

Alexandria “Beat the Odds” Scholarship Program

Selection Guidelines

The following are some guidelines to consider in determining whether to nominate a young person for this year’s award. More than one individual may be nominated by an agency.

Nominees for the “**Beat the Odds**” **Scholar Award**, to assist with educational expenses should be:

- A youth, between the ages of 17 and 21 years, living in Alexandria who:
- is a graduating high school Senior or college student, and
 - has maintained a grade point average showing improvement or success, and
 - participates in activities that help others, and
 - is a current or former client of a local court, mental health or social services agency, and/or
 - has succeeded despite hardships such as, but not limited to, poverty, poor health, disability, homelessness, addiction, personal/family tragedy, cultural/language barriers.
 - participates in activities that help others.

Nominees for the “**Beat the Odds**” **Phoenix Award**, to assist with advancement in academic, career, or life goals should be:

- A youth, between the ages of 17 and 21 years, living in Alexandria who:
- is a current or former client of a local court, mental health or social services agency, and/or
 - has succeeded despite hardships such as, but not limited to, poverty, poor health, disability, homelessness, addiction, personal/family tragedy, cultural/language barriers.
 - participates in activities that help others.

Nominees for the “**Move Forward**” **Award**, to assist with advancement in academic, career, or life goals should be:

- A youth, between the ages of 17 and 21 years, living in Alexandria who:
- is a graduating high school senior or has graduated from high school student, and
 - has is moving forward to post secondary or vocational education and maintained a grade point average showing academic improvement or success, and
 - is a current or former client of a local court, mental health or social services agency, and/or
 - has succeeded despite hardships such as, but not limited to, poverty, poor health, disability, homelessness, addiction, personal/family tragedy, cultural/language barriers.
 - participates in activities that help others.

Nominees for the **“Keep on Track” Awards**, to help a young person stay on track with his/her course towards beating the odds should be:

A youth, between the ages of 13 and 18 years, living in Alexandria who:

- is not yet planning for post secondary schooling or training but wants to keep on track and earn his/her high school diploma, and
- is a current or former client of a local court, mental health or social services agency, and/or
- is succeeding despite hardships such as, but not limited to, poverty, poor health, disability, homelessness, addiction, personal/family tragedy, cultural/language barriers.
- participates in activities that help others.

** “Living in Alexandria” includes youths in the custody of the Alexandria Department of Social Services who may be housed outside of Alexandria.