

Sergott Family Scholarship

2025-2026 Application

The Sergott Family Scholarship aims to propel Nevada's current and former foster youth and young adults from Washoe County and all other Rural Region counties to a successful higher education experience. Six Scholarship recipients will each receive \$1000 to help alleviate the financial burdens associated with pursuing a college degree or vocational certification.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Have experienced foster care in any Nevada county except Clark County.
- Either be a graduating high school senior or already obtained a high school diploma or equivalency certificate in any Nevada county except Clark County.
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Not yet reached 26 years of age at time of application deadline (6/30/2025)

Application Process & Requirements (checklist):

Application deadline is 6/30/2025 and recipients will receive award in September. The following documents are required as part of the application process and must be submitted to educationhelp@dcfs.nv.gov :

- Proof of Foster Care experience (Proof of Wardship Letter)
- Proof of high school completion (transcripts, or copy of diploma or equivalency certificate)
- Proof of enrollment (College, 4-year University, Trade/Vocational schools or programs)
- A Personal Statement that includes your educational goals and how you plan on spending the award (1-page max – 12pt. font).

Additional Information:

- The funds can be used to support educational goals (including but not limited to school fees, tuition, books, technology, transportation)
- Award recipients can re-apply but first-time applicants may be prioritized.
- The scholarship is encouraged for those pursuing technology fields but is not limited to that field.
- The applications will be reviewed by an appointed committee.

If you need assistance accessing proof of your foster care experience in NV, please contact the appropriate jurisdictional representative below or email ll@dcfs.nv.gov :

- Washoe County Human Services Agency- Valerie Welsh (VWelsh@washoecounty.gov)
- DCFS Rural Region- Belinda Takhar (belinda@carson-family.org)

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Section 1. Applicant Information

Legal Name: First: Middle: Last: Suffix:

Date of Birth: Month: Day: Year: Age:

Physical Address: City: State: Zip Code: County:

Mailing Address: City: State: Zip Code: County:

Cell Phone Number: Other phone Number: Email:

Is it okay to leave you messages and contact you using this information? Yes No

Section 2. Eligibility

Are you a U.S. Citizen?

- Yes
 No

Will you be under 26 years of age on 6/30/2025?

- Yes
 No

Have you completed High School, or will you have completed it by 6/30/2025?

- Yes
 No

Where did you experience foster care in Nevada?

- Washoe County
 Rural Region

Section 3. Enrollment Information

Please list the college or career school you plan to attend during the 2025 – 2026 academic year.

Name: Field of Study:

1.

2.

Section 4. Application Checklist

The applicant must submit the following documents in order for the application to be considered.

- Proof of foster care experience in NV county outside of Clark County (Letter of Wardship)
 Proof of completion of High School (copy of diploma or equivalency certificate)

