



## Tell Your Story

If education is making a difference in your life,  
we want to hear from you!

This fall, Stand for Children will award \$16,000 college scholarships to five or more outstanding students who have “Beat the Odds.” The scholarship is \$4,000 per year, renewable for up to four years provided the recipient maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA, completes 12 or more credits each term, and funding is available. Beat the Odds is a partnership between Stand for Children (a nonprofit organization) and the Renaissance Foundation.

### Criteria for the Scholarship

Please note that the criteria has recently changed. Applicants must:

- Be a student enrolled in an Oregon public high school, who will graduate in 2024.
- Have a 3.0 GPA. Students with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.9 *may be considered* if their transcript shows marked improvement in recent terms.
- Plan to earn a bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year college in the United States.
- Be able to clearly communicate, both in their written application and in an interview setting, how education and/or their school is helping them transcend obstacles and land on a path to success.
- **This year, priority consideration will be given to students who will be the *very first person in their immediate family to attend a 4-year college.***
- Have a demonstrated financial need.

Scholarship applicants should be comfortable sharing their story and speaking publicly about how education is helping them to achieve their goals. Recipients will participate in the creation of a short video about their accomplishments and may be the subject of local news stories. Recipients will be acknowledged at the Beat the Odds celebration and fundraiser on November 16, 2023.

### How to Apply

Interested students can access the application at <https://smr.to/p89622>. We use an online application process – applications are not accepted by mail. Applicants will submit personal and demographic information, a personal essay, high school transcripts, financial information and two letters of recommendation.

### About Stand for Children Leadership Center

Stand for Children is a unique catalyst for education equity and racial justice, to create a brighter future for us all. In Oregon, we work to connect historically underserved students with programs and support that help them graduate high school prepared to succeed in college or the work force. The Beat the Odds program was started in 2007 to illustrate the transformational power of public education.

**The deadline for scholarship applications is September 13, 2023**

To learn more, send an email to [BeatTheOdds@stand.org](mailto:BeatTheOdds@stand.org).

