

SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

Date: October 12, 2005

To: Senior High Principals and School Site Counselors

Subject: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUTURE EDUCATORS

Department and/or Persons Concerned: Future Educators Advisors, AVID Coordinators, and Counselors

Due Date: March 8, 2006

Reference: San Diego Education Fund

Action Requested: Discuss application process with your staff and encourage senior students to apply for scholarships prior to due date.

Brief Explanation:

The Future Educators Scholarship Program was organized by the San Diego Education Fund (SDEF) to provide San Diego City Schools with an ongoing source of qualified teachers from underrepresented groups. The fund provides support to students for up to five years of post-secondary training, including four years of undergraduate school and a one-year program leading to a teaching credential. Students who will graduate in June 2006 are eligible to apply. Funds are paid directly to students in the form of a stipend that may be used to defray expenses related to their education.

Students who apply for assistance from the Future Educators Scholarship Program must have satisfactory citizenship and academic grades, demonstrated community involvement, and positive references from school staff and community members. They must also demonstrate financial need, sign a letter of intent to pursue a course of study leading to a teaching credential, and seek employment as a teacher with San Diego City Schools. Student members of high school Future Educators clubs will receive special consideration by the application screening committee. Scholarship recipients must attend college in San Diego County.

Funding for stipends for the Future Educators Scholarship Program comes from the SDEF, a nonprofit organization that solicits donations from individuals, foundations, corporations, and federal grants, as well as contributions from teachers in lieu of San Diego Teachers Association membership dues.

The SDEF acts as fiscal agent for the scholarship fund without administrative costs. Fundraising for the program is ongoing, and scholarships are paid from the fund's principal. The Financial Operations Division provides staff support for the SDEF.

Attached is a copy of the application guidelines and materials. Applicants are required to submit the following:

1. Application form
2. Application essay
3. Financial needs evidence
4. Two references
5. Copy of high school transcript

The completed application materials must be forwarded **no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2006 to:**

**Will Lindwall
Eugene Brucker Education Center
4100 Normal Street, Room 3251
San Diego, CA 92103-2682**

A committee will be formed to screen applications and select final candidates for an interview.

Questions regarding the application process and requests for additional application materials should be directed to Will Lindwall at (619) 297-5113.



Carl A. Cohn
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment

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**SAN DIEGO EDUCATION FUND
FUTURE EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Application Information

Purpose of the Future Educators Scholarship Program

The San Diego Unified School District faces a critical need for teachers. In particular, there is a need for teachers from underrepresented ethnic groups. Many bright students who show promise as prospective teachers cannot afford the expense of attending institutions of higher education. The purpose of the scholarship program is to recruit and provide incentives to attract promising high school students to the teaching profession.

Scholarship recipients who successfully complete degree and credential requirements will be given priority consideration for employment with the district dependent upon district need at the time of certification.

Minimum Requirements

To be eligible for a Future Educators Scholarship you must:

- Commit to teach in the San Diego City Schools for at least three years.
- Be graduating from a school in the San Diego Unified School District in the spring of 2006.
- Be a United States citizen or have permanent residency status.
- Attend college in San Diego County.
- Demonstrate financial need.

Criteria for Selection

Selection will be based on your high school record, your application, recommendations, demonstrated community service or leadership skills, participation in extracurricular activities, and/or work experience. Financial need and membership in high school Future Educators Clubs will also be considerations. Following a review of application materials, a panel of representatives from San Diego City Schools and the San Diego Education Fund will interview finalists.

Funding Level

Funding for recipients attending a local community college is \$1,000 per year. For those attending a local four-year university, funding is \$2,000 per year. Scholarships are renewable each year up to five years based on good academic standing and approved course of study.

For more information, you may call Will Lindwall at (619) 297-5113.

Application Material

Included in this packet you will find the following:

- Scholarship Application Form**. Please complete this form (type or print legibly).
- Application Essay Form**. Complete the essay using your own words.
- Financial Need Evidence Form**. If you have applied for college financial aid, you must include a copy of your financial aid application (FAFSA) that shows family income for 2005. If not, include a copy of your and your parents' most recent Federal Tax Forms without attachments or 2005 W-2 forms.
- Two reference forms**: At least one reference must be from a teacher or your school principal. The other reference may include a teacher, an employer, a religious leader, etc. Parents or family members are not acceptable references unless they are your employer. Distribute one form to each of your two chosen references and ask them to return the completed reference to you. Include these two references in your application packet.
- You must also submit your high school transcript**
- Application Checklist**: Before submitting your application, use the **checklist** to ensure you have completed all the necessary paperwork. You do not need to include the checklist.

Deadline for Receiving Application Materials

Application materials must be received no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday March 8, 2006. Please note: only applications received by the deadline will be considered by the review committee. *Delays in mail service are not an acceptable excuse for lateness.*

Time Line for Selection

Notification to applicants will be made after April 19, 2006.

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Application For
School Year 2005-2006

Please type or print legibly

Name: _____

Male/Female: _____ Birthdate: _____

Student ID No.: _____ FEA Club Member: ___yes ___no

FEA Club Member position(s) held: _____

Ethnicity (Optional): _____

School: _____

Weighted GPA: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

High School
Counselor/Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

Local college or university you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Intended major: _____

Number of family members living at home: _____ Attending college: _____

Total family income: _____

___ Under \$20,000 ___ \$20,000-\$35,000 ___ \$35,000-\$50,000

___ \$50,000-\$65,000 ___ Over \$65,000

At which grade level are you interested in teaching:

Elementary (K-6) ___ Middle/Junior High (6-8)___ Senior High (10-12)___

Undecided ___

If you checked middle/junior high or senior high, which subject(s) are you interested in teaching? _____

List any community service activities in which you have participated (e.g., working for a charity organization, church or other volunteer work):

List extracurricular activities you have been involved in and indicate your role (e.g., class treasurer, member of the Science Club, cheerleading, sports, clubs [other than FEA], etc.)

List any work experience below:

Name of
Employer

Dates of
Employment

Hours
per Week

Is there something we should know about you that is not revealed in the preceding questions that would help us to decide to give you a scholarship?

My signature below certifies that all information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I intend to pursue a course of study leading to a teaching credential. Upon completion of my college and credential program, I will seek employment with the San Diego Unified School District. I agree to a possible selection interview, and if selected, I am willing to participate in news-related publicity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Return this form along with your essay, financial need evidence, references, and transcript to:

**Attn: Will Lindwall
San Diego City Schools
Eugene Brucker Education Center, Room 3251
4100 Normal Street
San Diego, CA 92103-2682**

APPLICATION ESSAY for San Diego Education Fund Scholarship

Name: _____ Date: _____

In the space below, (or as an attachment) personally write a short, two or three paragraph essay which describes why you would like to become a teacher and how receiving a scholarship would bring you closer to achieving this goal.

FUTURE EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM

The person whose name appears below has applied for a scholarship to begin studies toward a teaching credential. Please complete the information below and return to the student who requested this reference.

Applicant's Name: _____

Your relationship to applicant: _____

How long have you known applicant? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In two or three short paragraphs, please indicate why or why not the applicant deserves a scholarship award to become a teacher. Your observations should be focused on those qualities possessed (or not) by the applicant necessary to be a potential educator: desire to teach, leadership, warmth, ability to communicate effectively, persistence, dedication, intellectual curiosity, and academic achievement.

Overall recommendation (please check one):

____ Excellent potential ____ Good potential ____ Fair potential

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San Diego Unified School District / San Diego Education Fund

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CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to be sure you have completed all parts of the application process.

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- Two references
- Official copy of your high school transcript
- Did you send the application packet to:

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