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## Alliance for Positive Health Real Talk STEM Scholarships for 2017

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### ***The Ford Foundation STEM Scholarship*** (Two \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded in 2017)

Ford Motor Company Fund, the philanthropic arm of Ford, has long supported the education and professional growth of youth interested in pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM). Not enough of our youth have access to quality STEM learning opportunities and too few students see these disciplines as springboards for their careers.

The purpose of the Ford Foundation Scholarship is to help youth who exemplify leadership, academic achievement and commitment to careers in STEM and plan to pursue a career relating to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. This may include but is not necessarily limited to:

- Medical, chemical or biology related fields; psychiatric/psychology related fields; other science related fields
- Engineering, CAD, IT, software development, nanotechnology, programming, robotics, and other math/engineering related fields

### ***Deadline for Applications:***

Applications along with *ALL* supplemental materials must be submitted by **Friday, April 28, 2017** (NO EXCEPTIONS). Please see page 5 for more information about submitting your application.

### ***Information Pertaining to Scholarship:***

If awarded, interested applicants will only receive one scholarship award.

***Scholarship Recipient Info:*** If you are chosen to receive a scholarship, *scholarship recipients must be available to accept their award in person at the Alliance for Positive Health Albany, NY office.*

***Award Components:*** The Ford Motor Car and Real Talk intend to offer scholarship(s) to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at two or four year accredited colleges or universities, or to previous Real Talk youth currently attending an accredited college or university who are in good academic standing. Applications will be reviewed by a committee tasked with assessing the following: academic record, commitment to STEM as demonstrated by past activity/current academic activity, and future ambitions, financial need, and the quality and content of their personal statement/creative personal work.

***Use of Scholarship Funds:*** The scholarship funds are intended to meet the needs of the award recipients and may cover tuition, books, supplies (including technology), room and board, transportation, or living expenses. Awarded funds may not be used for non-education related expenses or for expenses of the recipient's family. Once the recipients are chosen, funds will be provided to the identified college(s) to use toward the award winners' expenses.

### ***Criteria: Applicants MUST:***

1. Have actively participated in the Real Talk Program for a minimum of one year prior to applying for the scholarship.
2. Be a resident in one of the counties served by the Alliance for Positive Health.
3. Be accepted at or currently attending an accredited college/university.
4. Plan to pursue a career in a STEM related field.

### ***Application Submission Materials:***

1. Completed and Signed Application
2. High School or College transcript or proof of GED scores
3. One letter of recommendation from an academic support (teacher, guidance counselor, coach) and one from a Real Talk staff
4. Proof of acceptance into an accredited higher learning institution
5. Completed personal statement outlined in the Application

Successful applicants will be Real Talk youth who have particularly distinguished themselves by their efforts in their high schools and/or communities and who intend to continue their work in STEM during their college careers.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND ALL MATERIALS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017!**

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**Scholarship Applicant Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Legal Name (if different):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Diploma Type:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/School you plan to attend in Fall 2017:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide proof of acceptance)

**Proposed Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Career Goal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your involvement with the Real Talk Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**List any special honors and school activities (clubs, sports, special events) for high school/college, followed by year.** \_\_\_\_\_

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List and briefly describe work and volunteer experience including employer and dates of employment:

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Please briefly describe any financial challenges you anticipate in accessing education:

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Describe how you would use the Scholarship Funds:

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Is there any other information that we should know about you? This is your opportunity to include information that is not contained in other areas of the application. Please be specific.

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### Personal Statement/Creative Work & Bio Information

#### COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

##### 1. SHORT BIOGRAPHY (*Minimum of 150 words/maximum 300 words*)

Write this short biography as if you are talking about someone else (3<sup>rd</sup> person). Include your name, age, city where you live, and your Real Talk activities.

This bio will be used if you are selected as a scholarship recipient in our marketing materials for the Alliance for Positive Health and/or Real Talk program.

AND

##### 2. COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

###### PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

*(Maximum of 750 words, typed, single-spaced, and attached to application)*

This essay should include a description of specific challenges you have encountered and how you overcame those challenges, accomplishments of which you are particularly proud, and personal goals or aspirations you have for the future.

OR

###### CREATIVE PERSONAL WORK

Using the medium of your choice to tell how the Real Talk program has helped you. There should be an accompanying artist statement/brief description of the importance of the work as it relates to you as an applicant accompanying the submission.

Some ways to showcase your work might include:

- a video (5 minutes or less); include a link to your video
- an art portfolio (no more than 10 pieces); include a link to your art portfolio
- an original performance piece; this could be spoken word, a staged reading, dance, music, etc. (please capture this as a video or MP4, 5 minutes or less); include a link to your project
- a collection of poetry that describes yourself/experiences/identity (limit to 5 pages)

###### Submission guidelines for creative work:

- All creative pieces should be submitted as JPEG, PDF, MP4, or Word document; OR viewable online and a link provided.
- You may complete the application online and submit it **OR** send a hardcopy to TJ Smith, Alliance for Positive Health, 927 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207 **OR** email TJ Smith at [tsmith@alliancefph.org](mailto:tsmith@alliancefph.org) with your files.

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**You must be 18 years of age or older to sign this document OR have a legal parent/guardian sign for you.**

**Permission to Release Information**

I give permission to the Alliance for Positive Health to receive information from my high school regarding my grades.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Statement of Accuracy**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Alliance/FORD Motor Car scholarship program.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Submitting Your Application**

All application materials (official high school transcript or GED scores, completed application and personal statement essay/creative work, proof of acceptance into an accredited institution, and 3 letters of recommendation) are due by **FRIDAY, April 28, 2017.**

**SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS ELECTRONICALLY TO : [tsmith@alliancefph.org](mailto:tsmith@alliancefph.org)**

If you are not applying electronically you can submit your materials to:

Alliance for Positive Health  
TJ Smith  
927 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12208

**\*AN EMAIL RECEIPT CONFIRMING THAT YOUR APPLICATION  
HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE ALLIANCE FOR POSITIVE HEALTH WILL BE SENT. \***

**Questions About Your Application?**

Please direct any questions to: TJ Smith, Assistant Director of Program Services at 518.434.4686 Ext. 2542 or [tsmith@alliancefph.org](mailto:tsmith@alliancefph.org)



## Alliance for Positive Health Youth Scholarship Recommendation Form

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You are receiving this recommendation form because a student of yours has applied for an Alliance for Positive Health Real Talk Youth Scholarship to continue their education. This scholarship focuses on youth interested in or currently attending STEM related coursework. We ask that you fill out this form to the best of your ability. Your honest appraisal of this candidate is essential in helping our scholarship committee make their decisions. Please feel free to use the back of this form or attach additional pages if needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

**DUE: April 28, 2017**

Full Name of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Why should this person be awarded the Real Talk/ Ford Youth STEM scholarship as you understand it? \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us something about the character, focus or commitment of this person. \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Signature of Reference

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Name of Reference

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Day Phone Number

**Please return by Tuesday, April 28, 2017 to:** TJ Smith, Alliance for Positive Health, 927 Broadway, Albany, NY 12208 OR email to: [tsmith@alliancefph.org](mailto:tsmith@alliancefph.org)

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