



# Doves Hope Scholarship

## Background

At Doves, our mission is to bring awareness to the impact of domestic violence while providing scholarship opportunities for students who have experienced it. We are committed to creating a world where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported. With compassion and determination, we strive to empower survivors, promote awareness, and inspire communities to take a stand against violence. Childhood abuse can have an irreversible impact that can last a lifetime. In addition to the long term physical, mental, and emotional distress, the survivor may suffer from a negative impact on the more practical side of their lives, such as the ability to pursue an education. This is primarily because the abuse often happens within the family of origin or at the hands of primary care-givers.

If you have been affected by childhood abuse or any type of trauma, you know the devastating effects it can have. You may have had to change your entire lifestyle to adapt to the new emotional and sometimes practical challenges you face.

**Because, you are more than a victim; you are a survivor.**

## Purpose

At Doves, we are dedicated to empowering survivors of domestic violence by offering scholarship opportunities that help them rebuild their lives through education. We believe that every survivor deserves the chance to pursue their dreams and achieve their full potential. Through our scholarship program, we raise awareness about domestic violence, foster safe communities, and inspire lasting change. 100% of all donations go directly to funding the tuition of the selected scholarship recipients, helping them take the next step toward a brighter future. Together, we can create a world where every individual feels safe, valued, and empowered.

## Eligibility

### Criteria/Rules for awarding scholarships

- Is a victim/survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- Has been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (i.e child who has witnessed domestic violence, ect. )
- Illinois Resident Applying for College or Trade School
- You must be currently enrolled or have been accepted into an accredited College, Trade School, or University.
- You must submit a completed application and essay based on one of the topics below.

## Awards

Participants of the scholarship are awarded up to \$2,500 from the Doves Hope Foundation. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the organization based on the criteria specified. Funds are paid directly to the recipient's educational institution and cannot be used for any other purpose.

## Application Deadline

Candidates must submit their completed application online or mailed in by May 15th to be Considered

## Please submit completed application to:

The Doves Hope Foundation Scholarship Fund  
PO Box 502  
Itasca, IL 60143

Questions about submitting your application? Please contact  
[info@doveshopefoundation.org](mailto:info@doveshopefoundation.org)

## Terms and Conditions

Welcome to Doves Hope Foundation (“we,” “our,” or “us”). By accessing and using our website, you agree to comply with the following terms and conditions. Please read them carefully before applying for scholarships or making donations.

## 1. Eligibility

- Scholarship applications are open to individuals who meet the criteria outlined in the program guidelines.

## 2. Use of Website

- You agree to use this website for lawful purposes only.
- Unauthorized use of this website may give rise to a claim for damages or constitute a criminal offense.

## 3. Donations

- Donations are Tax Deductible and are used exclusively to fund scholarships for eligible recipients.
- All donations go directly toward tuition payments to the recipient's university or educational institution.

## 4. Scholarship Disbursement

- Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the organization based on the criteria specified.
- Funds are paid directly to the recipient's educational institution and cannot be used for any other purpose.

## 5. Privacy

- Your personal information will be handled in accordance with our Privacy Policy. We do not sell or share personal information without consent.

## 6. Intellectual Property

- All content on this website, including text and logos, is the property of Doves and is protected by copyright laws.
- You may not reproduce, distribute, or use any content without prior written consent.

## 7. Third-Party Links

- Our website may include links to third-party sites. We are not responsible for the content or privacy practices of these sites.

## 8. Modifications

- We reserve the right to modify these Terms and Conditions at any time. Changes will be effective immediately upon posting.

## 9. Disclaimer

- We make no guarantees regarding the outcomes of scholarship applications or the use of this website. All services are provided “as is.”

## 10. Contact

- For any questions about these Terms and Conditions, please contact us at [info@doveshopefoundation.org](mailto:info@doveshopefoundation.org)

### *Non-Discrimination Statement*

Doves is committed to creating an inclusive and equitable environment where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Our scholarship program and services are open to all eligible individuals who meet the Doves Hope Foundation Eligibility requirements, ensuring equal access to opportunities that empower survivors to rebuild their lives and achieve their educational goals. We stand firmly against discrimination in all forms and are dedicated to fostering a safe, supportive, and welcoming community for all.

# *Application Form Doves Hope Foundation*

Please send all application submissions to **The Doves Hope Foundation Scholarship Fund** located at **PO Box 502 Itasca, IL 60143**

## Step 1: Contact Information

**Full Name:**

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**Email:**

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**Phone Number:**

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**Address (city, state, zip code):**

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**Year of birth:**

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**Preferred Contact Method:**

- Email
- Phone
- Text Message

**How did you hear about Doves Hope Foundation:**

- Online search
- Social Media
- From a friend/family member
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 2: Educational Information

**Location of school for which aid will be sent:**

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**Name of school for which aid is requested:**

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**Type of Program:**

- Masters/Doctorate
- 4 year
- 2 year
- Vocational
- Trade
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enroll Period:**

- Full-time
- Part-time

**Field of Study:**

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## Step 3: Essay Questions

Please choose **ONE** of the topics below and write a 500-1,000 word essay

1. In what ways has childhood abuse affected you and your life and how are you working to overcome this?
2. How have you or would you like to bring awareness to the devastating effects of childhood abuse?
3. Tell us about an organization or someone you know in your community that has positively impacted you in your healing journey in overcoming childhood abuse?
4. What would you like to do or tell government officials to implement in order to prevent others from being abused/traumatized in the way you have?

**Please state which question you will be answering:**

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**Optional:** Please provide us with any other information that you think would be helpful for us to know about awards, honors, community service activities you have participated in.

