



# THE PATRICK R. SERVICE AWARD

The Patrick R. Service Award provides merit-based awards of up to \$5,000 to students pursuing studies in a vocational school (defined as a school in which students are taught the skills needed to perform a particular job). The Program's goal is to remove financial barriers for students who demonstrate the drive and determination to finish their education, notwithstanding the challenges presented by their HIV status and addiction recovery.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be considered, you must:

- Be enrolled in an accredited vocational school
- Be HIV+
- Be recovering from an addiction for at least one year
- Be a Los Angeles County resident

## AWARDS

A total of one award of up to \$5,000 will be granted each year. If selected as a recipient, any amounts awarded to a student shall be paid directly to the vocational school and shall not exceed actual costs incurred by the student and payable to the school for tuition, fees, books, and supplies. Amounts awarded may be paid in increments throughout the year as costs are incurred. Recipients must remain in recovery and not relapse during the term of the award.

## SELECTION OF RECIPIENT

AFA's selection committee will select the student to receive the Patrick R. Service Award based on the information contained in the application, and any accompanying materials, including the personal essay that must accompany the application form. The award will be based on the student's demonstrated drive and determination to finish his or her education, notwithstanding the substantial challenges facing the student.

## APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with documentation demonstrating that the student meets the eligibility criteria listed above. Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, all questions must be answered as completely as possible. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the AFA Patrick R. Service Award selection committee. **The application must be postmarked no later than March 10, 2010.**

## REVISIONS

AFA reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make any changes at any time, including termination of the program.

## QUESTIONS

Any questions about the Patrick R. Service Award or the application process should be addressed to:

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