



2026 IEHP HEART AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

In 2024, IEHP partnered with Children's Fund to create a new scholarship, The IEHP Heart Award Scholarship, to support the continuous educational achievement of graduating seniors who have experienced foster care, poverty, homelessness, abuse, and or neglect in San Bernardino County. With a mission to heal and inspire the human spirit, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) is one of the top 10 largest Medicaid health plans and the largest not-for-profit Medicare-Medicaid public health plan in the country. All applicants and their nominators should review the IEHP Heart Award Scholarship guidelines before applying. The application process requires important information from both the applicant and the nominator. Please follow the outlined steps below.

YOUTH

1. Please write an essay (500-600 words) and submit it to your scholarship nominator. Your essay should answer the following three questions.
 - What life experiences have shaped who you are today and your values?
 - Who in your life has been your biggest influence?
 - Why are you pursuing higher education?
 - From a financial standpoint, what impact would this scholarship have on your education and your future goals?
2. Why are you pursuing higher education
 - What school/training program do you plan to attend
 - What major/certificate/training program are you pursuing
3. If awarded, you will be asked to provide a picture.

NOMINATOR

1. Have your youth applicant write their essay and submit to you. You will be submitting it on their behalf with this application.
2. Complete the Applicant Information below with the youth's information. Download the fillable pdf FIRST, then complete, save and email/print. GPA will be verified should the youth be selected.
3. Complete the Nominator Information below with your information.
4. Attach your Recommendation Statement with information about the youth that will help the selection committee understand their situation and why you believe they deserve this scholarship.
5. Attach the Youth Applicant's Essay. Ensure that the youth has answered the required questions and that the essay is 500-600 words. The more the selection committee knows about the youth, the better.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Youth) - ALL FIELDS ARE MANDATORY

Applicant First Name: _____

Applicant Last Name: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant Telephone: _____

Applicant Email: _____

Applicant Age: _____ Applicant birth date: _____

Applicant's Current School Name: _____

What type of school is it? Choose one. High School, College/University, or Vocational. _____

Applicant GPA: _____

Should they be selected, their GPA will be verified.

Children and Family Services Case Manager Name: _____
Phone: _____

Please list up to three extracurricular activities

Please list any community service experience

Please list any honors or awards applicant has received

Please list any employment/intership experience

Is the Applicant employed/has an internship? Yes No

If yes, how many hours a week do they work? _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION (Social worker, case worker, mentor, etc.)

Nominator First Name: _____

Nominator Last Name:

Nominator Agency:

Nominator Title:

Nominator Address:

Nominator Telephone:

Nominator Email:

FINAL STEPS

I verify that I have read the A. Gary Anderson Scholarship Guidelines and I have included the Nominator's Recommendation Statement with the application and essay. I am aware that application may be kept on file for one year for other scholarship award considerations.

The Deadline date and instructions for all A. Gary Anderson Scholarship submissions are as follows:

Email this completed application, the Nominator's Recommendation Statement, and the Youth's Application Essay to Children's Fund at betty@childrensfund.org by **February 28th, 2026 at 5:00 pm.**

All recipients will be notified within two weeks of the application deadline date.

Any questions? Please contact Betty Chambers at betty@childrensfund.org or 909.379.0000