



# Avery M. Williamson Head Start Scholarship

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In partnership with Avery Williamson—a Head Start Alumnus, former University of Kentucky Wildcats football player and current linebacker for the National Football League’s New York Jets—Community Action Council will award \$10,000 in scholarships for the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year to four Head Start alumni entering college.

For more than 50 years’, Head Start has remained a leader in providing comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to children from families with low income throughout the United States. Community Action Council provides high-quality early childhood education at our Prep Academies located throughout 13 counties and through partnerships with school systems and community-based early childhood providers.

The Avery M. Williamson Head Start Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving individual as laid out by the criteria below. The scholarship is intended to cover a portion of tuition at a post-secondary institution.

- The applicant must be a Head Start Alumnus from an accredited Head Start program;
- The applicant must be entering their first year in a two-year or four-year college or university;
- The applicant must be admissible at an accredited college or university;
- The applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent;
- The applicant must be a resident of--or attend school in—the counties of Bourbon, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Harrison, Jackson, Laurel, Madison, Nicholas, Powell, Rockcastle, or Scott;
- The applicant must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA to keep the scholarship.

For more information please contact (859) 244-2221.

**The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. EST Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Applications received after 5pm EST April 30, 2019, will not be reviewed.**

# Instructions:

## 1. Prepare all application materials well in advance.

- Consider all criteria for the scholarship before applying to ensure you meet the requirements.
- Fill out the application form and attach additional sheets as necessary.
- Compose an essay that will help the selection committee understand how the Avery M. Williamson Head Start Scholarship can help you achieve your goals attending a two-year or four-year college and why you should be an award recipient. The essay should not exceed 1,000 words.
- Create a 30-60 video (instructions enclosed).
- Include full contact information for yourself as well as your parent(s) or guardian(s).
- Submit one official transcript from the high school you most recently attended. Applications without accompanying transcripts will not be considered.
- Include an Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the school you wish to attend.
- Submit one letter of recommendation (letters of recommendation may come from teachers, supervisors or community members).

## 2. The application packet MUST be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2019 by 5:00pm.

## 3. Ways to submit applications:

### Mail:

Avery M. Williamson Head Start Scholarship  
Community Action Council  
Attn: Cheryl L. Klever  
P.O. Box 11610  
Lexington, KY 40576

### Hand deliver:

Community Action Council  
710 West High Street  
Lexington, KY 40508

### Scan and email to:

[cheryl.klever@commaction.org](mailto:cheryl.klever@commaction.org)

## 4. Helpful Tips:

- Please make sure all the information submitted is TYPED.
- Please make sure you complete ALL sections of the application. (fill in as much as you can)
- Lastly, before you compile the application packet, make sure everything has been done to the BEST of your ability.



# Avery M. Williamson

## Head Start Scholarship

Name:

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Last

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First

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Middle

Permanent Address:

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Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City

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State

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ZIP

Date of Birth:

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Telephone Number:

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Email Address:

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Were you, personally, ever enrolled in a Head Start program?

YES

NO

*If yes, dates/program name and location:*

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have or have you ever had a child enrolled in Head Start?

YES

NO

*If yes, dates/program name and location:*

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Are you related to an employee of Community Action Council?

YES

NO

*If yes, please list their name and your relationship:*

\_\_\_\_\_

### Education

Senior in High School?

Earned GED?

Full Time Student?

YES

NO

Current High School :

\_\_\_\_\_

What college or university do you plan to attend? Planned date of enrollment?

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## Extra-Curricular Activities

List your participation in activities outside of the school curriculum, including athletics, student government and clubs, organizations, committees, or performance art. Please indicate the duration in hours, days, years, etc. any office or leadership position you held, and any awards you received. Attach additional pages if necessary.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Office Held</b>	<b>Awards Received</b>

## Additional Information

<b>List the Colleges and/or Universities you have applied to:</b>	
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## Financial Information:

Estimated College Expenses for 2019 – 2020 Year	
Total the estimated expenses for you to attend college.	
Tuition	\$
Room/Board	\$
Books/Supplies	\$
Other (specify)	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>

Estimated Income for 2019 – 2020 Year	
List all income you expect to receive from other sources, including federal financial aid*.	
Expected Family Contribution	\$
Personal (Savings, Earnings, Etc.)	\$
Confirmed scholarships	\$
Confirmed grants	\$
Confirmed work study	\$
Confirmed student loans	\$
Other	\$
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>

\*Attach an Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the school you wish to attend.

## Essay Response Information:

Compose an essay in response to the prompts below to help the selection committee understand how the *Avery M. Williamson Head Start Scholarship* can help you achieve your goals. Your essay should not exceed **1,000 words**.

1. Describe, in detail, how your experience in Head Start provided you a #HeadStartAdvantage.
2. How will you utilize this opportunity to make an impact for others in your community?
3. Describe your ultimate career goals.
4. List other awards, recognitions and scholarships that you have received, and describe community service projects you have participated in.

## **Video Submission Information:**

- Create a 30 to 60-second video clip describing how your experience in Head Start provided you a #HeadStartAdvantage and how this opportunity will allow you to make an impact in your community.
- Be sure to use #HeadStartAdvantage in your video.
- Sign and return the General Release form giving permission for your video to be shared on social media outlets. Applicants under 18 must have a parent or guardian signature, as well.
- Return the video and signed release form by 5:00 EST, Tuesday, April 30, 2019 to [Cheryl.Klever@commaction.org](mailto:Cheryl.Klever@commaction.org) with the subject **#HeadStartAdvantage Scholarship Submission**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

## **Weighted Decision**

- Applications will be scored by an independent review team.
- The top 10 videos will be uploaded to Community Action Council's Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/cacadvocate> on Monday, May 6, 2019 by 5:00pm.
- The number of likes each video receives by Monday, May 13, 2019 by 12:00pm will be worth 25 percent of the application review score.
- The four awardees will be announced on social media on Monday, May 13, 2019.
- All recipients must be present on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 5:30pm to receive their award during the Council's Head Start graduation ceremony at Frederick Douglass High School. Additional details will be provided to awardees.

## **The Details**

- Each awardee must submit enrollment verification at a post-secondary institution to Community Action Council, c/o Cheryl Klever, PO Box 11610, Lexington, KY 40576 by August 1, 2019.
- Checks will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution upon verification of enrollment.
- Failure to complete these steps will result in the forfeiture of the scholarship award.
- All videos become property of Community Action Council.