

“DREAM BIG” SCHOLARSHIP 2012

Description: The “Dream Big” Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 by the Seattle Housing Authority Higher Education Project to provide scholarship support for qualified students living in Low-Income Public Housing or in Section 8 households in Seattle.

Availability: Two or more \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2012.

Eligibility: (*Applicants should meet all of the criteria below*)

- Resident of Seattle Housing Authority Low-Income Public Housing or Section 8 participant in Seattle;
- Minimum GPA of 2.5;
- Under age 21 and will have graduated from high school or obtained a GED by Fall, 2012;
- Plan to attend college full-time in the next academic year: a community college, including technical school, or a four-year institution of higher education.

Distribution of scholarship funds:

- Paid directly to the school for tuition and fees for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Scholarship selection process:

Scholarship recipients are selected by a committee from the Seattle Housing Authority Higher Education Project through review of completed application materials.

Deadline to apply: Application postmarked or delivered to SHA-HEP (address included on the application page) by **5 PM Monday, May 14, 2012.**

Questions?

Call Brett Houghton at (206) 343-7484, or e-mail to Bhoughton@Seattlehousing.org

"DREAM BIG" SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Applicants to the Dream Big Scholarship **must** be a resident of Seattle Housing Authority Low-Income Public Housing or Section 8 participant in Seattle.
Others will not be considered.*

Name: _____
(first) (middle initial) (last)

Address: _____

(city) (zip)

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

I live in the following public housing program (check one that applies):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Income Public Housing High Rise,
Building Name: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Rainier Vista |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedarvale Village | <input type="checkbox"/> Yesler Terrace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson Park Village | <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Point | <input type="checkbox"/> Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher
Program) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NewHolly | |

I will/have graduate(d) from _____, in _____.
(name of school) (month / year)

I will/have attain(ed) a GED from _____, in _____.
(name of institution/program) (month / year)

I am currently enrolled in higher education at _____.
(name of college/program)

- I have enclosed my personal statement or project.
- I have enclosed two letters of recommendation.
- I have enclosed my most up to date official high school transcript.
- I have enclosed an official college transcript (if applicable).

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Return completed application packet to:
"DREAM BIG" Scholarship Committee
c/o Youth Tutoring Program/SHA Higher Education Project
825 Yesler Way
Seattle, WA 98104

Application packet must include:

1. One of the following typewritten and double space:
 - a. A **personal statement** of not more than 1000 words telling:
 - i. why you want to pursue post secondary education,
 - ii. what qualities you possess that will make you successful,
 - iii. what motivates you to go to college, and
 - iv. any specific interest or future plans that relate to attaining your degree or certificate.

It may also include life experiences you have had that relate to your student success.

- b. A **project** which demonstrates creativity, talent or a visible achievement accompanied by a 300 – 350 word explanation of the project and how it relates to why you want to pursue a college education.
2. Two letters of recommendation. One must be from a teacher. The other may be from a counselor or another adult community member who is not a relative (need not be in English). Letters should include:
 - a. Direct knowledge of your achievements and character, and
 - b. Highlight qualities you have that will help you be a successful student.
3. The most up to date official high school transcript.
4. An official college transcript (if applicable).
5. A complete scholarship application form.