

2012 NEW AMERICAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS AND PAPER 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 \$10,000 to cover tuition and other college expenses. Scholars are selected for their academic excellence, financial need, community impact and potential contribution to the E4FC community. Scholars are expected to participate in E4FC events and commit to community service or professional development activities for the year.

Eligibility

- Foreign-born
- Financial need
- Do not have permanent residency (green card) or citizenship in the US
- Current or intended enrollment in a two or four-year college or university for 2012-2013
- Minimum GPA requirement:
 - For high school students: 3.3 cumulative weighted 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 11 counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Selection Process

- The deadline for all application materials is **Thursday, March 1st at 5:00 PM PST**. Paper applications must be postmarked by this date.
- 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 1st**.
- 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 in mid-June (tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 17th).
 - Complete 20 hours minimum of community service and/or professional development activities
 - Maintain ongoing communication with our program

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Submission Process and Deadline

1. Complete your Preliminary Application Form (online)

Visit <http://e4fc.org/scholarsonlineapp.html> and follow the posted instructions.

We *strongly* encourage you to complete this online application as soon as possible.

2. Prepare your Paper Application Package.

The Paper Application Package includes:

- 1) This Application Form
- 2) Two personal essays (see instructions below)
- 3) High school transcript(s)
- 4) College transcript(s) (if applicable)
- 5) Three recommendation letters (see instructions below).

3. Submit your Paper Application Package by Thursday, March 1st. Mail your completed submission to:

Educators for Fair Consideration
Attn: Application Coordinator
2130 Fillmore Street, #248
San Francisco, CA 94115-2224

*Notes: This mailing address is a P.O. Box and not our office address.
Please do not staple, tape, or glue any of your paper application materials.*

Checklist for Application & Required Attachments

- ✓ Completed Online Preliminary Application Form
- ✓ Completed and Signed Paper Application
- ✓ Two Personal Essays
- ✓ High School and College Transcript(s), including Fall 2011 grades
- ✓ Three Recommendations: Two recommendations must be provided by teachers or academic counselors. The third recommendation can be completed by a teacher, counselor, or work/community service supervisor. Recommendations should be included in the application packet; they 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 2011.
- ✓ Evidence of birth in a country outside of the United States (i.e. photocopy of birth certificate or passport).

Questions and Additional Information

If you have questions about the New American Scholars Program, please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions page: <http://e4fc.org/scholarsfaq.html>. If you still have questions, please contact E4FC's Application Coordinator at applications@e4fc.org.

For additional information about Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) and our programs, please visit <http://www.E4FC.org>.

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APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First

Permanent Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

County of Residence (check one):

- Alameda Contra Costa Marin Napa San Francisco San Mateo
 Santa Clara Santa Cruz Solano Sonoma Yolo Other: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

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

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

Gender (check one): Male Female Decline to state

EDUCATION

College class standing in Fall 2012 (check one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

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

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

If you are a college student,

College Currently Attending: _____ Cumulative College GPA: _____

If applying to colleges this year, list your top choices of educational institutions to which you plan to attend for Fall 2011:

1) _____ Accepted? Yes No
Name of College or University

2) _____ Accepted? Yes No
Name of College or University

3) _____ Accepted? Yes No
Name of College or University

4) _____ Accepted? Yes No
Name of College or University

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

What majors are you interested in? _____

What careers are you interested in? _____

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Applicant Name: _____

Please fill out the following information about your coursework, awards and honors, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. If you do not have enough room on this page, you may wish to attach a separate sheet with additional information (i.e. a resume or CV).

ADVANCED COURSEWORK

If you are a high school student, please list all advanced courses you have taken (or are taking) and the grades you have received.

Course Title and Grade Received

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AWARDS AND HONORS

Please list awards and honors you have received and briefly explain their significance.

Award/Honor	Description/Significance	Date Received

EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

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

Activity	Honors and/or Position Held	Dates of Involvement	Total Hours*

* **Total Hours:** Estimates are fine. Example: If you participated for about 2 hours/week for about 10 weeks, your total hours are about 20.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List community service or volunteer activities in which you have participated.

Activity	Honors and/or Position Held	Dates of Involvement	Total Hours*

* **Total Hours:** Estimates are fine. Example: If you volunteered about 3 hours/week for about 15 weeks, your total hours are about 45.

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RECOMMENDERS

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

Recommender	Title and Organization	Email Address

PERSONAL ESSAYS

Please write **two** essays on the following topics. Each essay must be approximately 1-2 pages (double spaced, 12-point font) and typed.

Essay #1 - Personal Statement:

Tell us about yourself. What is important for us to know about you? You may want to write about one or more of the following: your personal history, your goals and dreams, what obstacles you've overcome, your accomplishments, and why you want to go to college.

Essay #2 - Specific Topic Essay:

Pick and respond to one of the specific essay topics below. Check the box next to the essay you have chosen to respond to.

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

SIGNATURE

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

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

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