

**Lyndon State College Early Promise Program
2016 Scholarship Application**

Deadline: April 30, 2016

The Program

With the help of the Jane's Trust, the Patrick and Marcelle Leahy Center for Rural Students at Lyndon State College has 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 at most a \$5,000 scholarship per year for four years.

Non-Traditional Students

Lyndon State College defines non-traditional students as those adult students 23 years or older.

Eligibility

Applicants to the Early Promise Scholarship Program must be:

- Residents of Vermont's Orleans, Essex, Orange, or Caledonia County **OR** New Hampshire's Coos or Grafton County.
- Individuals who are the first in their immediate family to attend college. (Neither of the student's parents or primary guardians has completed a four-year degree.)
- Pell-eligible. Individuals who cannot complete a FAFSA must submit a written statement explaining why.
- Individuals 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 individuals must complete the application and mail it to the Leahy Center for Rural Students postmarked no later than April 30, 2016. Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their application; If an acknowledgment card or email is not received within three

weeks, applicants may call the Leahy Center (802-626-6638) to verify that the application has been received.

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. All information is reviewed by staff in the Leahy Center for Rural Students and Lyndon State College Admissions Department.

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:

Lindsay J. Carpenter
The Leahy Center for Rural Students
Lyndon State College
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Lyndonville, VT 05851

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Directions: Please print all information. Answer each question as completely as possible. You must complete all sections of this application. Your answers are very important to the Early Promise Scholarship Review Committee. Do not be bashful or shy when writing about yourself and your accomplishments. If you need more space, attach additional sheets of paper.

I. Personal Information

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

LSC ID#: _____

Marital Status: Single Cohabiting Married Divorced Widowed

II. Family Information

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 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: _____

III. Financial Information

Briefly describe any work experience you may have (you may also attach a resume):

If you currently work, how many hours do you work per week? _____

What is total household income?

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,001 - \$40,000
- \$40,001 - \$60,000
- \$60,001 - \$80,000
- More than \$80,000

If you cannot provide income information, please explain why: _____

How many people reside in your home (including yourself)? _____

Did you file a FAFSA for federal student aid for Fall 2016? 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:

IV. 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 your high school transcript.
- Please enclose one letter of recommendation.

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

Please mail your completed application by April 30, 2016 to:

The Leahy Center for Rural Students

Attn: Lindsay Carpenter

Lyndon State College

P.O. Box 919

Lyndonville, VT 05851.