



Scholarship Application

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Education First is dedicated in providing need-based college scholarships to seniors attending high schools with historically low percentages of college applicants.

By rewarding students with strength of character, a commitment to learning, and a vision for their future, our aim is to invest in individuals who will positively affect their communities.

Overview

Education First is a non-profit organization founded in August of 1995 by a small group of recent college graduates who believe education is critical to enhancing one's life and community. To encourage the pursuit of higher education, Education First provides college scholarship assistance to high school seniors.

Education First has selected three schools within the San Francisco metropolitan area to participate in our scholarship program for the 2011-2012 academic year. Seniors wishing to apply from these schools must submit an application consisting of written essays and a transcript. Submissions will be evaluated individually and the top applicants from the region will be interviewed. We guarantee at least one interview from Balboa High School.

The student selected from these applicants will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to apply to their college education. In addition, one other deserving applicant will receive a \$3,000 scholarship. For more information on the type of student we seek, please visit our website at:

<http://www.educationfirst.org>

The participating schools in the San Francisco area for the 2011-2012 school year are:

Balboa High School

Thurgood Marshall
High School

Mission High School

Applications are available at our website and at the following location:

Ms. Gwen Lin
Counseling Office
Balboa High School
1000 Cayuga Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94112-32236
There is no application fee

Background

Name _____	High School _____
Home Address _____	College/Universities to which you are applying: _____
City, State, Zip _____	_____
Home Phone () _____	_____
E-mail _____	_____

Please list three references Education First may contact:

Name	Relationship	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
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Questions

Please answer all of the following questions in a total of two typed, double-spaced pages:

1. *What challenges or obstacles have you faced in pursuit of your education?*
2. *What do you wish to achieve with your college education?*
3. *What strengths, interests or unique characteristics distinguish you from other applicants?*
4. *How do you plan to pay for your college education?*

Please submit an official copy of your high school transcript along with your completed application to
Ms. Gwen Lin by February 1, 2012.

Education First reserves the right to use portions of your essay in promotional material.