



Karen E. Gordon Scholarship

About Karen E. Gordon

Karen E. Gordon was the former Executive Director of CEO, and employee of over 40 years. Karen truly believed in the importance of access to educational opportunities, and in doing everything she could to help break down barriers to those opportunities. Upon her retirement, the Board of Directors thought that developing a scholarship to aid in the educational advancement of citizens in Rensselaer County was the perfect way to honor her legacy.

About CEO

CEO provides services that empower people to develop independence in all life areas. CEO gives people the tools they need to build financial stability and lead healthier, happier lives. Our programs work with individuals, families and the larger community to improve quality of life by meeting social, emotional, financial and educational needs.

CEO's programs are designed to be stepping stones to long-term success. They focus on education, skill building, and connecting people to resources they need. Our goal is to break the cycle of poverty by targeting poverty at its root causes – removing barriers and supporting change.

Scholarship Purpose

To further support the educational and employment success of participants in CEO programs and services, CEO has made available a scholarship fund to benefit CEO participants who are current or potential students in post-secondary education or training programs.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be current or past participant in a CEO program/service.
- Applicant must be currently attending or planning to attend a higher education college, university or training program (within 6 months of date of award).
- Applicant must complete the scholarship application and interview, and submit a signed Media Consent Form. The Media Consent Form will permit the agency to use the applicant's name, likeness and story for publicity.
- CEO employees who meet the criteria listed above are eligible to apply.

Additional Details

- Priority will be given to first time applicants with good academic achievement, community involvement or financial need.



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Additional Details Continued

- A Selection Committee of key stakeholders will convene quarterly to select scholarship recipients based upon their applications and interviews. **The next decision will be made by August 20th, 2018.** The decision of the committee is final. The Selection Committee reserves the right to refuse an award if no applicant is qualified.
- The committee will contact applicants to schedule interviews.
- In accepting the award, the applicant must agree to CEO using his/her name and likeness for publicity without any additional consideration. S/He also agrees to attend the Community Action Luncheon if available, to be held on **Wednesday, September 19, 2018** to accept this award.
- A total scholarship of no more than \$1,000 will be submitted directly to the college, university or training program, or eligible vendor, upon proof of enrollment.
- The scholarship must be used within one year of being awarded. If the scholarship is not used within that time period, the applicant may re-apply.

Submission Details

- Applicants must submit their application by **August 10th, 2018.**
- *Applications received after this date will not be considered for the next quarter.*
- Applications should be submitted to Katherine Maciol, President of CEO via mail or email.

Mailing Address:

Katherine Maciol
President & CEO
CEO
2331 Fifth Avenue
Troy, NY 12180

Email Address:

kmaciol@ceoempowers.org

- Any questions related to the application can be directed to Nancy Uber at 518-272-6012 X 224



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Student Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

What CEO Services have you received? _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. What impact has CEO had on your life and/or what obstacles or hurdles have you had to overcome?

2. What are the goals you hope to achieve, with the help of this scholarship?

Please list the name of the school or training program you are currently attending or plan to enroll in:

College, University or Training Program _____

Major (if applicable) _____

Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if applicant is under age of 18)

Date