



Tell Your Story.
Win \$10,000 for College.
If education has made a difference in your life,
we want to hear from you!

Are you an Oregon public high school student who has succeeded academically despite hardships such as poverty, disability, homelessness, or personal tragedy? Do you plan to continue your education by enrolling in a two or four-year college program in 2019? Apply for our Beat the Odds Scholarship!

In November, Stand for Children will award eight \$16,000 college scholarships to outstanding students who have "Beat the Odds." The scholarship is \$4,000 per year, renewable for up to four years provided the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA or better, completes 12 or more credits each term, and funding is available.

Criteria for the Scholarship

Scholarship applicants must demonstrate that he/she:

- Is a student enrolled in a public high school in Oregon, who will graduate in 2019.
- Has maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average showing marked effort, improvement, or success.
- Has succeeded in spite of hardships such as poverty, disability, homelessness, or personal tragedy.
- Has volunteered or participated in activities that are helpful to others.
- Has a demonstrated financial need.

Scholarship applicants should be comfortable sharing their stories publicly. Recipients will participate in the creation of a short, inspirational video about their accomplishments and may be the subject of local news stories. Recipients will be celebrated at the Beat the Odds award ceremony, which will be held on November 13th in Portland. Travel expenses for the student and a chaperone will be covered by Stand.

How to Apply

Interested students should start by visiting our website, <http://stand.org/oregon/beat-the-odds/apply> to learn more about the scholarship. We use an online application process – applications are no longer accepted by mail. Applicants will submit personal and demographic information, a personal essay, high school transcripts, financial information and two letters of recommendation.

About Stand for Children Leadership Center

Stand is a nonprofit organization that works to empower parents, educators, and community members to become advocates for children and public schools. The Beat the Odds program was started in 2007 to raise awareness about the challenges that prevent too many of Oregon's young people from succeeding and to emphasize the critical role that education plays in helping students meet those challenges.

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is September 11, 2018.

To learn more, go to www.stand.org/oregon/beat-the-odds/apply or email BeatTheOdds@stand.org.

