



Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA) is a non-profit organization in the State of New Jersey dedicated to the belief that every child deserves a family. Founded over 50 years ago, CPFA is not an adoption agency, but a volunteer organization working to support those who wish to adopt, and to provide educational and networking resources to those who have adopted.

Lynne Witkin was a social worker, adoptive parent, and volunteer advocate for adoption. She was a CPFA member and served as president. Lynne recognized the need for an annual gathering to bring together professionals and parents. In 1979 she pioneered New Jersey's first "Let's Talk Adoption" Conference. CPFA continued this conference for 40 years.

The Lynne Witkin/CPFA Scholarship is presented with the hope of encouraging and supporting qualified social work majors interested in pursuing a career in the area of adoption/child welfare. With the large number of children in foster care, many of which are awaiting adoptive parents, there is a critical need for caring, capable social workers to enter the field of child welfare – protective services, foster care, adoption, post-adoption services, etc.

**Scholarship must be submitted via:**



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[www.cpfanj.org](http://www.cpfanj.org)**

**Deadline for application  
submission is April 21, 2025**

Scholarship winner will be announced  
on or before May 15, 2025.

<https://fs17.formsite.com/cpfanj/Scholarship/index>

## Lynne Witkin Scholarship Information

ELIGIBILITY: Current undergraduates OR graduate social work majors in a NJ BSW or MSW program. Student must be in good standing and planning to enter the human services field in the area of adoption/child welfare.

CRITERIA: Meet eligibility requirements and interest and/or accomplishments in the area of adoption/child welfare.

Information you will need to provide on the application form:

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email Address

The college/university you are currently attending.

The college/university you will be attending in the fall of 2025

First Year\_\_\_Sophomore\_\_\_Junior\_\_\_Senior\_\_\_Graduate Student\_\_\_

Expected month/year of graduation.

Degree

Major/Concentration

### Essay

A short **essay** with the following information:

1. Your career goals.
2. Description of any volunteer or paid positions held in which you gained experience in the field of child welfare or adoption related areas (e.g., working with children, teaching, mentoring, foster care, etc.).
3. Include if you have personal experience or knowledge in this area (e.g., you were in the foster care system, are an adoptee, have adopted or relinquished a child for adoption).
4. Explain how you feel you can contribute to the field of adoption/child welfare.

### Letters of Reference

Two letters of reference:

1. A professor/advisor at your current school.
2. A teacher/advisor or an employer/supervisor in the field.

Any questions can be directed to Barbara Podstawski, CPFA, [cpfanej@gmail.com](mailto:cpfanej@gmail.com).