

## 2019 Akerman Academic Scholarship Application Open

Application Period is Feb. 1-March 8, 2019

Akerman LLP and National CASA are excited to announce the application process is now open for the fourth annual Akerman Academic Excellence Scholarship Award.

As part of Akerman's \$1 million pledge to National CASA, an endowment fund was created to support the Akerman Academic Excellence Scholarship. This program is designed to help young adults who have spent time in foster care pursue a post-secondary education through an accredited institution of higher learning such as a university, career college, or technical school.



Scholarship recipients Mimi Quinn (left) and Jackie Robles (right) with Charles Brumback of Akerman attending the 2018 National CASA Awards of Excellence in Boston, MA



Four incredible young people have benefited so far from this scholarship. Past recipients share a passion for helping the next generation through goals such as becoming a social worker, a professor or the CEO of a nonprofit working with foster youth.

A scholarship for \$2,500 will be awarded to an outstanding former foster youth who has demonstrated a commitment to academic achievement. Additional scholarship funds will be awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee. The scholarship committee is dedicated to removing barriers to success for youth; scholarship funds may be used to pay rent, buy books, or pay tuition. Recipients remaining in good academic standing and meeting additional requirements may be eligible to receive the scholarship for four years.

Applicants can reside anywhere in the United States and students do not have to be fresh out of high school.

If you know a young person who has spent time in foster care and meets the scholarship eligibility requirements, please nominate him or her for the award.

The recipient and their CASA volunteer will be invited to attend the 2019 National CASA Conference in June in Atlanta. You can view the short speeches from the two scholarship recipients at the 2018 conference on the [conference rewind page](#) in the member portal.

### Timeline

- The **submission deadline is Friday, March 8, 2019**, by 5 p.m. (PT).
- The scholarship recipient will be announced by April 30, 2019.

### Learn More

- We will review the details and answer your questions in a **webinar from noon-1 p.m. PT/3-4 p.m. ET Monday, Feb. 4**. [Register here](#). (Afterwards, the slides and audio recording will be posted [here](#) in the member portal.)
- [Download](#) the checklist of materials that need to be collected in order to complete the nomination process.
- **Questions?** Please email [scholarship@casaforchildren.org](mailto:scholarship@casaforchildren.org).

[Click Here for the Application Form](#)