



Cycle for Change Scholarship Program

In addition to raising awareness about the crucial, post-crisis phase of a domestic violence survivor's journey, the "Cycle for Change – from surviving to thriving" is a cycling event focused on raising resources to provide survivors of domestic violence with scholarships for educational opportunities, vocational training and therapeutic services.

Each scholarship will be in an amount not to exceed \$500. All are gift scholarships and do not have to be repaid.

RULES

Applicants must be:

1. A primary survivor of intimate partner domestic violence;
2. Currently residing in the United States and El Paso County;

Each scholarship must be used within 6 months of the date the winner is notified of the award or the award is forfeited.

The award will be paid directly to the school or agency/ vendor providing the service or good for which the scholarship has been awarded.

Each award must be used for a purpose that empowers the survivor to move beyond breaking the cycle of domestic violence - educational opportunities, job skills or therapeutic services which promote the personal growth and self-esteem necessary for a survivor of domestic violence to thrive.

All applicants must complete a scholarship application and submit a personal statement, no more than 1,500 words, outlining their journey as a domestic violence survivor, the intended purpose of the scholarship, and how the proposed purpose of the scholarship will promote their personal growth and/or self-esteem. The personal statement may be in the applicant's preferred language.

All finalists may be asked to meet and visit with the scholarship panel of the "Cycle for Change" Scholarship Program as part of the selection process.

Scholarship materials may be submitted in person or by mail at Villa Maria, 920 S. Oregon St., El Paso, Texas 79901. Alternatively, scholarship materials may be submitted via e-mail to CycleForChangeEP@gmail.com.

All applications for fall scholarships may be submitted beginning April 1st and must be received no later than May 1st. Fall scholarship recipients will be notified by award letter no later than July 31st.

All applications for spring scholarships may be submitted beginning August 1st and must be received no later than October 31st. Spring scholarship recipients will be notified by award letter no later than December 31st.

Any person who needs assistance in completing the scholarship application materials, to include assistance in completing the personal statement, may contact Christina Delgado or Linda Velarde at Villa Maria, located at 920 S. Oregon St., El Paso, Texas 79901 – (915) 544-5500.

