



# Failsafe

Changing Lives...  
Rebuilding Communities...  
Helping Families Affected by Incarceration

## ERA

4701 Market St., Suite H — Fredericksburg, VA 22408 — 540-479-3021

## Scholarship Program

The Failsafe-ERA (hereinafter referred to as Failsafe) Scholarship Program is designed to address the financial needs of individuals affected by incarceration. Our scholarship is a benefit that will impact our communities as individuals are provided educational enhancement and training opportunities to become better stewards of their resources and more marketable citizens of our community which will lend itself to better employment opportunities.

Once chosen from the selection process, the winner(s) will receive a scholarship made out to their educational institution to assist with the costs of attending the college, university, or trade school of their choice. In addition to the scholarship, recipients are immediately enrolled in our database for the following programs/activities: additional practical life skills and leadership development and public speaking training; participation in community service events to give back to the community; referral program for job opportunities as they become available, to prepare them to become successful, productive citizens in our communities.

### Eligibility

The scholarship is only open to individuals affected by incarceration that is currently enrolled in a college, university, or trade school.

### Selection Criteria

It is expected that applicants will demonstrate remorse for their action and a willingness to participate in our educational enhancement program. Applicants must complete our application and participate in an in-person or phone interview with the Failsafe 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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### Awards Available

Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded to individuals affected by incarceration, i.e., returning citizen and/or family member. These scholarships are granted annually and could increase each year, based on the amount of money available in the Failsafe General Fund.

### Submission Requirements

- The Failsafe Application Form
- Essay length should be 500 words minimum. 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.
- Proof of enrollment as a student.

### Submission Deadline

All submissions will be considered until midnight, July 1.

### 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 in August, at no cost to the recipient plus one.

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## Scholarship Application

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (C): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (H): \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE EMPLOYED: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Institution address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about FAILSAFE-ERA scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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Respond to each of the following questions on separate pages. Label each page “FAILSAFE-ERA Scholarship Application” and include your full name.

1. How has incarceration affected you and/or your family?
2. List three community service activities you have performed.
3. How do you think the FAILSAFE-ERA scholarship program will assist you in achieving your life goals? Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.
4. Please provide 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.

Please forward application materials to:

FAILSAFE-ERA  
4701 Market St., Suite H  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

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