



COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY JANUARY 8, 2010

Thank you for your interest in applying for the College Bound Opportunities (CBO) mentoring and scholarship program. We are a not-for-profit organization that provides qualifying students from Highland Park and Deerfield High Schools with personal coaching and a monetary scholarship. In the four years since its origination, CBO has assisted 53 students in realizing their goal of a college education.

To qualify as a CBO scholar, you must be a high school junior living in District 113. You should have a strong academic record with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or greater, and you must also demonstrate real financial need.

If you are selected as a CBO scholar, you will be paired with a CBO mentor who will assist you with the college admission process. Your mentor will work with you, your family, and your guidance and college counselors to help you determine which college is best for you both academically and financially. Your mentor may also help you complete applications for admission and financial aid. Your mentor will continue to coach you during your four years of college.

CBO also offers you the opportunity to earn a monetary scholarship that is renewable each year of college, providing you maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 and carry the minimum number of credit hours each semester that will allow you to graduate in four years.

Before completing the attached application, please read the attached CBO High School and College Contract (pages 11 & 12) to which all recipients must adhere during high school and college in order to maintain scholarship privileges.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

- 1. Please take a few moments to read the requirements of our program before filling out the application.**
- 2. Fill out all of the pages of the application in their entirety, *including the essay question on page 8.***
- 3. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident in order to apply. If you are a permanent resident, you must provide your Resident ID # and a copy of your permanent resident card.**
- 4. You must also provide a teacher/counselor evaluation. Submit the enclosed form along with an envelope to a teacher/counselor that is most qualified to provide the required information. Instruct this person to return the completed form back to you before the application deadline of January 8, 2010. You will then include this evaluation with your completed application.**
- 5. Return all materials to:**

**Aliza Gilbert (Highland Park High School)
Marybeth Kravets (Deerfield High School)**

DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 8, 2010



Application for scholarship must be completed and returned by 1/8/10. All information must be filled in or application cannot be considered. If an item is not applicable, write N/A. If you have questions, contact your college counselor. CBO welcomes all qualified applicants.

You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident in order to qualify.

Student Information

Legal Name: Enter name exactly as it appears on official documents or passport.

First _____ Last _____ Suffix (Jr. etc) _____

Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Home phone () _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Cell phone () _____

Place of birth (city, state, country) _____ Gender _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If you are not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident? If yes, Yes ID #: _____
provide resident ID #: No

Ethnicity (optional unless applying for an ethnic-specific scholarship):

Please check all that apply:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American, Chicana/o |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American, Alaskan Native (tribal affiliation _____ enrolled _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian, including Indian Subcontinent | <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latina/o, Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Current High School Information

School name _____ Guidance counselor _____

Graduation date (mm/yy) _____ Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) _____ Cumulative GPA (5.0 scale) _____

Test Information

ACT score _____ PLAN score _____

Activities (Do not abbreviate activity names. List dates of participation in mm/yy or season/yy format.)

School Activities: List high school-related activities in which you have participated

Activity	Office(s) Held	Dates of Participation	Hours per Week

Community/ Volunteer Activities: List community activities in which you have participated without pay

Organization	Activity/Service	Dates of Participation	Hours per Week

Awards/Honors: List awards or honors you have received and briefly explain their significance.

Award/Honor	Significance	Date Received

Employment: List any jobs you have held during your high school years, including summers.

Employer	Job/Type of Work	From (mm/yy)	To (mm/yy)	Hours per Week

Family Information

PRIMARY HOUSEHOLD MEMBER (LIVING IN HOME)

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(Circle the Correct One)

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Mother Step-Mother Guardian

Father Step-Father Guardian

Name (First and Last) _____

Date of Death (if applicable) _____

Country of Birth _____

Highest Level of Education _____

Employer's Name _____

Occupation _____

Parent's Marital Status Married Divorced Widowed Separated Never Married

If divorced, separated or never married: NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT

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(Circle the Correct One)

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Mother Step-Mother

Father Step-Father

Name (First and Last) _____

Date of Death (if applicable) _____

Country of Birth _____

Highest Level of Education _____

Employer's Name _____

Occupation _____

Parent or Guardian's Dependent Children (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Name	Age	\$ Tuition (If applicable)	\$ You Pay (If applicable)	School Attending Next Year
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Are additional dependent children listed on attached sheet? No Yes

Estimated Family Income Section (dollars only)

All information below is to be based on current year (2009) estimates.

Primary Earner (Total Income) \$ _____

Name _____

Secondary Earner (Total Income if living in home) \$ _____

Name _____

Non-custodial Father/Mother Income (if applicable) \$ _____

Child Support Per Year (if applicable) \$ _____

Social Security Benefits (if applicable) \$ _____

ADC or General Assistance (if applicable) \$ _____

TOTAL FAMILY INCOME \$ _____

Extraordinary Expenses for 2009

Medical/Dental \$ _____

Legal Fees \$ _____

Other (please explain) \$ _____

Other Financial Information

If own home, estimated equity in home \$ _____

Total amount in savings accounts, stocks,
bonds or other investments \$ _____

Total amount in IRAs or college funds \$ _____

Complete the following sentences (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

My happiest time was ...

I am most concerned about ...

What would you like for us to know about you?

From what you know about CBO mentoring, how do you think it could benefit you?

If you did not have the resources of CBO, how would you gain admission to college?

Write a 1-page essay on “Why you think you are the ideal candidate for the College Bound Opportunity scholarship.”

Required Certifications

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for the release of application materials (excluding financial information) for promotional purposes.

Signature of
Applicant _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Certification

I certify that I have reviewed the Application Checklist in the *Application Instructions* and that all requested information has been provided. I certify that the family and financial information provided in the application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Signature of
Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Release of Information (must be signed by applicant AND parent or guardian)

By signing this application, I hereby (i) formally authorize any recipient of any portion of this document to provide any and all information of any kind whatsoever requested to College Bound Opportunities or any of its agents, employees, or representatives, and (ii) forever release any of the entities or individuals seeking or providing any such information from any and all claims or damages that I may or actually do sustain as a result of seeking or providing any such information.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of
Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Complete and return this Application before 1/8/10 to:

Aliza Gilbert at Highland Park High School (224) 765-2055 agilbert@dist113.org

Marybeth Kravets at Deerfield High School (224) 632-3061 mkravets@dist113.org



**College Bound Opportunities
2009-2010 Scholarship Application**

Teacher/Counselor Evaluation

Student Name: _____

This student is applying for a College Bound Opportunity Scholarship.

College Bound Opportunities (CBO) is a not-for-profit organization that is primarily supported by individuals and organizations in the north suburban communities of Chicago. We provide students with proven academic potential and real financial need, the opportunity to pursue a college degree through a monetary scholarship and one-on-one mentoring with a CBO mentor.

Please complete the attached evaluation of this student to your best ability. Place the completed evaluation form in the attached envelope, seal it and return it to the student. Scholarships will be awarded based upon the student's transcript, personal essay, individual interview, and your evaluation.

Thank you for your help.

NAME _____

E-MAIL _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS STUDENT? _____

IN WHAT CAPACITY? _____

(go to second page of evaluation form)



Evaluation Form, Continued

Ratings: Compared to other students in his or her class year, how do you rate this student:

No basis Below Avg. Average Good (above avg.) Very Good (well above average) Excellent (top 10%) Outstanding (top 5%) One of the few I've encountered

Academic Achievement							
Intellectual promise							
Quality of writing							
Creative, original thought							
Productive class discussion							
Respect accorded by faculty							
Disciplined work habits							
Maturity							
Motivation							
Leadership							
Integrity							
Reaction to setbacks							
Concern for others							
Self-confidence							
Initiative, independence							
OVERALL							

Evaluation

Please write whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal characteristics, as demonstrated in your classroom. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others. (Feel free to attach an additional sheet or another reference you may have prepared on behalf of this student.)



CBO STUDENT CONTRACT HIGH SCHOOL

Please review the following pre-requisites for obtaining a CBO Scholarship before completing the application:

- 1. All CBO students must have a mentor. CBO will assign you a mentor, who will assist you with your college search, application and financial aid processes, as well as monitor your progress while you are in college.**
- 2. While in high school you must maintain a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher.**
- 3. Attendance at all CBO sponsored ACT tutorial programs is mandatory.**
- 4. All other CBO sponsored classes and meetings are also mandatory.**
- 5. Work with your CBO mentor and high school college counselor to identify those colleges that will offer you the most comprehensive financial aid package.**
- 6. Apply for additional college scholarships through your high school college resource center.**
- 7. Respond to all e-mails, phone calls and texts related to CBO matters within 24 hours of receipt. Meet or speak with your mentor at least twice each month.**
- 8. Continue to demonstrate high motivation, strength of character and responsibility at school, work and in the community.**



COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES STUDENT COLLEGE CONTRACT

College students who are CBO scholars are required to comply with all of the rules listed below. You will receive two non-compliance warnings. With the third non-compliance, your scholarship may be reduced or denied and you will be removed from the program.

- 1. Maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0. Carry the minimum number of credit hours within your major each semester that keeps you on track to graduate in four years. You may not drop a class without first consulting with your coach and/or college advisor.**
- 2. Provide the CBO Executive Director the following information via e-mail on the first day of each month or whenever asked:**
 - * Grade Status**
 - * Financial Status**
- 3. When borrowing monies for college, utilize only Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized or Perkins loans whenever possible. *Go over all loans with our Executive Director before signing any loan documents.***
- 4. Apply early for work-study on campus. If not available, secure a part-time job within the campus community.**
- 5. When home on breaks and summer vacations, be available to meet with younger CBO students to share experiences and knowledge.**
- 6. Continue to demonstrate high motivation, strength of character and responsibility.**