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## Scholarship Program

The Failsafe-ERA (hereinafter referred to as Failsafe) Scholarship Program is designed to address the financial needs of individuals impacted by incarceration. It is a benefit that will impact our communities as individuals are provided growth opportunities. We are offering two \$1,000 scholarships annually as follows:

- Right Road Scholarship for a returning citizen (formerly incarcerated) for higher education opportunity to become more marketable citizens of our community, which will lend itself to better employment opportunities.
- Eugene Melvin Melchior Scholarship for a high school graduate, impacted by incarceration, ages 17-21, pursuing a higher education opportunity. This scholarship supports preventing generations of incarceration.

### Eligibility

The scholarship is only open to returning citizens (formerly incarcerated) and family members impacted by incarceration.

### Selection Criteria

Returning citizens must demonstrate remorse for their action and a willingness to change. Family members must demonstrate hope in their future and strength to overcome setbacks. Applicants must complete our application and participate in an in-person or phone interview with the Failsafe Scholarship Education Committee to finalize the application process. They will be contacted directly to schedule the interview after the deadline date.

### Application Process

Applicants must write an essay about how they intend to use their field of study for the good of the community. Give us some insight into your personal background and why you chose your field in particular, and any other information you feel is relevant. Your essay will be judged based on originality and creativity. Weight will be given to financial need, situational hardship, community service, and leadership potential.

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### Submission Requirements

- The Failsafe Application Form
- Essay length should be no more than 500 words. Upon submission, the essay becomes the property of Failsafe
- A brief biography and recent photo. The photo will be used for publicity purposes on the Failsafe website and social media platform.
- Two Letters of Recommendation in support of your application for the FAILSAFE-ERA scholarship program. You may select anyone from your local community who you believe can best address your personal character, commitment to community service and leadership qualities.

### Submission Deadline

Applications are accepted year round.

### Accepting the Scholarship Award

Once a candidate is notified of winning, the candidate has three days to respond and accept the scholarship award. If the selected candidate does not respond within the allotted time, another winner will be chosen. Once the winner(s) are selected, the scholarship(s) will be awarded at our annual scholarship program, at no cost to the recipient plus one.

Please forward application materials to:

**FAILSAFE-ERA**  
7124 Salem Fields Blvd., PMB #111  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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## Scholarship Application

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer / School \_\_\_\_\_

Position or GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Course/Institution you wish to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Course start date: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the FAILSAFE-ERA scholarship?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you a returning citizen (formerly incarcerated):  Yes  No

What was your release date \_\_\_\_\_ From what institution \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a family member of an incarcerated person:  Yes  No

Are you a high school graduate  Yes  No Date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consent to your picture and scholarship acceptance being placed on the FAILSAFE-ERA website and social media sites?  Yes  No

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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