



## Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship Application For Graduating High School Seniors

Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors in the greater Harris County and Fort Bend County Areas whose parents and or guardians are incarcerated or have been released within the last 18 months.

**We are including homeless students. We are also including students from families in a financial hardship (i.e. students on free or reduced lunch.**

Applicants must have the equivalent of a 2.50 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. The scholarships are designated for use at any accredited two or four-year college/university, trade school, or technical school. This is a scholarship to recognize high school seniors of incarcerated parents who exhibit academic excellence and have a commitment to community service.

### **Deadline to submit all required documents is May 31, 2019**

Applications will not be considered if received after the posted deadline date.

*Please type or print legibly.*

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Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

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Street Address

City/State

Zip Code

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Telephone

E-mail

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Complete Name of High School

Telephone

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High School Street Address City, State, Zip Code

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Date of Graduation (Month, Day, Year)

Current G.P.A.

Provide the names of accredited colleges/universities, community colleges, trade or technical schools to which you have applied and/or been accepted. Recipient must attend an accredited college/university, community college, trade, or technical school as a full-time student (12 semester credit hours or equivalent quarter hours) for the upcoming Fall semester/quarter.

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Do you give permission for your name to be used in any press or news release concerning the scholarships?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Provide a written essay of approximately 1,000 words (2 pgs.) that covers the following information:**

1. How has your life been influenced by having a parent incarcerated?
2. What are your reasons for applying for this scholarship? Please address your career plans, goals, personal objectives, and any additional information that demonstrates why you deserve this scholarship.
3. Describe all of your school-related activities.
4. Describe in detail your volunteer service in the community.
5. Describe what you would like to be doing in the next 5 years.

**You may return the application packet, including all of the documents listed below, by mail or email.**

1. Completed application form.
2. An official sealed transcript of your grades. This may be submitted once you receive the final version.
3. Written essay with information listed in items 1-5 of above, no more than (2) pages
4. Two (2) reference forms with letters, in sealed envelopes

**Mail To: Angel Tree Outreach P O Box 842629 Houston, TX 77284**

**Email To: ATOutreachHou@yahoo.com**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant (Required)

**OFFICE USE ONLY** ☐ Copy of transcript ☐ Two (2) reference forms with letters ☐ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Date received \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Written essay Verified by \_\_\_\_\_



## Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship Reference Form from Community Members

To be completed by any non-family member

*Deadline for all documents—May 31, 2019*

The purpose of this scholarship is to acknowledge the achievements of high school seniors who have a parent and or guardian incarcerated and who strive to fulfill college/ educational dreams.

**Name of Student** \_\_\_\_\_

The above named student has applied to **Angel Tree Outreach** for a scholarship. Please provide this reference form and a separate letter of recommendation, which **MUST** be written specifically for this graduating high school senior scholarship applicant. Copies of recommendation letters are not acceptable. Attach the letter of recommendation, written on a separate sheet to this form. Information provided will be considered confidential. Please limit recommendation letters to one page.

In what capacity do you know the student?

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Print the name of the person completing this form on the line below.

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Mailing address of the person completing this form:

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return reference form and letter to the student in a sealed envelope. All documents must be included in the application packet.**



## Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship Reference Form from High School

To be completed by a current or former Teacher/Counselor

*Deadline for all documents—May 31, 2019*

The purpose of this scholarship is to acknowledge the achievements of high school seniors who have a parent and or guardian incarcerated and who strive to fulfill college/ educational dreams.

**Name of Student** \_\_\_\_\_

The above named student has applied to Angel Tree Outreach for a scholarship. Please provide this reference form and a separate letter of recommendation, which **MUST** be written specifically for this graduating high school senior scholarship applicant. Copies of recommendation letters are not acceptable. Attach the letter of recommendation, written on a separate sheet to this form. Information provided will be considered confidential. Please limit recommendation letters to one page.

In what capacity do you know the student?

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Print the name of the Teacher/Counselor completing this form on the line below.

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Mailing address of the Teacher/Counselor completing this form.

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return reference form and letter to the student in a sealed envelope. All documents must be included in the application packet.**



## Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship Criteria

### To the applicant: Here are the Criteria for the Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship:

The purpose of the Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship is to provide opportunities to assist children of incarcerated parents to fulfill their college / educational dreams and to create an opportunity for Angel Tree Outreach to share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

### Qualified candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must be the child of a parent and or guardian who is incarcerated or has been released from incarceration within the last 18 months.
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 on a 4.0 GPA scale as shown on an official sealed transcript.
- Must be able to demonstrate community service and involvement.
- Must be able to provide a written narrative as detailed in the application process.
- Must provide two letters of recommendation. One from a teacher/counselor and one from a non-family member.

### Specifics regarding Scholarships are as follows:

- Students must plan to enroll in an accredited university/college or trade school as a full-time student by September 30, 2019
- The scholarships are funded after the candidate receives a letter of acceptance at the educational institution and proof of registration payment.
- Students failing to complete any part of the application or fail to include all of the required documents in the application packet **will not be considered eligible for a scholarship.**

### Application process:

The following materials are required to be supplied to the scholarship committee before the deadline—May 31, 2019

- A completed Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship application form, including an essay.
- A current, official sealed transcript with GPA from the student's high school.
- Two letters of recommendation.

I have read the rules and requirements of the **Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship** and agree to the terms and conditions. I verify that I am qualified for this scholarship, and I understand that the selection of the recipient of this scholarship is up to the discretion of the Angel Tree Outreach Scholarship Committee.

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Signature

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Date