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### **2020 Richard O. Jacobson Postsecondary Scholarship Program**

In 2020, Clearwater For Youth (CFY) is proud to be awarding both \$10,000 and \$5,000 college, university, trade or vocation school scholarships to be presented as part of our annual Celebrity Banquet this February. A \$5,000 scholarship is given over a two year period (\$2,500 per fall enrollment) and a \$10,000 scholarship is allocated over a 4 year period (\$2,500 per fall enrollment). In 2019, CFY granted thirteen \$5,000 and three \$10,000 scholarships totaling \$95,000 in aid. For this 2020 cycle, CFY anticipates presenting fifteen students a grand total of \$105,000 in assistance. **The guidelines for consideration are as follows:**

- A graduating high school senior that has participated for a significant period of time in youth/high school sports and/or other extracurricular activities
- Student has exhibited the highest qualities of good sportsmanship, teamwork and moral standards
- Great weight is given in a variety of areas including financial need, leadership, academics, community service, sports achievements and participation in Clearwater For Youth co-sponsored groups
- Available to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students attending a Pinellas County school, more specifically in the greater Clearwater, North Pinellas area
- A one-page essay describing **“Why are you a strong candidate for the Clearwater For Youth Richard O. Jacobson College Scholarship? What would this award mean to you and your pursuit of higher education?”**
- To be given due consideration for a need-based weighted college scholarship parents/guardians of an applicant must submit the additional, confidential Need-based Form along with the CFY Postsecondary Scholarship Application

The CFY Richard O. Jacobson College Scholarship Application can found on our website at [www.clearwaterforyouth.org](http://www.clearwaterforyouth.org). Completed forms must be emailed to [info@clearwaterforyouth.org](mailto:info@clearwaterforyouth.org) by **January 23, 2020** to be considered and recipients will be notified shortly thereafter. Scholarships are given to help defray the costs of tuition, books, room and board or other necessary expenses and are issued directly to an institution.

All applications will be reviewed by the CFY Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees. The scholarship recipient and parents/guardians will be invited to attend the CFY Celebrity Banquet, Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort. Honorees will be recognized as part of the evening. Recipients will also be acknowledged by the Mayor and City Council at a Clearwater City Council meeting this spring.

Please contact CFY Executive Director, Kasey Smith at [kasey@clearwaterforyouth.org](mailto:kasey@clearwaterforyouth.org) or 727.793.2696 with any questions. We look forward to receiving your submission!