



# OHIO GAP CLOSERS

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Greetings,

Ohio Gap Closers is pleased to announce the annual Ray Porter Foster Care College Scholarship. The Ray Porter Scholarship seeks to mitigate the financial barriers to future success for students who have been placed in foster care during their childhood years or gone through the adoption system.

The Ray Porter Scholarship was established in memory of advocate Ray Porter. Ella and Ray Porter fostered over 40 youth in the Alliance, Ohio area, establishing a culture of family and espousing the values of overcoming, giving thanks, and contributing to society. Today, their children are building on their legacy throughout the United States. Ohio Gap Closers is one example of this legacy in action. OGC is a non-profit which seeks to close the gaps for children in foster care by providing essential development and training to the agencies, which touch the lives of foster youth.

The Ray Porter Scholarship will award two \$1000 scholarships to students who will be attending a college or technical school in the Fall of 2021. Applications and supplemental materials are due by April 15, 2021. Decisions will be announced electronically by May 15, 2021. The application can be found at [Ohiogapclosers.com](http://Ohiogapclosers.com) beginning February 15, 2021. All supplemental materials or questions should be sent to [Ohiogapclosers@gmail.com](mailto:Ohiogapclosers@gmail.com) with header: Ray Porter Scholarship.

Thank you for partnering with us,

The Ohio Gap Closers Team  
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# Ray Porter Scholarship Details

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited 2-year, 4-year, or technical college
- Have been placed in foster care or adopted at any point during school-aged years
- Have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale

## **Application Instructions:**

- Complete this google form and all required essay questions.
- Essay responses should be 500 words or less
- An unofficial transcript
- A letter, with official letterhead, should be sent from a guidance counselor, principal, or relevant agency that confirms eligibility