

2017 - APPLICATION

Overview and instructions



ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP

We have the pleasure of announcing the reopening of the 2017 College Dream Fund Scholarship. The College Dream Fund is a scholarship program founded in 2010 by a group of community leaders and led by Dr. Jim Young to help undocumented students. This year, Youth 2 Leaders, in partnership with the Migrant Program Region V and the Mexican Consulate of Fresno, will continue the great work that the College Dream Fund has done for deserving students in Kern County. Students must be planning to attend in Spring 2018 and carry a minimum of 12 semester units or 9 quarter units. All students who have graduated from a Kern County High School are welcome to apply. The amount of the scholarship is \$500 per academic year, and will be based on the students UNMET NEED as determined by their Financial Aid Office of the school that they will be attending in the 2017/2018 academic year, so it is crucial for applicants to file their FAFSA by the March 2nd priority deadline. We strongly encourage that all students, regardless of financial need, apply. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the month of February 2018.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must have graduated from a Kern County High School
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Must be working on, or planning to work on an Undergraduate Degree
- Must be attending a Community College, College or University

INSTRUCTIONS

- This application is available online in PDF Format at www.y2lef.org
- Please mail the following documents in **one, complete application packet** (no paperclips or staples, name at the top of every page):
 - **Scholarship Application**-Make sure your entire application packet is complete and legible. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered. ONLY TYPED applications will be accepted.
 - **Personal Statement**- No more than two pages, typed, double spaced, 12 point font, Times or Ariel font.
 - Current, **Unofficial Transcript** with cumulative GPA
 - Copy of the **Student Aid Report** (SAR) from the FAFSA, if available.
 - If you are an AB540 student, please submit the California Aid Report (CAR) at the end of your CA Dream Act Application. A copy of the CAR be found online at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> and accessed by logging into the student's account.
 - The SAR or CAR must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).
 - A copy of the SAR can be found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and accessed by logging into the student's FAFSA account.
 - **Two Letters of Recommendation**- Letters should be sealed in envelopes and signed by the letter writer before being included in the packet to ensure security.
- Please submit your completed application packet to the following address:

Mail to:
Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation
ATTN: CDFS
PO Box 9051
Bakersfield, CA 93389

Hand Deliver to:
Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation
ATTN: CDFS
1701 Westwind Drive, Suite #116
Bakersfield, CA 93301

The Postmark Deadline is January 31, 2018
Hand-Delivered Application Deadline is January 31, 2018 at 5:00pm.

SELECTION & NOTIFICATION

Scholarships will be awarded based on a comprehensive evaluation considering your academic potential, personal background (i.e. program participation, low-income, first generation, extracurricular activities, etc.) and official Letters of Recommendation. Selected Students will be announced in February 2018.

If awarded, recipients will need to submit a copy of their official Financial Aid Award Package, Fall 2018 college/university course schedule, preliminary academic plan, and other documents as requested.



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Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Date of Birth _____ GPA _____ Gender: M ___ F ___

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
(____) _____ - _____ (____) _____ - _____
Home Number Mobile Number

Email Address _____

High School Attending _____

Ethnicity _____

Country of Birth _____

How many Years in the US? _____

Mother's Country of Birth: _____

Father's Country of Birth: _____

Parent Education Level: (check the highest level completed)

Mother:
____ Below Middle School ____ High School ____ Some College
____ College Graduate ____ Post Graduate

Father:
____ Below Middle School ____ High School ____ Some College
____ College Graduate ____ Post Graduate

Have you completed the FAFSA? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you an AB540 Student? ____ Yes ____ No

(If Yes) Have you completed the California Dream Act? ____ Yes ____ No

Estimated Household Income: \$ _____

FAFSA/CA Dream Act EFC : _____

Household Size: _____ Number in College 2018/19 _____

Are you or have you ever been a Foster Youth, Homeless, or Unaccompanied Youth? ____ Yes ____ No

Please answer the following Yes/No questions:

Which program(s) are you currently or have been a part of?

Y/N Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program

Y/N Southern San Joaquin Cal-SOAP

Y/N Migrant Education Region V Program

COE#: _____

Y/N California Children's Services (Kern County)

Please list extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school (sports, clubs, academic programs, employment, etc.), the years you participated, and the role you played in the organization. Separate Resume's or Additional Lists are NOT permitted. Please prioritize.

Activity: _____

Role: _____
Grade: ____ 9th ____ 10th ____ 11th ____ 12th

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Do you have a part-time job? ____ yes ____ no

Employer: _____

Hours worked/week: _____

Please RANK College/Universities you have or plan to apply to. Begin with you FIRST CHOICE:

1. School: _____ Have you been Accepted? ____ Yes ____ No
2. School: _____ Have you been Accepted? ____ Yes ____ No
3. School: _____ Have you been Accepted? ____ Yes ____ No
4. School: _____ Have you been Accepted? ____ Yes ____ No

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Personal Statement

For the following section please type your response on a separate sheet of paper. Use Arial or Times font, 12-point size, double space and 1 inch margins. Responses should be no longer than two typed pages for the entire personal statement section. DO NOT hand write.

PROMPT: Describe obstacles that you have faced and overcome in your lifetime. Please address how your home life, financial circumstances, medical condition, or other obstacle have shaped your dreams and aspirations.

Letters of Recommendation

To complete this application you must include two letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters must be from a school official (teacher, counselor, etc.). The second letter may be from a school official, employer, volunteer supervisor, religious leader, etc. but may NOT be from a family member. Expected topics of discussion are character, dedication or work ethic, and why they believe you will succeed in college. Note: These letters will be scored individually and must be official. No generic letters please.

Consent Form

By signing and submitting this form, I authorize YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION to share all information held by YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION relating to me, including all information I provide in my application including, but not limited to, personal information, such as my name, mailing address, email address and date of birth, and information relating to any financial aid awarded to me and my attendance at any higher education institution (together, my "Personal Information"), with the College Access Foundation of California (CAFC) for the purpose of researching and evaluating scholarships and programs, and to better enable young people to attend college and university. I further authorize CAFC to share my Personal Information (including my name and birth date) with the National Student Clearinghouse in order to verify my enrollment in and attendance at any higher education program to which I am admitted. I also authorize CAFC to share relevant portions of my Personal Information with (i) governmental agencies responsible for administering public financial aid programs. Including the California student Aid Commission, so that CAFC can obtain information on financial aid I receive or may be entitled, (ii) any higher education institution to which I am admitted so that CAFC can verify my enrollment and obtain information on my academic progress (including transcripts). (iii) CAFC's third party service providers, such as CAFC's or YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION's data management system provider, (iv) research institutions which undertake research on strategies to increase access to and successful completion of higher education programs, where transcripts and similar information are analyzed by such research institutions, so that CAFC can obtain information on my academic progress towards a degree or transfer to a four year degree awarding institution, and (v) any other administrative, law enforcement or governmental agencies to the extent required by order or requirement of a court or such administrative, law enforcement or governmental agency.

This authorization will remain in effect until I revoke it, which I may do at any time by contacting YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION at 661.374.8817 or by emailing info@y2lef.org. Any waiver, modification or amendment of this form will be effective only if acknowledged by CAFC. Further, I understand that YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION will maintain a record of this form, that I am entitled to request and receive a copy, and that I may wish to make a copy of this form for my own records.

This form will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, excluding that body of law known as conflict of laws. If any provision of this form is found to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible and the other provisions will remain in full force and effect. Failure to enforce any provision of the form will not constitute a waiver of future enforcement of that or any other provision. This form may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Parent's Signature (if student is under 18): _____ Date: _____
Student Signature: _____