

Eligibility Requirements

In order to be considered for the Beat the Odds scholarship award, students must:

- Be a current high school junior who attends a public, charter, or alternative school in Washington, DC; Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax or Loudon Counties or the Cities of Manassas or Falls Church in Virginia; or in Montgomery or Prince George's Counties in Maryland;
- Have faced challenges related to one or more of CDF's policy priorities:
 - **Child Poverty:** End child poverty and ensure all children have the opportunities they need to reach their full potential.
 - **Child Health:** Ensure all children access to comprehensive, affordable health and mental health coverage and care.
 - **Early Childhood:** Build a high quality continuum of care from birth to age five.
 - **Education:** Eliminate discrimination in education policies, practices and funding.
 - **Child Welfare:** Give every child a safe start in a permanent nurturing family and community with access to services that help strengthen families and avoid crises that bring children to the attention of the child welfare system.
 - **Youth Justice:** Ensure more humane and rehabilitative prevention and treatment for children who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.
 - **Gun Violence:** End the gun violence epidemic in America and ensure all children live, learn and grow up safely.
 - **Immigration:** Protect immigrant children's rights and keep families safely together.
- Demonstrate participation in school activities, community organizations, and/or employment;
- Demonstrate a commitment to your community and/or social justice issues;
- Plan to attend college, university, or vocational school post-graduation.

Please note that while there is no income threshold or minimum required GPA to apply, financial need and academic performance will be considered as part of the review process.