



**“NEED TO \$UCCEED”  
POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Offered by the Vogt-Morentz Charitable Fund**

**Application Criteria**

1. Applicant must be a former foster youth or non-minor dependent of the court of Contra Costa County.
2. Must be 21 years of age or older to apply.
3. Applicant must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited four-year college, or an accredited/approved vocational program through a community college.
4. A re-entry student who has significantly delayed enrollment in an academic institution or has significant gaps in their educational path may also apply.
5. Scholarships are awarded in two disbursements: \$1,500 initially and \$1,500 after six months. To receive the second disbursement, recipients must submit a six-month progress report along with an updated transcript. A transcript is also required at the time of application. Applicants pursuing vocational programs are eligible for a **one-time scholarship**.
6. Submission deadlines: **June 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall and December 15 for Spring.**
7. Applicants may only apply **once** during the year; annual scholarships may not be provided.
8. Completed application and supplemental documents may be submitted by email to **vestiainc@gmail.com**.
9. Please check: your educational status at the time of application:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will graduate college in the year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attended college and have LESS than 32 college credits.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attended college and have MORE than 32 college credits.

1. What college will you be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your major? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Full Name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit a personal statement of up to 500 words answering the following questions:**

- A. Describe yourself in your own words.
- B. Please share your college experience.
- C. What are your interests, passions, activities, jobs, volunteer work?
- D. What obstacles or challenges do you believe are hindering your progress toward completing your degree?
- E. How do you anticipate that receiving this scholarship will contribute to your success?

Applicant Full Name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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For questions or more information, please contact:

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