

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE D.S.I.S.D.**

**Note:** Application instructions are attached. Please read prior to completing this application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

List your extracurricular activities and organizations (Identify any offices held, accomplishments as an officer, awards received, and special activities): \_\_\_\_\_

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List your employment history, including employer name and position(s) held: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any community and/or religious organization to which you belong, offices you have held and special activities in which you have participated:

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What has been the most rewarding personal achievement in your life? Why?

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What character traits or qualities do you look for in team members when *you are the team leader*?

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What character traits or qualities do you expect in a team leader when *you are a team member*? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Spring, 2009

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: D.S.I.S.D EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**Application Contents:** Applicants must submit an application packet containing **ALL** of the following:

1. Completed application (printed or typed). You may complete the application on separate pages, if necessary. A resume may be used **only** to supplement a completed application.
2. Current transcript with class ranking, GPA, & SAT or ACT scores (available from counselor's office).
3. Three letters of recommendation addressed to the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, as follow:
  - One from a current or former teacher
  - One from a coach OR an extracurricular sponsor OR a community service sponsor
  - One from a community member or family member
4. An essay (limited to 750 words) explaining your understanding of leadership achievement. Include examples of leaders who have personally affected your life, explaining how their achievements influenced you and others.
5. Submit the completed application to the High School Counselor's Office, marked as follows:

**Attention: Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee**

**NOTE: APPLICATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009**

**Selection Criteria:** The criteria for all scholarships emphasize the demonstration of community and school involvement, character, accomplishments and their recognition by peers, teachers, and the community. Leadership level scholarships should additionally demonstrate the applicant's leadership accomplishments in school and the community. These criteria include the following:

- Life accomplishments
- Extracurricular activities
- Interview
- Community Service
- Demonstrated character
- Demonstrated leadership
- Academic achievements
- Application and Essay

**Selection Process:** Each application will be considered for all scholarships. The applications will be reviewed, scored and a select group of applicants will be invited to the Interview phase. The selected applicants will be notified by phone and/or mail and/or e-mail, and an individual interview schedule will be developed for April. Finalists for the Outstanding and Excellence Scholarships will be selected from the first round of interviews. A second round of interviews will then be used to select the Outstanding Leadership Scholarship recipients and the Excellence in Leadership Scholarship recipient.

**Background:** Each year the Educational Foundation (the Foundation) of the D.S.I.S.D. awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors for post-secondary (e.g., university, community college, technical trade school, etc.) education. The Foundation is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1992 and is governed by a board of directors whose members are drawn from the community. The Foundation encourages all students planning a post-secondary education to apply. The Foundation awards three types of scholarships, as follow: a) Recognized Accomplishment - \$500.00 each; b) Outstanding Leadership - \$1,000.00; and c) Excellence in Leadership - \$5,000.00.

**Questions:** Specific questions concerning the application or selection process should be directed to Frank Pennington, Scholarship Committee Chair, at 512-858-7437 or to the High School Counselor.

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