Eligibility Requirements

In order to be considered for the Beat the Odds scholarship award, students must:

- Be a current high school junior who attends a public, charter, or alternative school in Washington, DC; Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax or Loudon Counties or the Cities of Manassas or Falls Church in Virginia; or in Montgomery or Prince George’s Counties in Maryland;

- Have faced challenges related to one or more of CDF’s policy priorities:
  - **Child Poverty**: End child poverty and ensure all children have the opportunities they need to reach their full potential.
  - **Child Health**: Ensure all children access to comprehensive, affordable health and mental health coverage and care.
  - **Early Childhood**: Build a high quality continuum of care from birth to age five.
  - **Education**: Eliminate discrimination in education policies, practices and funding.
  - **Child Welfare**: Give every child a safe start in a permanent nurturing family and community with access to services that help strengthen families and avoid crises that bring children to the attention of the child welfare system.
  - **Youth Justice**: Ensure more humane and rehabilitative prevention and treatment for children who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.
  - **Gun Violence**: End the gun violence epidemic in America and ensure all children live, learn and grow up safely.
  - **Immigration**: Protect immigrant children’s rights and keep families safely together.

- Demonstrate participation in school activities, community organizations, and/or employment;

- Demonstrate a commitment to your community and/or social justice issues;

- Plan to attend college, university, or vocational school post-graduation.

Please note that while there is no income threshold or minimum required GPA to apply, financial need and academic performance will be considered as part of the review process.