

2010 NEW AMERICAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

Program Overview

E4FC's New American Scholars Program provides financial awards and support services to low-income immigrant college students who live or attend school in the San Francisco Bay Area. We provide scholarships of up to \$5,000 to cover tuition and other college expenses. Scholars are selected for their academic excellence, financial need, and community impact, regardless of their citizenship or residency status. Scholars are also expected to participate in several E4FC events and commit to community service or professional development activities for the year.

Eligibility

- Foreign-born
- Financial need
- Current or intended enrollment in a two or four-year college or university for 2010-2011
- Minimum GPA requirement:
 - For high school students: 3.3 cumulative high school GPA
 - For college students: 2.8 cumulative college GPA
- Demonstrated academic preparation and community/extracurricular involvement
- Residency requirements:
 - You must have lived in California for three or more years of your high school career
 - You must fulfill at least one of the following:
 - 1) previous or intended graduation from a San Francisco Bay Area high school, or
 - 2) current or expected enrollment in a San Francisco Bay Area college or university
 - We define San Francisco Bay Area as the following nine counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, or Sonoma

Selection Process

- The deadline for application materials to be completed and received is **Friday, March 5th**.
- All eligible applications will be reviewed for the applicant's financial need, academic standing, and personal character.
- Some applicants may be contacted for further information and/or invited to participate in interviews.
- Scholarship winners will be notified by June 1, 2010.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to:
 - maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA;
 - send transcripts at the completion of each grading term;
 - participate in E4FC events and meetings, including an Awards Ceremony on June 13, 2010;
 - complete 20 hours minimum of community service and/or professional development activities;
 - and maintain ongoing communication with our program.

Checklist for Application & Required Attachments

- ❑ Completed preliminary online application form
- ❑ Completed and signed paper application
- ❑ Two personal essays
- ❑ High school and college transcript (if applicable), including Fall 2009 grades
- ❑ Two recommendations: One recommendation must be provided by a teacher or academic counselor. The second recommendation can be completed by a teacher, counselor, or work/community service supervisor. Recommendations should not be sent separately.

If selected as a finalist, you will be asked to submit:

- ❑ Most recent copy of student and parent Federal Income Tax Returns (Form 1040). If tax returns are not available, then other documentation of family income in 2009.
- ❑ Evidence of birth in a country outside of the United States (i.e. photocopy of birth certificate or passport).

Application Submission and Deadline

All application materials must be completed and received by **Friday, March 5th**.

Online Materials: Complete and submit the Preliminary Online Application form by going to <http://j.mp/88iYJu>.

Paper Materials: Mail all paper application materials, including the paper application, essays, transcripts, and recommendations, to:

Educators for Fair Consideration
Attn: Carrie Evans, Director of Scholars Program
2130 Fillmore Street, #248
San Francisco, CA 94115-2224

Note: Our mailing address is a P.O. Box and not our office address.

If you have questions, please contact Carrie Evans at carrie@e4fc.org.

For additional information about Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) and our programs, go to www.E4FC.org.

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PAPER APPLICATION**

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First

Permanent Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

County of Residence (*circle one*):

Alameda Contra Costa Marin Napa San Francisco
San Mateo Santa Clara Solano Sonoma Other (specify): _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email (write clearly): _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Country of Birth: _____ Date of Immigration (Month/Year): _____

EDUCATION

Class year you will be in college for Fall 2010 (check one): First Second Third Fourth

High School Name _____ Graduation Date: ____/____/____

Unweighted High School GPA: _____ Weighted High School GPA: _____

If you are a college student,
College Currently Attending: _____ College GPA: _____

If applying to colleges this year, list your top choices of educational institutions to which you plan to attend for Fall 2010:

1) _____
Name of College or University

2) _____
Name of College or University

3) _____
Name of College or University

Where do you plan to live next year? On-campus Off-campus Commute from home

What majors are you interested in? _____

What careers are you interested in? _____

Applicant Name: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

List the name, job title/ position, school/ organization, and email address of your two scholarship recommenders.

Recommender	Title and Organization	Email Address

AWARDS AND HONORS

List awards and honors you have received and briefly explain their significance.

Award/Honors	Description	Date Received

EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Please list school-related and extracurricular activities in which you have participated.

Activity	Honors and/or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Week

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list community service or volunteer activities in which you have participated.

Activity	Honors and/or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Week

EMPLOYMENT

Beginning with your present or most recent job, list your employment history.

Employer	Position	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week

To what use have you put your earnings?

Applicant Name: _____

HOUSEHOLD/ FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It is strongly recommended that you fill out this section with a parent or guardian, if you are a dependent. Use the most recent income tax information or estimated current year values. Do not leave lines blank.

Parents/guardians with whom you are financially dependent (if applicable):

Name: _____ Relationship: (mother, father, guardian, etc.) _____

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\$	Cost of attendance at college of choice (including tuition, fees, room & board, etc.)
\$	Total annual income for parents/guardians
\$	Total cash assets (cash, checking/savings account, stocks, etc.) for parents/guardians
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\$	Student's total cash assets (cash, checking/savings account, stocks, etc.)

List all members (including siblings, grandparents, etc.) who are financially dependent on your parents/guardians:

Name	Age	Relationship to You	Attending college? If so, which one?

List any grants and scholarships you have applied to and/or received for the upcoming academic year.

Grant / Scholarship Name	Source (College, Organization, etc.)	Amount	Date of Notification
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

Please describe any special circumstance that may affect your family's ability to pay for college (medical, divorce, unemployment, child support, other):

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

All of the information I have provided in this application is accurate and true.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL ESSAYS

Pick and respond to two of the three essay topics below. Each essay must be approximately one page (double spaced, 12-point font) and typed.

1. Pick a favorite quote or poem and describe how it reflects your life experiences and the values you live by.
2. Share a personal failure and what you have learned from it.
3. What does citizenship mean to you? Is it something more than status? Share.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Preliminary online application form (Go to: <http://j.mp/88iYJu>)
- Completed and signed paper application (4 pages)
- Two personal essays
- Two recommendations, including at least one academic recommendation from a teacher or academic counselor. Recommendations should not be sent separately.

If selected as a finalist, you will be asked to submit:

- Copy of 2008 parent/guardian Federal Income Tax Returns (Form 1040). If tax returns are not available, then submit other documentation of family income in 2008 (i.e. W-2 forms).
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