



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

Empowering undocumented young people in their pursuit of college, career and citizenship

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GRANTS AWARDED TO SUPPORT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

“Invest in the Dream” initiative will provide matching funds to help scholarship providers increase support for “Dreamer” students

SAN FRANCISCO – Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC), a San Francisco-based non-profit that empowers undocumented young people to pursue their dreams of college, career and citizenship in the United States, today announced that it will award \$250,000 in matching grants to expand educational opportunities for undocumented students.

Through its “Invest in the Dream” initiative, E4FC will award grants to scholarship providers in nine states. The grantees include institutions of higher education, community foundations and other non-profit organizations that award scholarships or financial aid to undocumented students. Each of the nine grantees has secured an equal amount of funds from other sources to match the E4FC grant. Grantees will use these funds to support undocumented students attending accredited, non-profit, two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the United States.

Grantees and grant amounts are:

College of Saint Mary

Omaha, Nebraska
www.csm.edu
\$30,000

Latin American Educational Foundation

Denver, Colorado
www.laef.org
\$25,000

Equal Chance for Education

Nashville, Tennessee
www.equalchanceforeducation.com
\$30,000

Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

St. Louis, Missouri
www.sfstl.org
\$30,000

Futures Through Training

Ogden, Utah
www.futuresthroughtraining.org
\$20,000

Tulsa Community Foundation

Tulsa, Oklahoma
www.tulsacf.org
\$30,000

Golden Door Scholars

Fort Mill, South Carolina
www.goldendoorscholars.org
\$30,000

University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Arkansas
www.uark.edu
\$30,000

Heritage Fund - The Community Foundation of Bartholomew County

Columbus, Indiana
www.heritagefundbc.org
\$25,000

Katharine Gin, co-founder and Executive Director of E4FC, said: “We are excited to partner with a diverse group of scholarship providers nationwide to expand opportunities for undocumented students. These nine institutions and organizations understand the challenges that Dreamers face and recognize the tremendous potential they represent. We hope this initiative will encourage other scholarship providers to deepen their investment in this talented and determined group of young people.”

Faith Sandler, Executive Director of the Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis, an “Invest in the Dream” grantee, said: “We are honored to be chosen by E4FC to participate in this important initiative. Throughout its 95 year history, the Scholarship Foundation has been committed to helping bright, capable students achieve their dream of a college education. Like so many immigrant students who came before them, Dreamers have much to offer our nation and our community. Our support for them honors our organization’s values and invests in our nation’s future.”

“Invest in the Dream” is a one-year pilot initiative funded by the Heising-Simons Foundation. E4FC will determine whether to extend the program after assessing its first year results.

About Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC):

Founded in 2006, Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) empowers undocumented young people to pursue their dreams of college, career, and citizenship in the United States. We address the holistic needs of undocumented young people through direct support, leadership and career development, community outreach and education, creative expression, and advocacy. Our programming is designed by and for undocumented young people with support from committed allies. We are a fiscally-sponsored project of Community Initiatives.

For more information on the “Invest in the Dream” initiative, visit <http://e4fc.org/investinthedream.html>.

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