
BERKELEY

COMMUNITY FUND

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2012

The Berkeley Community Fund's scholarship programs are designed to provide financial and personal support for deserving and resilient Berkeley public high school students attending 4-year colleges on a full-time basis. This year, between 12 and 15 scholarships of \$16,000 – payable in installments of \$4,000 per year for four years – will be awarded, based on demonstrated financial need, academic and personal achievement. Funds awarded by the Berkeley Community Fund (BCF) may be used for tuition, books, room and board and incidental expenses in connection with the recipient's college education.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

The Berkeley Community Fund administers different programs:

1) **High Hopes Scholarships:** Four-year need-based scholarships (\$4,000 per year) awarded to Berkeley public high school students who will begin attending a 4-year college full-time in the Fall of 2012. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA over 2.5 in high school. Their high school work, including the courses they have taken and their extracurricular and outside activities, must demonstrate that they are ready for the challenge of college. These awards include individual mentoring and require recipients to be involved with BCF programs and events during their college years. High Hopes Scholars must remain enrolled full-time in college with a cumulative GPA over 2.25 to continue to receive these funds.

2) **The Berkeley High Class of 1951/BCF Scholarship.** Applicants for the Class of 1951 High Hopes Scholarship must have a cumulative **GPA of at least 3.5** and must attend a 4-year college in the Fall of 2012 on a full-time basis.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- BCF will consider financial need, the application package and personal statement and recommendations. We will be looking for academic achievement, reflected in the required GPA in a challenging mix of courses throughout high school; other activities including in-school positions, particularly those that reflect leadership and initiative; community service activities and/or work experience. All finalists will be contacted and interviewed before the awards are made.

AWARD PROCEDURE:

The scholarship committee will review all applications that are submitted by the deadline of **April 9, 2012** and will invite finalists for an interview on **May 11, 2012**. Recipients will be notified of BCF's decision no later than May 17, 2012, subject to confirmation of other financial resources, including scholarships and loans. All recipients will be honored at an Awards Ceremony, with their friends and families, on **June 4, 2012**.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. Completed scholarship application, including Personal Essay. Applications can be downloaded at: <http://www.berkfund.org> beginning on January 19, 2012 or picked up at the BHS College/Career Center. Applications must be submitted in hard-copy form. **NO ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
2. School transcripts (official or unofficial) from all high schools attended **showing your GPA.**
3. Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) with expected family contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA. If a student is not eligible under FAFSA, he or she should explain and will still be considered by BCF.
4. Letters of recommendation from two adults: One familiar with applicant's academic achievement and one (not a relative) familiar with applicant's activities outside the classroom.

In addition to these materials, at the interview, candidates will be expected to provide information on the financial aid package or packages offered to them by colleges they are considering. BCF will not award any scholarship until the student provides all financial aid information.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 9, 2012.
AND MAILED TO:**

Berkeley Community Fund
Scholarship Application
2111 Martin Luther King Jr Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

OR: Delivered BY HAND no later than NOON on APRIL 9, 2012 to:

Angela Price or Skyler Barton
Berkeley High School
College/Career Center

REMEMBER TO KEEP A COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION.

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“High Hopes” Scholarships 2012 Application

High Hopes Scholarship Program:

- **\$16,000 scholarship**, awarded over four years (\$2,000 per semester per year)
- **Individual mentor through four years of college**
- **College counseling, life skills training, a supportive community**
- **Obligation to give back to the community, communicate with your donor and mentor and attend BCF events during summers and school breaks.**
- **Must attend college full-time and maintain a 2.25 GPA to continue to receive funds.**

Number of Awards: Between 12 and 15

Criteria:

1. **Senior attending Berkeley High School or B-Tech** during the 2011-12 academic year
2. Demonstrated:
 - **Academic preparation** to attend college;
 - **Ability to overcome obstacles** to achieve academic and personal goals;
 - **Quality involvement** with others through work, school, family and/or community.
3. Documented **financial need**
4. A full-time student at a **four-year accredited college or university** in the U.S. in Fall 2012
5. Cumulative minimum **GPA over 2.5** in high school.
6. Must be available for an **interview on Wednesday, May 11, 2012.**
7. Must be available to **attend BCF Awards ceremony on Monday, June 4, 2012.**

Berkeley High School Class of 1951/BCF Scholarship

Same criteria as above, except that the applicant must have a cumulative **GPA over 3.5** in high school.

Checklist for Application & Required Attachments:

PAPER CLIP ALL ITEMS TOGETHER – PLEASE NO STAPLES OR SEALED ENVELOPES (EXCEPT FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION)

- Completed application form**
- Personal essay** – see Section E
- High School academic transcript** (official or unofficial) with cumulative GPA for freshman through Fall 2012 semester.
- Copy of parent(s), step-parent or guardian **2010 or 2011 Federal 1040 Income Tax Return** – see Section D or other requested information on financial need.
- Two recommendation forms in sealed envelopes** - one completed by a teacher and one by an adult (not a relative) who knows about your activities outside the classroom, i.e., coach, club advisor, counselor, community leader, etc. (If you prefer, the recommenders may send the letters directly to Berkeley Community Fund, with your name on the outside of the envelope)

MAIL your application and attachments postmarked no later than April 9, 2012.
to Berkeley Community Fund, Scholarship Application
2111 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

OR

DELIVER your application & attachments no later than NOON on April 9, 2012.
to Elisabeth Sandberg, College/Career Center, Berkeley High School

Questions? Check with the BHS College/Career Center or call Berkeley Community Fund at
(510) 542-2126

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2012 Scholarship Program Application

Deadline: April 9, 2012

I am applying for: (check one or more)

a) High Hopes Scholarship (4 years)

b) Berkeley High Class of 1951 Scholarship

If yes to b) above, my cumulative GPA is over 3.5 _____ (initial here)

SECTION A: Personal Information

PRINT OR TYPE NEATLY

- 1) Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name
- 2) Home Address: _____
Street # and name City Zip Code
- 3) Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
- 4) Email address: _____
- 5) Gender: Female Male 6) Date of Birth: ____/____/____
- 7) How long have you attended Berkeley High? ____ years.
- 8) Check any programs you participate in: Summer Search FACES for the Future
 Upward Bound/TRIO (Mills College) Y Scholars
 Other _____
- 9) Have you **applied for** any other scholarships? ____ If "yes" please identify the grantor and amount
- 10) Have you **received** any other scholarships? ____ If yes, please identify the grantor and the amount
- 11) What ethnicity (ies) do you identify with? _____
If you list more than one, circle the ethnicity with which you most identify.
- 12) Check which status applies to you: U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident
 Documented Non-U.S. Citizen Undocumented
- NOTE: ALL students, whether citizens, permanent residents or undocumented, are eligible to receive a BCF award. This information is collected for BCF purposes only. BCF maintains the confidentiality of its applicants and their families.
- 13) Are you the first member of your family to attend college? Yes No
- 14) Do you have brothers and/or sisters? Yes No
If yes: What are their ages? _____
Has any attended college? _____
If yes: Which college(s)? _____
Dates of attendance: _____
Did he/she graduate? _____

SECTION B: College/University Information

1) Will you enroll full-time at a four-year college/university for Fall 2012? Yes No
(If no, you cannot apply for BCF programs; please talk to the College/Career Center)

2) List your top choices (in order) among the four-year colleges/universities you have applied to for Fall 2012 and indicate if you have visited the campus:

(a) _____ Yes No
Name City State

(b) _____ Yes No
Name City State

(c) _____ Yes No
Name City State

3) If you have already been accepted at any colleges, please list them here:

Have you decided which college you will attend? If so, which one?

4) If you have been accepted at any college, have you been offered a financial aid award? Yes No

If "Yes," please identify the college and attach any documents that describe the financial aid package you have been offered

5) If you know, what major(s) are you interested in and why? (If you are undecided, that's fine too.)

6) Do you have a particular career in mind? If so, what is it and why? If you haven't decided yet, what careers you are interested in exploring?

SECTION C: Activities, Employment and Experiences

Use only the space provided for your answers

1) **Academic and Extracurricular Activities** – List three activities you are/were involved in during high school. Briefly describe your involvement and explain why these activities are/were important or valuable to you. What did you learn from them? How did they change you?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

2) **Employment** – Starting with your most recent job, list three jobs you have held. Indicate whether you were paid or volunteered your services. If you have not yet worked or volunteered, please say so.

Dates

Employer

Hours per week

a) _____

- Paid
- Volunteer

Responsibilities: _____

b) _____

- Paid
- Volunteer

Responsibilities: _____

c) _____

- Paid
- Volunteer

Responsibilities: _____

3) **What is the most important thing you've learned about yourself, your community or the world during your four years of high school?** *(write your answer only in the space below)*

SECTION D: Financial Information

Do not skip any questions! For help, talk to the BHS College/Career Center

- 1) Who currently supports you financially? (whose home do you live in, who pays your bills, who feeds you, etc.)
 ____ Self ____ Parent ____ Step-parent ____ Legal Guardian ____ Other (explain) _____
- 2) Are you an orphan or ward/dependent of the court? No Yes (If yes, attach verification & skip remainder of this page)
- 3) Do you work now? No Yes If yes: How many hours per week? _____
 Monthly income \$_____.
- 4) I have \$_____ in cash, savings, checking or other account(s). (savings bonds, trust account, etc.)
- 5) Check which applies to you:
 Attached is a copy of the Federal 1040 income tax return I have filed or will file for 2011.
 Attached is a copy of my 2010 Federal 1040 income tax return AND my 2011W-2 form.
 I did not file a 2010 income tax return and will not file a 2011 return.
- 6) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian's total annual income in 2011 was: (do not include your income)
 ____ Less than \$25,000 ____ \$26,000-\$50,000 ____ \$51,000-\$80,000 ____ \$81,000-\$100,000 ____ Over \$100,000
- 7) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian's job(s) is: _____

- 8) Check which applies to your family: **(YOU MAY CROSS OUT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS)**
 Attached is a copy of my parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian's 2011 Federal 1040 income tax return.
 Attached is a copy of my parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian's 2010 Federal 1040 income tax return AND their 2011 W-2 forms.
 My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian did not file a 2010 Federal income tax return and will not file a 2011 return.
- 9) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian receives benefits in the amount of \$_____/month.
 These benefits are from: _____ (attach supporting documentation).
- 10) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian has \$_____ in cash, checking, savings or other accounts. (Do not include retirement savings.)
- 11) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian owns _____ home(s) and property.
- 12) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian owns _____ business (es), worth a total of \$_____.
- 13) I have received college scholarships/awards for Fall, 2012 and subsequent years in the following amounts
 You may attach additional pages if necessary (Identify Donor and amount of each as well as any restrictions on use):

- 14) Briefly explain any financial circumstances affecting your ability to attend colleges that are not set out above.

- 15) What is your EFC on the federal FAFSA application? If you do not have an EFC (or don't know what it is), please explain why.

SECTION E: Personal Essay*Follow these directions carefully*

Write a personal essay about yourself. What is important for us to know about you? Tell us about how your background, experiences and efforts have shaped you as a person. We want to hear your voice in your essay. You may want to write about your personal history, a challenge or obstacle you have faced or continue to face, or your goals and dreams. Tell us why you want to go to college and what you hope to learn there. What have you learned in high school? How have you changed? Who or what has helped you develop into the person you are today? What do you want us to remember about you?

Type your essay, **maximum 2 pages**, font size 12, margins $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (.75) and **double spaced**. Sign each page.

Application Checklist:

Please check that you have included all of the following before submitting your application:

- A complete Scholarship Application, with signed Certification (Make sure your name is at the top of every page)
- Transcripts from all schools attended from 9th to 12th grade (official or unofficial) with GPA
- Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) showing expected family contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA or explanation for its unavailability**
- Signed Personal Statement [Section E of Application]
- Letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes) from **two** adults: one familiar with your academic achievement and one (not a relative) familiar with your activities outside the classroom (unless you have asked the recommenders to send the letters directly to Berkeley Community Fund).
- Parent or Guardian's signature on Certification (required on all applications, regardless of age)
- College Advisor's signature on Certification

REMEMBER TO KEEP A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

Questions? Check with the BHS College/Career Center or call Berkeley Community Fund at (510) 542-2126

MAIL your application and attachments postmarked no later than April 9, 2012
to Berkeley Community Fund, Scholarship Application
2111 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

OR

DELIVER your application and attachments no later than NOON on April 9, 2012
to Angela Price or Skyler Barton, BHS, College/Career Center

Name: _____
(Please print)

Certifications

I pledge to use the proceeds from any award made by Berkeley Community Fund for tuition, room and board, books or other expenses directly related to my college education. I understand that if I use the proceeds for purposes unrelated to my college education, the award will be revoked and I will have to repay any funds I have already received from Berkeley Community Fund.

By signing below, I and my family certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and that the financial information provided represents a true picture of my financial need. I and my family understand that willful omission or falsification of any information may disqualify me from consideration. If I receive an award based on a willful omission or falsification in this application, the award will be revoked and I will have to repay any funds I have already received from Berkeley Community Fund.

I also give permission to high school college/university, federal, state or county officials to release to Berkeley Community Fund any information concerning my admission, financial aid, academic and personal circumstances related to this application. If I am awarded a four-year High Hopes Scholarship, I grant permission for the college/university I attend to provide information about my academic performance and scholarship eligibility during my four years of attendance. Additionally, I authorize Berkeley Community Fund to use the information in my application for publicity and media purposes, while respecting my family's privacy.

Applicant's Signature

Father's or Guardian's Signature (required on all applications, regardless of age)

Mother's or Guardian's Signature (required on all applications, regardless of age)

I certify that this student attends Berkeley High School, Class of 2012
and that he/she plans to attend college beginning in the Fall of 2012.

College Advisor's Signature

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**2012 Scholarship Program Application
Teacher Recommendation Form
Deadline: April 9, 2012**

Instructions: Teacher Recommendation

(To be completed by a teacher who knows the student well)

Student: FILL OUT THE BOX AT THE TOP OF THE NEXT PAGE AND GIVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE TWO-PAGE FORM TO YOUR TEACHER. YOU MAY SUBMIT THE COMPLETED RECOMMENDATION IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR APPLICATION SO BE SURE YOU RECEIVE IT BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

Teacher: The Berkeley Community Fund (BCF) helps achieving and resilient public high school seniors go to college and expand their opportunities. BCF's **High Hopes Program** provides four-year need-based scholarships of \$4,000 per year, mentoring, counseling and life skills training for motivated students who are academically and emotionally ready for the challenges of a 4-year college program. These awards require recipients to participate in BCF events that occur during the summer and school breaks, communicate with their mentors and donors and give back to the Berkeley community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Your recommendation is an important part of the application process. To insure confidentiality, please seal your recommendation in an envelope and sign it across the seal. You may return the envelope to the applicant to submit with the rest of the application or mail it yourself to:

Berkeley Community Fund
Scholarship Recommendation for _____
2111 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

If you are submitting the recommendation yourself, please make sure that the applicant's name is included on the envelope.

The completed form must be postmarked by April 9, 2012. If you have questions, please call BCF at 510-542-2126 or email at info@berkfund.org.

Please answer all questions on the form. If you cannot answer a question, please explain why.

3. Have you seen the student respond to challenging academic or personal issues? Has he or she sought help from others? Do you know how the student responds to new experiences or stressful situations?

4. Is there anything else we should know about this student?

Signature

Date

Instructions: Recommendation Form

*(To be completed by an adult **[not a relative]**
who knows the applicant well outside the classroom, i.e.,
coach, club advisor, church or community leader, employer, mentor, etc.)*

Student: FILL OUT THE BOX AT THE TOP OF THE NEXT PAGE AND GIVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE TWO-PAGE FORM TO THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS RECOMMENDATION. YOU MAY SUBMIT THE COMPLETED RECOMMENDATION IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR APPLICATION SO BE SURE YOU RECEIVE IT BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

Recommender: The Berkeley Community Fund (BCF) helps achieving and resilient public high school seniors go to college and expand their opportunities. BCF's **High Hopes Program** provides four-year need-based scholarships of \$4,000 per year, mentoring, counseling and life skills training for motivated students who are academically and emotionally ready for the challenges of a 4-year college program. These awards require recipients to participate in BCF events that occur in the summer and during school breaks, communicate with their mentors and donors and give back to the Berkeley community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Your recommendation is an important part of the application process. To insure confidentiality, please seal your recommendation in an envelope and sign it across the seal. You may return the envelope to the applicant to submit with the rest of the application or mail it yourself to:

Berkeley Community Fund
Scholarship Recommendation for _____
2111 Martin Luther King Jr Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

If you are submitting the recommendation yourself, please make sure that the applicant's name is included on the envelope.

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Please answer all questions on the form. If you cannot answer a question, please explain why.

STUDENT NAME: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please answer the following questions, using the space provided or a separate sheet. Include specific examples based on your experience with the applicant. Please be frank. We are looking for students who will succeed in college and also looking for ways to help them succeed.

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity (i.e., coach, mentor, employer, etc.) Has he or she changed over that time? If so, how? What is his or her most striking personality characteristic?
2. Is this student ready for the challenges and demands of college? We are looking for specific examples of the student's academic and personal readiness for rigorous college work, his or her ability to overcome obstacles and potential to be a leader.
3. Have you seen the applicant respond to challenging academic or personal issues? Do you know how the applicant responds to new experiences or stressful situations?

Student Name: _____

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4. Is there anything else we should know about this applicant?

Signature

Date