



**2017-2018  
Step Ahead Scholarship  
Instructions**

**Mission**

The Step Ahead Scholarship Program is dedicated to recognizing and providing financial support for promising young women from the greater Memphis community who are getting 'a step ahead' by seeking their post-secondary education, and are committed to public service in the areas of academic success and effective, responsible life and family planning.

**Purpose**

The Step Ahead Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to eligible Shelby County female residents so that they may pursue and achieve a post-secondary degree in areas including, but not limited to, nursing, public health, education, and social services. The ultimate goal is to increase education, to lower rates of teen and unintended pregnancy, and to improve awareness of the voluntary use of long-acting, reversible contraception in the greater Memphis area.

**Eligibility**

Candidates must be female and between the ages of 17 and 30. Candidates must have proof of residency in Shelby County for a period of at least 2 years. Candidates must have a record of community and public service, along with good academic standing and/or demonstrate outstanding potential in their chosen field of study or career. Candidates must, through their application, demonstrate an understanding of the importance of effective life and family planning, including, but not limited to, quality education, community involvement and the benefits of long-acting, reversible contraception (LARC). Applicants must have applied to an accredited institution of secondary education at the time of application.

**Application Timeline**

Applications will be available February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Completed Application packets must be submitted to the Step Ahead Scholarship Committee by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Award letters will be sent by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarship funds will be made out to the academic institutions beginning in mid-June.

Questions concerning the Step Ahead Scholarship should be directed to [info@astepaheadfoundation.org](mailto:info@astepaheadfoundation.org). Please write "scholarship" in the subject line.

Completed Application packet, including current resume and transcripts, may be emailed to [acoleman@tristatebank.com](mailto:acoleman@tristatebank.com); or hard copies may be mailed to:

Step Ahead Scholarship  
c/o Tri-State Bank  
180 South Main Street  
Memphis, TN 38103  
Attn: Ashley Smith-Coleman



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Application

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Years lived in Memphis/Shelby County \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Current City of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status (circle one)

High School Senior      Undergraduate Student      Graduate Student

Non-traditional student (trade or beauty school, etc.)      Not in school

Current (or most recent) School and years attended \_\_\_\_\_

Current (or most recent) GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Intended 2017-2018 School \_\_\_\_\_

Intended 2017-2018 Program of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated tuition, room, board and fees, for 2017-2018 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount awarded for other scholarships (Hope, etc.), financial aid, work study assistance, etc. that you will be receiving for the 2017-2018 year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list awards and amounts (attach additional page if needed.)

Amount requested from Step Ahead Scholarship for 2017-2018 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have been the recipient of a Step Ahead Scholarship in the past, please list the year(s) in which you received the scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any community involvement (volunteering, internship or employment related to public health, public service, education, community service, etc.) including months/years you were involved, and organization names (attach additional page if needed.)



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***If applicable, please list and describe involvement and/or affiliation you have had with A Step Ahead Foundation, Inc. and/or Girls Inc. including months/years you were involved. Please note that lack of involvement with these groups will not exclude your application from consideration.***

**Please attach a copy of your current RESUME and MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPTS. These are an important part of the application and MUST be included in order for your application to be considered.**

***Please answer the prompt below via either a 30 second to 2 minute YouTube video OR a 200-300 word essay:***

After examining the websites of Girls Inc. of Memphis and A Step Ahead Foundation, [www.girlsincmemphis.org](http://www.girlsincmemphis.org) and [www.astepaheadfoundation.org](http://www.astepaheadfoundation.org), discuss how you would use your chosen degree to encourage and enable young women to get a step ahead in life by completing their education and through effective family planning, specifically with the long-acting reversible methods of contraception.

***If submitting an essay, please attach it to this application.  
If submitting a video, please list the YouTube video link-\_\_\_\_\_***

***I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), confirm that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge, that my submission to the scholarship committee, whether an essay or video, is my own work; and that discovery of dishonesty or plagiarism on the application form will result in my disqualification from consideration.***

***I agree to inform the scholarship committee of any changes to the above information including updated information on outside funding, scholarships, and financial awards for the 2017-2018 school year.***

***I understand that my work, whether an essay or video, becomes the property of A Step Ahead Foundation, Inc., and Girls Inc. of Memphis, and may be used by them for marketing, development, or other purposes.***

***I acknowledge that if awarded a scholarship, I will attend and remain in good standing in an accredited educational institution.***

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**