

HARRIS K. LEONARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of the late Harris K. Leonard's interest in children who have experienced foster care and his lifelong dedication to education, the Leonard family has established the **Harris K. Leonard Memorial Scholarship**. The **\$1,500** scholarship will be awarded to a student who is currently in, has aged out, or was adopted from foster care and is pursuing post-high school education in a college, university, or trade school. The funds will be paid directly to the school, unless special arrangements are made to pay for transportation, books or other expenses.

ABOUT HARRIS K. LEONARD



After he earned a doctorate in English, Harris devoted his life to teaching. He believed in the power of education to enhance and change lives, so he encouraged children to pursue higher education not only to improve their job prospects, but to awaken them to the world. The Leonard family began their long association with **C.A.S.E.™** when Harris and his wife, Trina, adopted two children who were in the Montgomery County foster care system. The Leonard family has worked with **C.A.S.E.** for more than 20 years.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Young people can self-nominate or be nominated by a counselor, therapist, family member, teacher, coach, social worker or other person who knows them well. The nomination email must contain:

- name, address, phone number and email address of the nominee
- nominee's foster care or adoption status
- brief statement of recommendation about why the nominee should receive the scholarship
- short essay (300–500 words) from the student about the type of education the nominee plans to pursue/is pursuing and how the scholarship will help meet the nominee's goals
- where the nominee will be or is pursuing post-secondary education (A student who has been accepted at more than one school or is still waiting upon acceptances, may include the list of schools that have issued acceptances or where they have applied)
- a commitment from the nominee to update the scholarship provider at the end of the year on how the funds helped
- permission from the nominee to use their name, photo, and other information in the announcement of the award
- Scholarship recipient will be announced at **C.A.S.E.'s 25th Anniversary Gala** on 4/22/23

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Resident of Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, or Prince George's County, Maryland; Arlington, Alexandria, Loudoun or Fairfax County, Virginia; the District of Columbia
- Currently in, has aged out, or was adopted from the foster care system
- Plans to pursue/or is pursuing post-high school education at an accredited community or other college or university or at a recognized trade school



Nominations MUST be submitted by 5:00 pm on 2/22/23 to Trina Leonard at: harrisleonardscholarship@gmail.com. Subject: Scholarship Nomination.