

## 2011 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR GED HOLDERS

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must be born outside the United States or have two parents born outside the United States.
- Must be a resident of the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia.
- Must have received a GED in the last two years.
- Must enroll at an accredited public college or university in 2011.

### Application Materials

- Completed and signed application form
- Copy of GED score report
- Two letters of recommendation
- One essay
- GED Program transcript (if available)
- Copy of SAT or ACT score report (if available)

### Selection Criteria and Process

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on qualities traditionally valued and demonstrated by the immigrant community: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to one's community. A committee drawn from the local community will review applications and select a group of finalists for interviews.

March 31	Application materials due
May 1	Finalists notified
May 7-8 / May 14-15	Interviews
May 16	Scholarship recipients notified

### Scholarship Conditions

Scholarships will be disbursed directly to the recipient's educational institution. Failure to comply with the following conditions may result in the suspension or revocation of scholarship awards.

- Remain in good standing and maintain a 2.5 grade point average.
- Submit yearly progress reports to the Esperanza Education Fund.
- Participate in mentoring provided by the Esperanza Education Fund.

### Additional Information

- Application forms are available at <http://apps.esperanzafund.org/2011/GED/Application.pdf>
- Questions can be directed to [apply@esperanzafund.org](mailto:apply@esperanzafund.org).
- Application materials must be postmarked and mailed by March 31 to:

The Esperanza Education Fund, Inc.  
P.O. Box 27507  
Washington, D.C. 20038

**2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR GED HOLDERS**

\* Please read the information sheet first. Fill in the application form completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please type or print neatly using blue or black ink.

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

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First Name

Last Name

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Street Address

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City

State

Zip Code

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Phone Number

Email Address

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Date of Birth

Place of Birth

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Number of Years in the United States

National Origin

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Race

Gender

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First Language Spoken

Other Languages Spoken

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Mother's Place of Birth

Father's Place of Birth

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Mother's Highest Educational Attainment  
(some high school / high school diploma / some college / college degree / postgraduate degree)

Father's Highest Educational Attainment

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Annual Household Income

Number of Persons in Household

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1. Please list your current sources of financial support, including any income from your parents or other family members. If you are living with your parents or other family members, please list their occupations. Please list your current financial obligations, including any dependents you may have.

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2. Please explain the total amount it will cost for you to complete your chosen course of study by filling out the chart below. If you do not have exact figures, please estimate.

<u>Expense</u>		<u>Number of Semesters</u>		<u>Total Cost</u>
Tuition	\$ _____	x _____	=	_____
Room and Board	\$ _____	x _____	=	_____
Other School Fees	\$ _____	x _____	=	_____
Books and Supplies	\$ _____	x _____	=	_____
Other	\$ _____	x _____	=	_____
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>=</b>	_____

3. How do you plan to pay for your college education?

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**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

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GED Score*	Date of GED Attainment	Test Location: City	State
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GED Program Attended (if any)	City	State
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Last High School Attended (if any)	City	State
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Dates of Attendance	Grade Point Average (if available)*	SAT/ACT Score (if available)*
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Anticipated College or University	City	State
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Degree Sought (Bachelor's Degree/Associate's Degree)

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Anticipated Enrollment Date	Anticipated Graduation Date
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Anticipated Program/Course of Study	Program Length (if pursued full-time)
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Attendance Plan (Full-Time/Part-Time)	Number of Credits Per Semester
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\* Please send a copy of your GED score report, any program or school transcripts, and a copy of your SAT or ACT score report (if available).

Please describe the circumstances that led you to obtain a GED instead of completing high school.

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**EMPLOYMENT AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

Please list any jobs, including summer employment and internships, that you have held in the last four years. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Employer	Position	Hours/Week	Dates

**ACTIVITIES**

Please list any extracurricular activities, including community service and volunteer projects, in which you have participated in the last four years. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Activity	Description of Participation	Dates

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Please list any honors and awards, including those for academic achievement, employment, activities, and community service, that you have received in the last four years. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Honor/Award	Description	Date

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two signed letters of recommendation are required. Letters can be from any adult who knows you well, such as a teacher, counselor, mentor, coach, employer, community leader, or religious leader. Letters should describe the context in which the recommender knows you, your potential for success, and how you demonstrate one or more qualities traditionally valued by the immigrant community: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to one's community. Letters of recommendation should be enclosed in individual sealed envelopes and mailed along with your application materials in one large envelope.

Please list the individuals who will submit letters of recommendation on your behalf.

### First Recommender

_____		
First Name	Last Name	
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Title	Institution	
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Address		
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City	State	Zip Code
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Phone Number	Email Address	

### Second Recommender

_____		
First Name	Last Name	
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Title	Institution	
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Address		
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City	State	Zip Code
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Phone Number	Email Address	

## ESSAYS

Two essays are required. Essays must be typed and double-spaced, and may not exceed 750 words each. The essays offer you an opportunity to share your story and to distinguish yourself as a candidate. You may choose two of the three following essay topics:

1. Describe how you exhibit one or more qualities traditionally valued and demonstrated by the immigrant community: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to one's community.
2. Describe your academic and career goals and how a scholarship from the Esperanza Education Fund will help you achieve those goals.
3. Describe how your experience as an immigrant or a child of immigrants has affected your life and how it will contribute to your future success.

## CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION

I certify that I meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- I was born outside the United States or have two parents born outside the United States.
- I currently live in the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia.
- I received my GED within the last two years.
- I will enroll at an accredited public college or university in 2011.

I further certify that the information in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the essays submitted with this application are my own work. I understand that scholarships awarded by the Esperanza Education Fund are contingent on enrollment at an accredited public college or university, and that a scholarship may be revoked if any information in this application is found to be false.

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Print Name

Signature

Date

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