STEP 1: MAKE SURE YOU ARE USING CHROME.

If you don’t have Chrome you can download it here:

https://www.google.com/chrome/browser/desktop/
STEP 2: OPEN AN INCOGNITO (PRIVATE BROWSING) TAB IN CHROME

To do this,

- Open Chrome and then press Ctrl+Shift+N or
- Click on the 3 vertical dots in the top right corner and select “New incognito window” from the dropdown menu.
STEP 3:
GO TO PIVOTAL WEBSITE: HTTPS://WWW.PIVOTALNOW.ORG/YOUTH-SUPPORT/APPLY-FOR-A-COLLEGE-SCHOLARSHIP. THE PAGE SHOULD LOOK LIKE THIS BELOW.
STEP 4: SCROLL DOWN UNTIL YOU READ THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- I meet one of the following foster care requirements:
  - I was in foster care or Guardianship including KinGAP (dependent of the court) at least 1 day after age 13 in Santa Clara County or San Mateo County.
  - I was in foster care or Guardianship including KinGAP (dependent of the court) at least 1 day after age 13 in another county and am living in or attending school in SCC or SMC.

- I have earned a HS Diploma or GED, or will have earned one before the start of the upcoming academic year.

- I have a 2.0 cumulative high school GPA, or a 2.0 cumulative college GPA (if in college already).

- I have applied for the FAFSA or Dream Act by the 3/2/2023 priority deadline and am eligible to receive all federal and state financial aid.

- I have been accepted to or am attending a community college, university, or accredited vocational school for the upcoming academic year.
STEP 5: SCROLL DOWN THE PAGE UNTIL YOU SEE THIS BUTTON! CLICK TO APPLY!

Ready to get started?

APPLY FOR PIVOTAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

It can take a little while to complete the application. Be sure to save your work as you go and log out from the browser (especially if you’re working on a public computer). You’ll also need to compile the following documents and upload them once you have them ready to go.
STEP 6: CLICK TO REGISTER FOR AN APPLICATION

Pivotal is committed to improving the life outcomes for former and current foster youth in Silicon Valley through advancing opportunities for education and employment. Our scholarship program began in year 2000, and we are currently serving approximately 180 students across California and the United States. If you are interested in receiving scholarship funds for the 2023-2024 academic year, we highly encourage you to apply! Please make sure you have closely reviewed the scholarship eligibility criteria below before starting the application:

- I meet one of the following foster care requirements:
  1) I was a dependent of the court (foster care or Guardianship including KinGAP) at least 1 day after age 13 in Santa Clara County or San Mateo County.
  2) I was a dependent of the court (foster care or Guardianship including KinGAP) at least 1 day after age 13 in another county and am living in or attending school in Santa Clara County or San Mateo County.
- I have a 2.0 cumulative high school GPA or a 2.0 cumulative college GPA
- I have earned a High School Diploma or GED, or will have earned one before the start of Fall 2023
- I have applied for financial aid by completing the FAFSA or Dream Act for the 23-24 academic year by the priority deadline of 03/02/2023 and I am eligible to receive all federal and state financial aid
- I have been accepted to or will be attending a community college, university, or accredited vocational school for the upcoming academic year

The deadline to submit the 23-24 Pivotal Scholarship is Friday, March 31st (before midnight).

Thank you for choosing to make a difference in your life through higher educational attainment! Good luck in the application process!
STEP 7: REGISTER

**OPTION 1**
You can register with Facebook, Google, or Twitter

**OR**

**OPTION 2**
You can register by filling in this information about yourself

Once you’ve entered your information, confirm that you’re not a robot =)

...and click “Create Account”

**Helpful Tip:** Write down and save your username and password!
STEP 8: CLICK ON “CONTINUE TO SITE” AND YOU WILL BE PROMPTED TO VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
STEP 9: OPEN A NEW BROWSER WINDOW TO ACCESS YOUR EMAIL. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM SURVEYMONKEY ASKING YOU TO VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

Click here to verify your email.
STEP 10: YOU WILL BE REDIRECTED TO THE APPLICATION SITE

![Continue button with message: 'Thanks! Your email address is now verified.']
STEP 11: CLICK ON “VIEW PROGRAMS”
STEP 12: CLICK ON “FILL OUT ELIGIBILITY FORM”
STEP 13: CLICK ON WHETHER YOU ARE A **NEW** PIVOTAL SCHOLAR APPLICANT, A **RETURNING** PIVOTAL SCHOLAR, OR A **CURRENT** PIVOTAL SCHOLAR. THEN, CLICK ON “SAVE MY PROFILE”
STEP 14: CLICK ON “MORE”
STEP 15: CLICK ON “APPLY”
STEP 16: ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION AND UPLOADED ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ... ALL TASKS WILL BE CHECKED GREEN EXAMPLE:

Click “Submit” and you will be given the option to review your application.
THIS TEXT SHOULD APPEAR, AND NOW YOU’RE ALL DONE. THANKS FOR APPLYING! GOOD LUCK!