



## **Lyndon State College Early Promise Program 2017 Scholarship Application**

**Deadline: April 15, 2017**

### **The Program**

With the help of the Jane's Trust, the Patrick and Marcelle Leahy Center for Rural Students at Lyndon State College established the Early Promise Scholarship Program to assist graduating high school seniors who are the first in their immediate family to attend college and who plan to continue their education at Lyndon State College. It provides students who would otherwise not be able to afford a four-year college degree with up to \$5,000 scholarship per year for four years.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants to the Early Promise Scholarship Program must be:

- Graduating seniors attending high schools in Vermont's Orleans, Essex, Orange, or Caledonia County **OR** New Hampshire's Coos or Grafton County.
- Students who are the first in their immediate family to attend college. (Neither of the student's parents or primary guardians have completed a four-year degree.)
- Pell-eligible **OR** currently eligible for free/reduced lunch. Students who cannot complete a FAFSA must submit a written statement explaining why.
- Students who plan to enroll full-time at Lyndon State College.

### **Awards**

Awards are automatically renewed contingent upon satisfactory academic performance (cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher) in a full-time course of study.

### **Application**

Interested students must complete the application and mail it to Jennifer Harris (see below) postmarked no later than April 15, 2017. Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

### **Selection of Recipients**

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of first generation status, financial need, and their statement of goals and aspirations. Applicants will be notified in May. Unfortunately, not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients at this time.

### **Obligations**

Recipients agree to maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher. Although not required, Early Promise Scholars will be encouraged to serve as Leahy Center mentors to rural, high school students. Expectations to fulfill requirements will be signed by recipients.

### **Revisions**

The Leahy Center for Rural Students reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time.

### **Additional Information**

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Jennifer Harris  
Institutional Advancement  
Lyndon State College  
P.O. Box 919  
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Email: [jennifer.harris@lyndonstate.edu](mailto:jennifer.harris@lyndonstate.edu)

Telephone: (802) 626-6458



Mailing Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mother/Guardian's highest level of education:*

- No high school
- Some high school
- High school diploma/GED
- Some college/university
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate/professional
- Do not know
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Mailing Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian highest level of education:

- No high school
- Some high school
- High school diploma/GED
- Some college/university
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate/professional
- Do not know
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you file a FAFSA for federal student aid for Fall 2017?  Yes  No

What is your expected family contribution (EFC)? This information can be found on your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please explain any family or financial circumstances that might impact your future educational goals:

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**V. Short Answer Essay**

On a separate piece of paper please print or type a short essay addressing **only one** of the following items:

- A. What does it mean to you to be the first person in your family to go to college, and how will the Early Promise Scholarship help you to achieve your dreams?
  
- B. There are a number of factors that can present obstacles for many students. These may include, for example, economic factors (limited income, financial responsibilities), educational factors (family or school situations that affect learning), or other factors (lack of exposure to opportunities, health or disability challenges, etc.). Think about your living situation and the environment in which you function everyday (your family, home life, school life, economic or personal limitations). What has been challenging and how have you dealt with it?
  
- C. Describe a community service project or personal/family situation that you have been involved with and tell us how it had an impact on you, your family, community, and/or school.

**IV. Additional Information**

- Please enclose one letter of recommendation.

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Thank you for your interest in the Leahy Center for Rural Students Early Promise Program.

**Please mail your completed application by April 15, 2017 to:**

**Jennifer Harris  
Lyndon State College  
The Office of Institutional Advancement  
P.O. Box 919  
Lyndonville, VT 05851**