



ELK GROVE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**P. O. Box 2021
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TO: Senior Students and Their Parents

FROM: Elk Grove Community Foundation Scholarship Program

SUBJECT: Scholarship Opportunities

The Elk Grove Community Foundation 501(c)3 non-profit organization has been growing the number and value of scholarships we administer over the past 25 years. Our 60 volunteers and board members work closely with all schools within the Elk Grove Unified School District. Our goal is to “help make the reality of a college education a dream come true.”

Through the years, we have been fortunate to work with creative and generous individuals and groups who are committed to helping grow available scholarships. As an example, employees of the Elk Grove Unified School District contribute to a scholarship fund each year. In 2008, they raised enough money to distribute \$1,000 scholarships to 29 students.

We have over 200 scholarships available primarily for senior within the Elk Grove Unified School District area. In the spring of 2008, we gave out \$168,000 in scholarship awards.

The sources of our scholarships come from families, individuals, businesses, charitable trusts, and Elk Grove Unified School District employees. Some of them are annual donations, but most are endowments that pay out every year.

What types of scholarships are available? Each scholarship has its own criteria established by the donor. You are encouraged to apply for the scholarships that meet your goals. Although your career choices may not be definite, there are scholarships for general education as well as many different majors including art, teaching, agriculture, auto mechanics, engineering, business, economics, liberal arts, law, technical, journalism, computer science, telecommunications, and more.

Scholarships are available for students planning on going to a technical school, community college, or four-year public or private university. Each scholarship has different criteria.

A college education has been proven to increase your average earnings based upon level of education.

- ◆ A high school graduate will average an annual salary of \$30,000
- ◆ A four-year college degree will average an annual salary of \$60,000.
- ◆ A master's degree will increase that level to an annual salary of \$65,000.

A college education is an investment that pays off.

The need for financial assistance is great. If you attend a local community college as a full-time student in 2008, you will pay \$4,700 per year for tuition, books, fees, and transportation. CSUS is \$15,000 per year for tuition, books, and fees per year; UC Davis is \$24,000 per year; and University of Pacific is \$40,000 per year.

We hope you will take advantage of the scholarship offerings of the Elk Grove Community Foundation to help provide you with financial assistance and receive recognition for your achievements.

The application period for these scholarships is December 1, 2008 through January 23, 2009. How do you apply?

- ◆ Contact your school career counselor and/or technician
- ◆ Contact the Elk Grove Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2021, Elk Grove, CA 95759. Telephone: 916-685-7118
- ◆ Seek information about Elk Grove Community Foundation application process, list of scholarships, and criteria from website:
www.egcommunityfoundation.org

You must submit a separate application for each scholarship you apply for. Most scholarships say financial need preferred by not required. Your school is represented in the selection process. Once you are notified of your selection, you and your family are invited to a special event on May 7, 2009, called "Spotlight on Excellence" to present the award and recognize your accomplishments.

May you have success and positive memories from your senior year.

Best Wishes,



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Vice President