

Application Check List

The *Beat the Odds* application requires information about your personal background, family life, and academics. Please ensure you have access to the following information *before* beginning the application:

- Personal Information:** Your name, address, phone, email, gender, race and date of birth.
- Family Information:** Parent/ Guardian(s) name, phone, and email; annual family income; total size and make up of household.
- Academic Information:** Name, address, phone and fax of current high school; school principal's name, phone, and email; school counselor's name, phone, and email.
- Uploads:** Applicants will be asked to scan and upload the following supplemental items:
 - A personal statement, of no more than 750 typed words, that describes the major obstacles and challenges in your life and how you have or are working to overcome them; your past and current family, financial, educational, and emotional support systems; how you have been able to achieve academic success or show marked improvement in academics, despite your hardships; and your commitment to serving others, for example; involvement in service clubs at school, community-based service, or taking on major home or work responsibilities.
 - Unofficial high school transcript - unweighted G.P.A.
 - A copy of your academic/ professional resume
 - A signed media release form

In addition to the application, please be prepared to provide the name and email address of the adult who you wish to submit a nomination form and letter of recommendation on your behalf.

If you have any questions about the application or nomination process, please contact Michelle Jones at mjones@childrensdefense.org.

Media Release Form

I hereby authorize and irrevocably grant to the Children's Defense Fund and its affiliates, licensees, agents and assigns the unrestricted right to use and publish any part of the information I have given to the Children's Defense Fund and the right to record my name, voice, appearance, likeness, and comments on film, videotape, audiotape, still photographs, print and any other media now known or hereafter invented. I acknowledge that the Children's Defense Fund shall own all right, title and interest in and to this media. I further agree that the Children's Defense Fund may use all or parts of this media release for any and all publications, exhibitions, public displays, editorials, advertising or other purposes.

I waive any inspection or approval of the media or any advertising or publicity in which my name, voice, appearance, likeness, narrative or comments might appear. I expressly release and agree to hold harmless the Children's Defense Fund and its agents, employees, licensees and assigns from and against any and all claims including, but not limited to, invasion of privacy that I might ever have in any way relating to my interview or its use.

Date:

Signature:

(Student)

Print Name:

(Student)

Signature:

(Parent or Legal Guardian)

Print Name:

(Parent or Legal Guardian)

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

(Student)