



## 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.*

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*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 Portland 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 Benson Polytechnic 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 Portland area for the 2011-2012 school year are:

Benson Polytechnic High School	Madison High School	Roosevelt High School
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Applications are available at our website and at the following location:

Ms. Mary Ganoe  
Counseling Office  
Benson Polytechnic High School  
546 Northeast 12th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232-2785  
*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. Mary Ganoë by February 1, 2012.**

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