



# 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 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 Thurgood Marshall 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:

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| Balboa High School | Thurgood Marshall High School | Mission High School |
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Applications are available at our website and at the following location:

Ms. Brianna Palmer  
College and Career Counseling  
Thurgood Marshall High School  
45 Conkling Street  
San Francisco, CA 94124-1931  
*There is no application fee*

## Background

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| 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. Brianna Palmer by February 1, 2012.

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