



# Birth Parent Scholarship Fund



Adoptions From The Heart®

## Locations:

Connecticut

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New Jersey

New York

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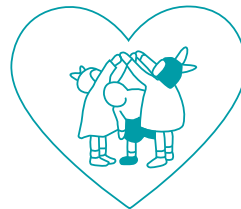
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AFTH is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian agency  
licensed in PA, NJ, DE, VA, CT and NY.

## Why a Scholarship Fund?

Adoptions From The Heart's social workers have been working with expecting and birth parents for over 35 years. Many of the men and women they work with are hoping to pursue further education to improve their lives and follow their passion but often times financial obstacles may stand in their way.

AFTH wanted to help birth parents get back on their feet and establish long-term careers and so created the Birth Parent Scholarship Fund. Educational scholarships are awarded to birthparents who placed children through AFTH, apply for the scholarship and are chosen by the scholarship committee.



***"Making an adoption plan was the hardest decision of my life, but choosing to better myself so my daughter has someone to look up to was the easiest. Achieving my goal of getting a degree made me a better person." -Amy, Scholarship Winner***

## Qualifications:

The AFTH Scholarship Fund is limited to birthparents who placed through AFTH.

Scholarships can be used for a wide variety of different educational experiences:

### ***Undergraduate Degrees***

including 4-year programs, Associate's degrees and community college

### ***Vocational or Trade Schools***

### ***Accreditation & Certificate Programs***

include but not limited to healthcare, engineering, technology and software certification

## Eligible Candidates:

- Placed a child for adoption through AFTH
- Are accepted into a college, trade school, accreditation or certificate program
- Show financial need
- Submit an essay (limit 500 words) regarding their adoption story and education goals

## Re-Applying Qualifications:

Scholarship winners are welcome to reapply for additional semesters. In addition to submitting an application prior to each semester deadline, applicants would need to maintain a 2.5+ GPA, and provide a copy of your transcript from the previous semester.

***For questions concerning the Scholarship Program, call 1-800-355-5500***



## Application:

To fill out an application online visit AFTH's Birth Parent Scholarship page:  
[www.afth.org/pregnant/birthparent-scholarships](http://www.afth.org/pregnant/birthparent-scholarships)

You will be asked about your education level, financial need, and adoption journey.

You will need to include:

- Essay about your adoption story
- Statement from your social worker verifying financial need
- Letter of verification of placement from social worker or placement paperwork
- Proof of acceptance to a trade school or certificate or undergraduate program
- Submit a letter of recommendation

## Deadlines:

**Spring Semester - December 1st**  
**Fall Semester - July 1st**

## Process:

Qualified and complete applications received by the submission deadline will be presented to our Board of Directors' Scholarship Committee. All sections of the application will be taken into consideration.

Twice a year, the Scholarship Committee will meet to review the applications for that semester. They will then choose the winnings applicant(s). Scholarships up to \$5,000 will be awarded to selected candidates who will then be notified. Unfortunately, not every applicant will be awarded a scholarship.

***PLEASE NOTE: Expecting parents should know that choosing adoption for your baby does **not** guarantee a scholarship will be awarded. The number and amount of scholarships awarded each semester varies based on the number of applicants and need.***

Payments are made directly to schools.