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The Norma and Arthur Schroeder Scholarship

With funding from the Norma & Arthur Schroeder Endowment, The Ed. Fund is proud to offer 2 scholarships of \$2,000 each to El Cerrito High School seniors who will graduate in June 2008 from El Cerrito High School and who will attend a college, university, or post high school technical school in the Fall 2008.

PLEASE READ THESE REQUIREMENTS VERY CAREFULLY: Your application will be disqualified if you do not comply with all of the requirements below.

To apply for this scholarship, you must:

1. Have a minimum of 2.5 GPA in core curriculum subjects throughout 4 years of high school.
2. Demonstrate active participation in extra-curricular activities, especially in community service activities.
3. Verify financial need by completing the Financial Information Form included with this application.
4. Provide an up-to-date transcript from your El Cerrito High School. If you plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college, make sure to include your most recent SAT scores.
5. Provide 2 letters of recommendation written on the attached forms.
 - Letter of Recommendation Form A: from one of your core subject teachers.
 - Letter of Recommendation Form B: from another adult who knows you well and can describe your qualifications for this scholarship.
6. Type or replicate on the computer all responses to the essay questions on page 2.
7. Include 4 copies + 1 original of all pages of your completed application. Make sure each copy is collated and stapled.
8. Put correct postage on your application and make sure no signature is required of The Ed. Fund to receive your application.
9. Send your completed application to The Ed. Fund at 5 Alvarado Square, San Pablo, CA 94806

postmarked no later than Friday, March 7, 2008.

Late applications will not be considered.

Your name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ Are you an emancipated minor? No Yes

Your parent's/guardian's name (please print) unless you are an emancipated minor:: _____

Parent's/Guardian's work phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone: _____

What colleges/universities or technical schools have you applied to? _____

List the extra-curricular activities (including sports & service activities) you have participated in during high school:

Essay Section

DIRECTIONS FOR EACH ESSAY

1. State your ideas clearly.
2. Use complete sentences.
3. Make sure your spelling and punctuation are correct.
4. Proofread your essays carefully.
5. Attach your typewritten essays on a separate sheet.
Handwritten answers will not be accepted.
6. **Do Not** make your essays any shorter or longer than the indicated number of words.

Short Essay 1: Attach a short essay (200-250 words) in response to the following question:

What particular difficulties have you faced and how have you overcome them?

Short Essay 2: Attach a short essay (200-250 words) in response to the following question:

What are your personal goals in college or trade school and afterwards?

Longer Essay: Write an essay (400- 500 words) in which you explain:

- The community service activities you have participated in during high school
- What these activities have meant to you
- What role you envision community service will play in your life once you complete your education.

Student's signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's signature unless you are an emancipated minor

Date

Letter of Recommendation Form A
[from a core curriculum High School Teacher]

*Rather than a formal letter of recommendation, please complete the following form in time for the scholarship applicant to include your Letter of Recommendation Form with his/her application, which is due postmarked to The Ed. Fund no later than **Friday, March 7, 2008**. If you do not complete your recommendation form on time, the student's application will be disqualified.*

Student's name: _____

Your name: _____

Day phone: _____ Email: _____

Class(es) in which this applicant was/is your student: _____

Grade(s) student received: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Describe this student's strengths: _____

Why do you believe this student deserves this scholarship? _____

What else would you like to tell us about this student that indicates he/she is deserving of this scholarship?

Your signature _____ Date: _____

Letter of Recommendation Form B

[from an adult (not including parents, grandparents or siblings) who knows you well]

*Rather than a formal letter of recommendation, please complete the following form in time for the scholarship applicant to include your Letter of Recommendation Form with his/her application, which is due postmarked to The Ed. Fund no later than **Friday, March 7, 2008**. If you do not complete your recommendation form on time, the student's application will be disqualified.*

Student's name: _____

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Day phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

In what capacity have you known this student? _____

Describe this student's strengths: _____

Why do you believe this student deserves this scholarship? _____

What else would you like to tell us about this student that indicates he/she is deserving of this scholarship?

Your signature _____

Date: _____

6. Number of dependents: _____ Ages of dependents: _____
7. Do you rent _____ or own _____ your home? (Check one.) If you rent, what is your monthly rent expense? _____
8. If you own your home, what is your monthly mortgage expense? _____
9. Are you receiving federal or state assistance? _____ If yes, what kind: _____
10. If you are not receiving any assistance but still believe you have financial hardships that qualify your student or you as an emancipated minor for a scholarship, please explain these hardships: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

By signing this application, I agree that the above information is correct.

Signatures of all parents/guardians responsible for this student:

Date: _____

Signature of emancipated minor (if applicable): _____

Date: _____