



Building Futures Through Education

**LETENDRE EDUCATION
FUND**

Scholarship Announcement and Application

Applications Accepted from November 1, 2007 - September 12, 2008

Children and youth in homeless situations face numerous barriers to educational success. Deep poverty, high mobility, and school requirements often make attending and succeeding in school a challenge. Despite these challenges, many students who experience homelessness not only graduate from high school, but wish to pursue a college education.

What is the LeTendre Education Fund? Established in 1998 in memory of André E. LeTendre, husband of Mary Jean LeTendre, former Director of Compensatory Education for the U.S. Department of Education, the LeTendre Education Fund for Homeless Children provides scholarship assistance to students who are homeless or have experienced homelessness.

Who was André LeTendre? During his lifetime, André LeTendre was a teacher, debate coach, radio announcer, public relations specialist, and a director of human resources. He also served as a Congressional staff member and on the White House staff. He believed deeply in service to others, and served as the National President of the Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce).

André was a friend and mentor to many young people and was especially committed to helping children in homeless situations. During the last ten years of his life, André arranged for his company to “adopt” homeless shelters and provide gifts and support for children in those shelters. In the spirit of André’s desire to help children in homeless situations, the LeTendre Education Fund supports their efforts to pursue higher education.

Who administers the LeTendre Education Fund? The LeTendre Fund is administered by the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

Who selects the recipients? A national advisory board including local, state, and national educators, as well as family, friends, and associates of the late André LeTendre, reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the LeTendre family.

How many scholarships are awarded? There will be a minimum of two \$1,500 scholarships awarded annually. The scholarship is a one-time award. Additional financial support may be available for scholars in subsequent years.

How may the LeTendre Education Fund scholarship be used? Upon submission of evidence that you have enrolled in a post secondary program, the scholarship will be provided and may be used to help defray the costs of college tuition, application fees, books, prep courses, visits to prospective colleges, or other educational expenses.



LeTendre Education Fund 2008 Scholarship Application

How many scholarships have been awarded in the past? To date, the Fund has awarded scholarships to more than 100 recipients.

When will the 2008 scholarships be awarded? The scholarships will be awarded on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth conference in Crystal City, Virginia (near Washington, DC).

Who is eligible for the scholarship? The scholarship funds are available to students who are homeless or who have been homeless during their school attendance, and who have demonstrated average or higher than average achievement.

According to federal law, a person is considered homeless who “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels, campgrounds, or places not meant for human habitation, as well as children and youth who are living with friends or relatives temporarily because they lack permanent housing.

Students who have not reached their 21st birthday by September 1, 2008 and who have completed less than one year of college are eligible to apply. Applicants may be high school juniors or seniors, students enrolled in a GED or other alternative education program, or recent graduates/GED recipients. If you are in high school and not yet enrolled in a post secondary program, the committee will hold your scholarship for you pending your enrollment.

Additional application forms may be downloaded from the NAEHCY web site at http://www.naehcy.org/letendre_app.html

To receive applications via email or fax, please contact Patricia Popp, NAEHCY LeTendre Chair, at: 757.221.7776 or pxpopp@wm.edu.

How do students apply? Applicants must submit:

- 1) A completed application form;
- 2) An essay about the impact of homelessness on the their lives and their desire to attend college (500-1,000 words; **please see essay evaluation criteria listed below**);
- 3) An official school transcript, include class ranking if available; and
- 4) A minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other adult who can speak to the applicant’s qualifications and experiences.

This packet must be sent to:

The LeTendre Education Fund
The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
4701 Connecticut Avenue, NW, #402
Washington, DC 20008.

Materials may also be faxed to: 202.318.7523.

LeTendre Education Fund 2008 Scholarship Application

What are the criteria for reviewing the applications? Students' applications will be evaluated on:

- 1) Demonstrated commitment to education during the experience of homelessness;
- 2) Academic achievement and accomplishments;
- 3) Discussion of how the scholarship money would be used;
- 4) Statement of goals and career interests; and
- 5) Grammar and use of language.

Applicants should write essays with these criteria in mind. The essay is the most important component of the application; letters of recommendation are also very important.

When is the deadline for the 2008 applications? Submissions will be received by mail or by fax from November 1, 2007 – September 12, 2008. Applications must be received by **5:00 pm EDT on Friday, September 12, 2008.**

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

How do I make a contribution to the Fund? To contribute to the LeTendre Education Fund, please make checks payable to The LeTendre Education Fund. Mail contributions to: The LeTendre Education Fund, the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, P.O. Box 26274, Minneapolis, MN 55426.

QUESTIONS?

For more information about the Fund, please contact the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth:

LeTendre Fund, Chair, Patricia Popp: pxpopp@wm.edu phone: 757.221.7776

LeTendre Fund Coordinator, Hilary Whyte: hwhyte@naehcy.org

NAEHCY Policy Director, Barbara Duffield, bduffield@naehcy.org phone: 202.364.7392

LeTendre Education Fund 2008 Scholarship Application

Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Most recent school(s) attended _____

Name, title, and organization of a contact person (A contact person is someone who is in regular communication with the applicant and is able to reach him or her; for example: an employee at the most recent school attended, such as a counselor, teacher, social worker, coach, or an employee of a community agency, such as a counselor, case manager, or shelter director.):

Phone number of contact person _____

Email address of contact person, if available

Have you already applied to college? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, which college(s)?

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