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## Educational Empowerment Program Nomination Form

*Advocates for Adolescent Mothers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and budding social enterprise committed to empowering young parents by providing them with the tools, resources, and support needed to break the cycle of poverty, establish prosperity, and prevent child abuse. Advocates for Adolescent Mothers' approach to fulfilling this mission includes empowering young parents to prevent subsequent pregnancies; connecting them with the support services needed to earn their high school and college degrees; and equipping them with life skills strategies and consumer education.*

### What is the Educational Empowerment Program?

An integral part of Advocates for Adolescent Mothers mission is to support young parents as they strive to destroy the poverty cycle. Education is one of the most powerful weapons against poverty. Yet only two percent of teen mothers earn a college degree before the age of 30. Advocates for Adolescent Mothers realizes that a vast majority of young mothers do not earn their college degree due to the limited resources available to them. The Advocates for Adolescent Mothers Educational Empowerment Program provides support to teen mothers who are entering college, or are already college students. Specifically, this support is provided through a monetary Program of up to \$500, that the awardee may use to supplement the costs of college attendance; two workshops offered throughout the academic year, that provides the awardees useful information about managing the roles of being a mother and college student; and mentorship.

The Educational Empowerment Program is an innovative and unique program committed to empowering young mothers to graduate college. This program is a very valuable resource to young mothers who are serious about earning a college degree, making beneficial connections, and being able to meet their children's financial and emotional needs. We are soliciting the help of caring adults to help us identify these young women by nominating them for the Educational Empowerment Program.

If you have questions about the Educational Empowerment Program please email them to [admin@advocatesforadolescentmothers.com](mailto:admin@advocatesforadolescentmothers.com).

### Benefits of Involvement

The benefits of participation in the Educational Empowerment Program include:

- \*Participants will be provided the opportunity to earn up to \$500 during the academic year.
- \*Participants will meet and interact with other young mothers that share similar interests and goals.
- \*Participants will receive useful information about succeeding as a student and a parent.
- \*Participants will have the opportunity to build relationships with professional, supportive, and caring adults.
- \*Food will be provided at each workshop.
- \*Transit cards to attend workshops will be available upon request, based on participant need.
- \*Participation in any ceremonies, events, or trips that may be planned.
- \*Certificate upon completion.



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### Applicant Eligibility

1. Applicant must be an Illinois resident.
2. Applicant must be a parenting mother age 24 or younger.
3. Applicant must be graduating from an Illinois high school or have earned a GED prior to June 30, 2015.
4. **COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO MEET THE AGE REQUIREMENT AND ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**
5. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
6. Applicants entering college Fall 2015 must have already begun applying for college acceptance at the time of application.
  - a. Applicant must be attending a college in Chicago or the surrounding suburbs.
  - b. Selected applicants must submit a copy of her Fall 2015 schedule to Advocates for Adolescent Mothers prior to August 21, 2015.
7. The applicant must commit to attending and participating in all workshops and receptions in 2015 and 2016.
8. Selected applicants must secure safe and adequate child care provisions for her child(ren) during scheduled workshops (workshops last for approximately 8 hours and may be held on Saturdays).

*The Educational Empowerment Program is committed to equal treatment and opportunity without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or marital status.*



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### Nomination Process

1. Advocates for Adolescent Mothers will contact you, the nominator, to confirm receipt of the nomination form.
2. Advocates for Adolescent Mothers will make at least 3 attempts to contact the young mom (nominee) to inform her of the nomination, and provide her instructions for submitting her application.
3. Advocates for Adolescent Mothers will inform you of the outcome of our attempts to reach the young mom (nominee).
4. If the young mom (nominee) chooses to submit an application for the Educational Empowerment Program, Advocates for Adolescent Mothers will inform you of whether the nominee was selected to participate in the program.
5. You may contact us by email at any time to find out the status of the nominee's nomination/application.
6. Educational Empowerment Program applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation with their application: Your nomination will be counted as one letter of recommendation; therefore, the nominee will only need to submit one other recommendation letter with her application, per the Educational Empowerment Program application instructions.

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**NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON AN ONGOING/ROLLING BASIS.**

**THE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED FROM THE NOMINEE (YOUNG MOM) BY AUGUST 21, 2015 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT NOMINATORS SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATION BY JULY 24, 2015 TO ALLOW THE NOMINEE (YOUNG MOM) SUFFICIENT TIME TO COMPLETE HER APPLICATION.**

**APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF DECISIONS FOR THE 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR BY SEPTEMBER 18, 2015.**



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Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Number for Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Your candid assessment of the nominee named above will greatly assist the Program Review Committee. Your nomination will be used solely for the purpose of determining whether or not, in the committee's best judgment, the nominee will be selected to participate in the Educational Empowerment Program. Please inform the nominee that you have nominated her and encourage her to submit an application. The application can be retrieved online from <http://bit.ly/EEFApp>. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Nominator's Narrative:

1. Please indicate the length of time and capacity in which you have known the nominee.
2. Your assessment of:
  - The nominee's scholarship, personality, character, and professional promise.
  - The nominee's strengths and weaknesses.

Feel free to attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.

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### Rate the Nominee:

	POOR	AVERAGE	GOOD	OUTSTANDING	NO BASIS FOR JUDGMENT
Academic Performance					
Ability to work with others					
Responsibility					
Oral Communication Skills					
Written Communication Skills					
Problem Solving Skills					
Leadership					
Motivation					
Maturity					

I verify that the nominee is a teen mother age 19 or younger.  Yes  No

I verify that the nominee is a young mother age 20 - 24.  Yes  No

May we contact you to help us reach the nominee?  Yes  No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**

**Advocates for Adolescent Mothers  
Educational Empowerment Program  
P.O. Box 43234  
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**OR EMAILED TO:**

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