should you have any issues with the application process, please click:
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  - o contact supportand follow the prompts.

## **Helpful Hints**

- **Within 24 hours** of submitting a recommender's email address, please contact them to confirm they received an email with a link to the online form. If it is not in their inbox, please have them check their junk mail before contacting customer support at SM Apply.
- Please be sure you request recommendations well before the deadline. You will not be able to submit your application unless both recommendations have been completed. You want to allow your recommenders enough time to provide thoughtful responses.
- If you want your application to stand out, follow directions and pay attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation. We are looking for students who are ready to do college level work. Take time to prepare and present yourself in the best light possible.