

LIFENET4FAMILIES ALLISON AND ANDY CAGNETTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The LifeNet4Families Allison and Andy Cagnetta Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 in honor of Allison and Andy Cagnetta. Allison and Andy created Andy's Pasta Dinner over 16 years ago to help LifeNet4Families fight the growing number of individuals and families who face the challenges of hunger and homelessness in Broward County. To date, the event has resulted in the provision of more than one-million meals for people in need.

This fund was established to provide a scholarship award to a homeless high school senior, who despite their hardships, has excelled academically and has also given back to our community through volunteerism.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, U.S. permanent resident who has an I-151, I-551 or I-551C (alien registration receipt card). Individuals with a visitor, student or G-series visa are ineligible. Our entry-level scholarships are based on the same criteria the U.S. government uses for federal student aid.
- Have a minimum 2.8 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in the United States.
- Be homeless as defined by the McKenney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. (See homeless student representative at your school)

- Volunteer at LifeNet4Families for a minimum of five hours. Hours must be completed prior to application deadline



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Allison and Andy Cagnetta Scholarship was established in 2015 to honor Allison and Andy Cagnetta, pioneers for the homeless. An annual scholarship will be awarded to a homeless student who is a senior at a public high school in Broward County. This year's recipient will be selected and announced in May, and will attend Andy's Family Pasta Dinner in February the following year

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria as of the application deadline date:

- Be Homeless as defined by The Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. (The Act states that **children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence are considered homeless.**
*If, **due to a loss of housing**, a child must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground, on the street, in abandoned buildings, or doubled-up with relatives or friends, then he/she is eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act.*
- Be a high school Senior enrolled in a Broward County public school.
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- Have a minimum 2.8 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in the United States.
- Demonstrate financial need.

Additional Requirements

- Student Essay
- Volunteer at LifeNet4Families for a minimum of five hours
- Letter of Reference from Teacher, Principal, School Social Worker, Coach, Counselor, Homeless Education Designee, or other school personnel
- Verification Letter from Broward County Homeless Education Coordinator

RESTRICTIONS

- One-Time Non-Renewable Award
- Family Members of LifeNet4Families are ineligible to participate

Funding availability and financial need will be considered in determining annual award amounts.

USE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Work toward full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in the United States.

APPLICATION PERIOD

December 1, 2018 – April 30th, 2019

Applications are available to eligible students attending a public high school in Broward County through the Student Services Department's Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (H.E.A.R.T.) office: 754-321-1566.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The Scholarship Review Committee evaluates applications and supporting information and makes a recommendation to LifeNet4Families' Board of Directors for final approval. All awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, essay, financial need and recommendation letter.

NOTIFICATION

All applicants will be notified by mail during the week of May 28nd, 2019.

AWARD DISBURSEMENT

Scholarship checks are awarded at the beginning of the academic term of enrollment and made payable to the institution (to be credited to the student's account) and can be used for tuition, books, fees, on-campus housing, supplies, and/or equipment.

****Enrollment must occur during the year of receipt.*

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

2019

- Applications available: December 1, 2019
- Deadline for Submission: April 30th, 2018
- Application Review: May 7th- May 17th, 2019
- Recommendation to Board: May 15th, 2017
- Board Approval: May 21st, 2019
- Candidate Notification: May 29th, 2019

ADDRESS FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications must be sent to: LifeNet4Families
ATTN: Xenia McFarling
LifeNet4Families Allison and Andy Cagnetta Scholarship
1 NW 33rd Terrace
Lauderhill, Florida 33311

All applicants will be notified of the results