



**FIRST CHANCE  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ADA COUNTY**



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**UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX FIRST CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM®**

The First Chance® Scholarship Program was created in 2006 to promote the life-changing benefits of education, and honor individuals who have shown desire to improve their lives and the lives of those around them through education. The annual program will empower 200 individuals to complete a undergraduate or master's degree through full-tuition scholarships to University of Phoenix. The University has partnered with non-profit organizations across the nation to help locate potential students that may not have an opportunity to attend college without the aid of a scholarship like First Chance®.

Through a partnership between Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Nampa & University of Phoenix, are offering six (6) full-tuition scholarships. The scholarship is for either an undergraduate or master's degree program. Recipients may choose to attend a University of Phoenix on-ground campus or may attend University of Phoenix online.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements: be a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services.
2. Applicant must be a resident of the Idaho.
3. Are affiliated with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County (Staff, Member/Alumni, or Parent)
4. Student is not currently receiving or will not receive once enrolled 100% tuition reimbursement.
5. Applicants must not be currently enrolled nor in the process of enrolling at any University of Phoenix campus or in any online program at any time prior to the scholarship award date. Applicants who enroll after submitting an application or before the scholarship award date are not eligible to be a recipient of this scholarship.
6. Applicant must meet all [admissions requirements of the University of Phoenix](#).
7. Are not receiving any other scholarship from Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County.
8. Are not employees or family members of employees of Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
9. Submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation by the deadline date listed under the Selection Process section. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.
10. Submit a completed essay. High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their impact in the community in which they reside.
11. For Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County **staff only**: Complete General Essay Questions and submit two (2) letters of recommendation, one from your immediate supervisor and the other from a community affiliate (volunteer programs, etc.)



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12. For Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County **Members/Alumni Parents only**: Complete General Essay Question along with an additional comprehensive essay. To be considered, the essay must meet the same standards as listed above in item 10.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

1. This scholarship opportunity is in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County and Boys & Girls Clubs of Nampa, a non-profit organization and the scholarship process is managed by a staff member at Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County and Boys & Girls Clubs of Nampa. The process includes but not limited to application creation, application submission, forming selection committee and finalizing recipient list. Non-staff members may assist in the selection committee process.
2. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
4. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to a review process.
5. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or disability.
6. The scholarship award will be based on the Committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.

**Deadline Date:**

A complete application and supporting documentation, must be received on or before **December 31, 2009**. Applications received after the designated deadline date will not be considered. No exceptions.

**Award Date:**

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by the award date of March 31, 2010. You will be notified via email by award date regarding the status of the scholarship. You will receive a notification email regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

All materials must be hand delivered or submitted by mail to the following address and received on or before the deadline date of (12/31/09).

Boys and Girls Club of Ada County  
Attn: Jason Sears  
610 E 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Garden City, ID 83714

Fax: 208-321-9158

For any additional information, please call Jason Sears at 208-376-4960



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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Full Legal Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION/EDUCATIONAL PLANS**

Highest level of school completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree program of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Standing (as of the date of this application):

- Not Enrolled
- High School Senior (must have graduated by award date)
- Undergraduate Student     Graduate Student

**APPLICATION TYPE**

Please select which scholarship you are applying for (select only one):

Member/Alumni \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member \_\_\_\_\_

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS AFFILIATION**

**Club Affiliated With:** Garden City \_\_\_\_\_ Meridian \_\_\_\_\_ Kuna \_\_\_\_\_ Nampa \_\_\_\_\_

**Member/Alumni**

Date joined organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Age When Joined: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent**

Age(s) of children: \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff Member**

Date joined organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL ESSAY QUESTION**

Answer the following questions in essay format on a separate document, submit a complete and comprehensive two-page essay. To be considered, the essay must meet the following requirements:

- a. Two – four page essay,
- b. Double spaced,
- c. 12 point font,
- d. 8 x 11 paper, and
- e. Pages must be paper-clipped together (no staples).

▪ **Degree Choice**

- What degree program/career field are you interested in pursuing at University of Phoenix?
- How do you feel this degree will help you to reach out to underserved communities?

▪ **Life Goals**

- How do you envision your future with a degree? How will additional education through the University of Phoenix contribute to your vision of your future?

▪ **Major Accomplishments**

- What accomplishment(s) are you proudest of? How have they impacted your life? (Do not limit yourself to recognized/celebrated accomplishments, but include those which may have seemed small at the time they occurred but became crucial when placed in the context of your life.)

▪ **Community**

- How do you impact your community?

▪ **Why you should be awarded the scholarship?**

- What is the one factor that makes you most deserving of this scholarship with University of Phoenix?

**ADDITIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ESSAY QUESTION FOR MEMEBERS/ALUMNI & PARENTS:**

Only answer following question if you are or used to be a Club Member, or you are the parent of a Club member.

- How is/was Boys & Girls Clubs important in your life and the life of your family?

**CHECK LIST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ University of Phoenix First Chance Scholarship application completed
- \_\_\_\_\_ University of Phoenix Terms and Conditions completed and signed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay Questions (plus additional comprehensive essay if you are a member/alumni or teen parent)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Staff Members Only:** Letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Keep a copy of entire packet for your records



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**UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant/recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions for the distribution of scholarship funds.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. and University of Phoenix regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, applicant agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University in executing a consent and release form if requested.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix shall have the right to use and republish the submitted application, any of its contents, it may reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application, and may use recipient's name, image and likeness, for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to, any promotional and marketing materials. In addition, applicant/recipient agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to recipient's University account in the amount stated by the scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be disbursed at any time. No exceptions.
4. Scholarship may be applied to tuition and fees only, as specified on the scholarship application; education supplies and living expenses are not included.
5. If applicant/recipient's a current student he/she is not receiving or not enrolled will not receive a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s).
6. Applicant/recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Information regarding admissions is available in the University of Phoenix Catalog. Scholarship may only be used toward degrees that are specified on the scholarship application; doctoral degrees are not covered by the scholarship. No exceptions.
7. Applicant/recipient must enroll at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Applicants who enroll during the scholarship process or before the award date are not eligible for the scholarship, and any such enrollment in violation of these scholarship terms and conditions will result in the termination of the scholarship award.
8. Applicant/recipient must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a twenty-nine (29) day break.
9. Applicant/recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for the selected degree program, make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program (satisfactory progress is measured as successfully completing a minimum of 16 credits during each 24 attempted credits), and complete selected degree program within the maximum time frame allowed according to federal regulations (The maximum time frame allowed is based on the required number of credits for graduation from the degree program, less any transfer or assessed credits, times 150%).
10. Should recipient withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's University Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions.
11. If recipient wishes to re-take a course, recipient must pay the entire cost of the course. No scholarship award will be given on a re-taken course. A "re-take" of a course means scholarship recipient has completed the course to a point of earning a letter grade of A-F and has been scheduled to repeat the same course.
12. Recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University and is non-transferable. This scholarship does not apply towards doctoral degree programs.



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13. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Furthermore, the University reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.
14. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in termination of the scholarship.
15. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this Scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

1. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.
4. This form may be executed by facsimile. A facsimile signature may be used in lieu of an original signature. In such instance, said facsimile signature shall be valid and enforceable in all aspects as the original.

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in this application is accurate.

**Printed Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (If different from child's):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening:** \_\_\_\_\_