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The main objective of our **Family Fellowship** Program is to offer family-like financial and emotional support to college-bound, “aging out” foster youth. As part of our family initiative, we will also be a support system for our Fellows and provide things such as mentorship, care packages, winter bonding trips, and more.

In addition to the above, we will also offer the following financial support for up to five years:

- Tuition support
- Textbooks
- Housing allowance
- School supplies
- Laptop/printer
- Dorm supplies
- Academic assistance/Tutoring

Together We Rise is seeking **10** aging out foster youth between the ages of 17-23 years old to join our Family Fellowship Program.

Applicants must:

- Have graduated from high school or currently be a high school senior with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Have been in foster care while living in the United States.
- Have been in public or private foster care for the 12 consecutive months leading up to and including their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after their 13th birthday; OR they have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday.
- Have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other post-secondary school (ex: trade school, cosmetology school, etc.).
- U.S. Citizenship required.
- MUST be living in Colorado, Maryland, Virginia or Washington Dc. You may attend school out of state.

Applications are due May 1st. Applications postmarked after May 1st will not be accepted. Please mail application and all supplemental materials in one envelope to:

Together We Rise
ATTN: ZACH
580 W. Lambert Rd. Suite A
Brea, CA 92821

All attachments must be sent together. Applications missing any of the required documents will be considered incomplete and will not be eligible for the fellowship. Filling out this application does not guarantee support. Our board members review all applications, and support is given based upon merit and need. If you have any questions or know of a good candidate for our Family Fellowship Program, please contact Zach at (714)-784-6760 or zb@togetherwerise.org

Family Fellowship Application:

Due May 1st 2017

1.	First name:	Last name:
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2.	Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):	Age:
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3.	Gender:	4.	Cell Phone Number:	5.	Ethnicity:
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6.	Email Address:
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7.	Name of Social Worker:	Social Worker Phone Number and Email:
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8.	County of Case Origin:	9.	Are you a U.S. Citizen?
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10.	Mailing Address: Number, Street, Apt Number: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
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11.	Schools Applied to:	School Attending:
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12.	Cumulative GPA:	13.	How did you hear about our program?	14.	Living On or Off Campus?
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15.	Career Aspirations:
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Your application should be in the following order:

- Family Fellowship application page.
- Proof of ward of the court, adoption, or guardianship.
- Two letters of recommendation. These letters can come from teachers, caseworkers, counselors etc.
- School photo.
- Signed Statement of Accuracy
- Official **sealed** high school transcript (must have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA). If you are currently a college student, please provide your official sealed college transcripts in addition to your official sealed high school transcript.
- Application Essay:** The application essay should be written in the style of a personal statement in order to introduce yourself to the selection committee. Your essay should tell your personal story with the foster care system, and how that experience has shaped you educational values and drive to attend college. Additionally, you should discuss your academic interests and career goals, and explain how becoming a Family Fellow will impact your life and allow you to thrive in higher education. Your essay must be 3-5 pages in length, in MLA format, and contain minimal, if any, grammatical errors.

The board will evaluate each essay on its ability to fully answer the prompt and all of its components, its ability to articulate ideas in a clear and concise manner, and on the grammatical merit of the paper. Failure to meet essay requirements can result in the dismissal of your application.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that filling out this application in no way guarantees support from Together We Rise.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Family Fellowship Program policy. I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____
Date: _____

REMEMBER: Application must be postmarked by May 1st, 2017. Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted, no exceptions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Zach at zb@togetherwerise.org or you can call our office at (714)-784-6760.