



# YOUTH FOCUS INC.

CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH ACCOLADES

Dear CSYA Junior and Teen Division Participants,

Youth Focus Inc. is pleased to award you performing arts talent scholarship as a result of your participation in the California State Youth Accolades Scholarship Competition. The performing arts talent scholarship is to be used and distributed in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in the Official Rules and Regulations of said awards program.

The philosophy of the program is to motivate performing arts achievement on a continuous basis. Awards may be applied for immediately as long as your study is continuous and consistent.

In keeping with the rules and regulations of the Scholarship Awards Program some awards were initially to be distributed as U.S. Savings Bonds, however, the value and parameters of issuing savings bonds have changed dramatically. The Board of Youth Focus, Inc. has elected to issue performing arts talent scholarships in lieu of savings bonds in order to encourage your personal pursuit of excellence.

Performing arts talent scholarships are not disbursed in cash but are sent directly to the performing arts instructor, school or institute in which you are enrolled, upon receipt of your application and certification form. For your convenience, the application form to activate your scholarship is enclosed.

The Board of Directors of Youth Focus, Inc. salutes you for your achievements and extends its best wishes in your performing arts pursuits.

Sincerely,

William R. Smethers,  
Executive Director



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## Official Scholarship Request Form

This form serves as a formal request for a performing arts talent scholarship earned as a candidate in the California State Youth Accolades Scholarship Competition Junior or Teen Ambassadors Competition.

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Place \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My signature below signifies that I have read and understand the policies governing the disbursement of scholarships as described in the California State Youth Accolades Candidate's Release & Agreement and have fulfilled my responsibilities and meet all requirements.

I understand awards are not disbursed in cash but are sent directly to the teacher, school, or institute in which I am enrolled as a full time student upon receipt of documentation that I have successfully enrolled or completed one full semester (or two quarters) as a full time student. I acknowledge, due to the magnitude of award & scholarship applications submitted annually to the Youth Focus office, a not-for-profit organization, administered by a part-time staff, processing takes between six to eight weeks after receipt of the submitted forms.

Signature of Titleholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the scholarship to the school, institute, or performing arts instructor below:

Name of School/Institute/Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**The following items must be attached to this request. Incomplete requests will not be processed.**

1. Billing Statement from the school, institute or performing arts instructor with which you are enrolled OR
2. Receipt of expense from the school, institute or performing arts instructor.

**Submit this completed form to:**

Youth Focus Inc.  
1901 Cottle Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95125

**Questions may be directed to:**

Wm. R. Smethers, Executive Director  
(408) 448-5437  
[youthfocusinc@gmail.com](mailto:youthfocusinc@gmail.com)

For office use only:

Postmark date received \_\_\_\_\_ Verification of Enrollment received \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Statement received \_\_\_\_\_

Director Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date Mailed \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES PERTAINING TO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

In keeping with the philosophies of the California State Youth Accolades Scholarship program to motivate scholastic excellence and to inspire personal achievement, Youth Focus Inc. offers educational scholarships to Youth Accolades participants are provided as in accordance with the rules and regulations of Youth Focus Inc., and the terms and conditions relating thereto as follows:

R-1. Recipient agrees to be bound by the rules and regulations of Youth Focus Inc. and that all scholarships shall be awarded only in accordance to the rules and regulations of said Foundation.

R-2. Recipient agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of Youth Focus Inc., now in effect or as announced hereafter.

R-3. Scholarship winners shall submit to Youth Focus Inc., a statement of the type of education they wish to pursue and receive approval of said college, university or institution of higher education chosen.

R-4. Scholarship winners shall submit to Youth Focus Inc. a statement of the type of education or training they wishes to pursue and of the qualifications, which fits them for such education or training. The statement of qualifications shall be diplomas, certificates or letters from teachers or school authorities.

R-5. Recipient understands to qualify for said educational scholarship awards they must be a full-time registered student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education.

R-6. Use of the Scholarship Award must begin as stipulated herein:

A. Entrants, who are high school seniors at the time they competed in the California State Youth Accolades Competition, and have not yet graduated from high school, must make application for the use of their scholarship award by **December 1st** following their graduation from high school.

B. Entrants who hold high school graduation diploma/credential at the time they competed in the California State Youth Accolades Competition must make application for the use of their scholarship award by **December 1st**, following the close of the Annual Competition.

C. Miss California State/California State's Young Woman of Achievement, Golden State's Youth Ambassador, California State Ambassador/California State's Young Man of Achievement and Golden State's Youth Ambassador may not begin the use of her scholarship award until the completion of her term of office. They must be enrolled as a full time student in an accredited institution of higher learning and make application for use of the scholarship award by **December 1**, following the completion of her term of office.

D. In the event a scholarship winner is not enrolled in an accredited institution as stipulated above, the scholarship award will not be issued and will remain in trust for future awards.

R-7. Scholarship winners shall submit a quarterly report to the Scholarship Committee of Youth Focus Inc., if so requested by the Board of Directors. If it is determined that the scholarship award is not being used in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Scholarship Program, the Board of Directors of the Youth Focus Inc., may at their will forfeit the balance of the scholarship award.

R-8. Scholarship awards are to be used in relationship to academic study for higher education and will not be disbursed in cash.

R-9. Education under the scholarship must be continuous and completed within two years from the date the scholarship is activated. Otherwise, the balance of the scholarship will be automatically canceled without further notice.

R-10. Any canceled or unused portion(s) of scholarship(s) will revert to the Youth Focus Inc. Scholarship Fund, which is held for the future awards.

R-11. Scholarship monies are paid upon receipt of statements from accredited colleges, universities, of accredited institutions of higher education, in accordance with rule R-28 of the scholarship rules and regulations under the following provisions:

A. Tuition fees are paid only in relation to academic study for higher education. Tuition fees will not be paid for non-accredited subjects.

B. Scholarship awards may be used for required accredited college class textbook expense and supplies, upon receipt of statements from colleges, universities, bookstores of institutions of higher education. Youth Focus Inc., will pay only for supplies which are stated and listed "as required" in the current College Course catalog.

C. Scholarship monies can be used for housing expenses only if recipient is a full-time student in an accredited college of university and is living on campus. Approved On-Campus living to be not more the \$200.00 per month - not to exceed \$2,000.00 in a given school year.

D. The philosophy of the scholarship foundation is to motivate academic achievement on a continuous basis over a four-year period to ensure completion of the recipient's education. Based upon this philosophy, scholarships will be awarded as follows: Scholarships of \$500.00 or more shall be awarded in increments, no more that 1/3 the total scholarship amount per quarter or 50% per semester not to exceed more than \$1,500.00 in any given school year.

R-12. The following course of studies or type of training do not qualify for scholarship payment under the terms and provisions of Youth Focus Inc. Scholarship Foundation:

1. Modeling schools
2. Dancing Schools
3. Stewardess Schools
4. Any unaccredited private institutions or schools
5. Any vocational or a vocational type school or training.

R-13. College graduates with a Baccalaureate Degree or equivalent may present certified credentials that the graduate has attained a degree, and the balance of the recipient's scholarship may be used for accredited post-graduate college or university study.

R-14. Scholarship monies will not be applied to any prior educational indebtedness such as student loans, tuition fees, etc.

R-15. Scholarships are contingent on recipient's active and consistent participation in all related activities of the California State Youth Accolades Competition. It is to be clearly understood by recipients that disbursement of any scholarship will depend solely upon the active participation of each recipient as an official Entrant in the California State Youth Accolades Scholarship Competition.

R-16. Recipient agrees if they are not the recipients of the titles of Miss California State/California State's Young Woman of Achievement, Golden State's Youth Ambassador, California State Ambassador/California State's Young Man of Achievement and Golden State's Youth Ambassador, but is the recipient of a scholarship award, they will permit their name, photographs, endorsement rights, and their title to be used by said scholarship sponsors and advertisers approved by Youth Focus Inc. and they will not give any printed, written, photographic, televised, radio or other endorsement of any product competitive to those products manufactured, processed or sold by the scholarship sponsors, or state advertisers approved by Youth Focus Inc.

R-17. Recipient understands that scholarship funds and other prizes have been provided by certain prominent companies and by Youth Focus Inc., itself, and agrees that at no time as a recipient will she endorse or permit her name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any product or products competitive to any of the products of the companies contributing to said scholarship funds.

R-18. Recipient recognizes titles and mark, Miss California State/California State's Young Woman of Achievement, Golden State's Youth Ambassador, California State Ambassador/California State's Young Man of Achievement and Golden State's Youth Ambassador, are the property of Youth Focus Inc., and agrees never to use the words, California State Youth Accolades Scholarship Competition, or Miss California State/California State's Young Woman of Achievement, Golden State's Youth Ambassador, California State Ambassador/California State's Young Man of Achievement and Golden State's Youth Ambassador in association with their names, their persona, or likeness in any way which might harm the reputation of Youth Focus Inc.

R-19. If recipient's conduct is in any way damaging to the name of Youth Focus Inc., or its affiliates, said scholarship awards shall become null and void and will automatically be canceled without further notice.

R-20. Scholarship monies and awards will not be paid if there is any financial indebtedness due to the Youth Focus Inc., incurred by the recipient. This rule applies to ticket money, production costs, or any other form of monetary indebtedness due the Youth Focus Inc.

R-21. Scholarship monies and awards will not be disbursed or issued if recipient has not completed and signed all the necessary forms and documents pertaining to her participation in the events conducted by Youth Focus Inc. or if the recipient leaves the competition prior to the completion of the Scholarship Luncheon on Sunday following the Saturday night finals.

R-22. Notwithstanding, any provision herein contained to the contrary, the Youth Focus Inc., reserves the right to disapprove or reject any request for scholarship use of awards, for any reason if it is felt or believed that said request or recipient thereof has not fulfilled the requirements to the California State Youth Accolades Scholarship Program.

R-23. No oral or written statement in respect to Entrants rights, privileges, and responsibilities and those of the California State Youth Accolades Program, shall be binding, except as set forth in this writing.

R-24. Youth Focus Inc. will not be responsible for any expenditures for any purpose, beyond the stipulated amount of the scholarship.

R-25. Recipient understands that certain Special Scholarship Awards may have been promised by certain businesses and individuals and are to be awarded at the discretion of said businesses and individuals. Should businesses or individuals not provide said promised scholarship awards, recipient understands that the California State Youth Accolades Scholarship Program, will not be held liable nor will the Association be responsible for the monetary value of said prizes and awards.

R-26. In the event that a recipient does not wish to avail herself of the educational advantages of any scholarship which she may win, it is understood that here will be no demands in fulfilling said scholarships.

R-27. If the recipient winning the titles Miss California State/California State's Young Woman of Achievement, Golden State's Youth Ambassador, California State Ambassador/California State's Young Man of Achievement and Golden State's Youth Ambassador marry during their respective terms of office, the Board of Directors of the Youth Focus Inc., may at their will, forfeit their titles, and forfeit the scholarships so designated as well.

R-28. Recipient understands, agrees and acknowledges that scholarship awards are not disbursed in cash but are sent directly to the school or institution in which recipient is enrolled upon receipt of proper billing(s) **following review and approval by the Youth Focus Inc. Board of Directors.** Recipient agrees to forward to the Youth Focus Office all applicable required forms as follows:

1. Billing from School or Institution.
2. Receipt for reimbursable expenses as stipulated in the above rules and regulations (e.g. books).
3. College certification form with the seal of the college or university. Forms without the college or university seal will not be accepted and recipient will forfeit said scholarship award accordingly. The certification form must be filled out by the college or university official. Any falsified documentation will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award.
4. Recipients on full scholarships by colleges, universities, foundations or other awards programs may not be funded by Youth Focus Scholarships if the recipient is being paid or reimbursed double for tuition fees and applicable expenses.