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ADVANCED STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH PURSUING ADVANCED DEGREES

HISTORY OF THE ADVANCED STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Advanced Studies Scholarship Program began in 2009 when Orangewood board member Shirley Pepys and donor Dan Houck met former foster youth, Kim (pictured right), who was pursuing a graduate degree and needed financial support. Along with Shirley's daughter, Renee Pepys Lowe, Shirley and Dan worked with Orangewood to provide financial support to Kim, who graduated from Harvard with a Master of Education, Risk and Prevention.

Since 2009, Advanced Studies has provided 90 scholarships totaling over \$621,000 for 46 students resulting in one bachelor's degree, two police academy certificates, 16 master's degrees, two Juris Doctorates, and one Ph.D.



"Orangewood Foundation is the foundation on which I stand tall and shine. The Advanced Studies Program helped me realize my potential, and gave me the chance to succeed like I had never imagined."

SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY ADVANCED STUDIES STUDENTS HAVE INCLUDED:



HARVARD
UNIVERSITY



USC University of
Southern California



UCIrvine



JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY



ARGOSY
UNIVERSITY



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
FULLERTON



SOUTHWESTERN
LAW SCHOOL

MAJORS OF CURRENT AND PAST ADVANCED STUDIES STUDENTS INCLUDE:

Master of Social Work, Police Academy, Master of Fine Arts in Theater, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Business Administration, Ph.D. in English Literature, Ph.D. in Education, Juris Doctorate, Medical Doctorate, and many more!

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for an Advanced Studies Scholarship, you must:

- Have been in the foster care system
- Be under the age of 30
- Have been involved with Orangewood Foundation
- Have completed your bachelor's degree
- Be interested in pursuing an advanced degree

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

Scholarship awards are \$2,500 or more per year based on need and criteria. Funding is intended to be supplemental. Advanced Studies scholarships may be used for tuition, books, school supplies, and living expenses.



*Chris, Juris Doctorate
Drake University*



2016 Advanced Studies Summer Gathering

In addition to financial resources, scholars have an opportunity to be a part of a support network of Advanced Studies Scholarship Program alumni and donors, Orangewood Foundation staff, and other community supporters.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Eligible students must complete the Advanced Studies Scholarship Program application each year. Please see the link below for details on what your application packet should include.

Applications must be received by **April 1st** for consideration of funding for the Fall. Funding will only be considered after a student has received a letter of acceptance from their school. Funding for subsequent years in pursuit of advanced studies is not guaranteed. All applications will be reviewed by Orangewood Foundation and the Advanced Studies committee, and applicants may be required to attend an interview with the committee. Final funding decisions will be made by June 30th for the school year beginning in the Fall.

Apply now at www.orangewood4you.org/advanced-studies



“Orangewood’s help has been a blessing to me. They have been a constant source of support, especially with my education. The Advanced Studies Scholarship Program gave me the opportunity to pursue my dreams.”

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