Introduction to Application

Thank you for applying to the 2021 Experience Education Fund Scholarship.

Eligibility
The Experience Education Fund is an entirely volunteer-run organisation committed to helping immigrant students or children of immigrant parents achieve their academic potential.

Biography

Financial Need
We recommend reading through the entire application before you start completing it. Please read the directions carefully - errors in your application may result in disqualification.

College Plans

High School
If you have any questions, please check out our FAQ, which can be found on our website here or downloaded here.

Extracurricular Activities
By Email: Please reach out to apply@experiencefund.org with any questions that aren't answered by our FAQ.

Essays
Please note that our application deadline is April 1, 2021. There will be no extensions.

Letters of Recommendation

Certification and Submission
Eligibility Section

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In order to be eligible for a scholarship from the Experience Education Fund, you need to meet the following eligibility requirements. Please certify that you satisfy the following eligibility criteria.

If you answer no to any of these questions, please do not fill out the complete application. Although the system will allow you to complete it, it will also disqualify you and the application will not be reviewed.

Were you born outside the United States, or do you have two parents born outside the United States?
- Yes
- No

Are you planning to enroll full-time at an accredited public college or university in the 2021-2022 academic year?
- Yes
- No

Are you either a graduating senior at a high school in the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia or a recent GED graduate (within the past 4 years) residing in DC, Maryland or Virginia?
- I am a graduating senior
- I passed my GED exam within the last 4 years
- I am neither a graduating senior nor a recent GED graduate

In 2020, was your family's total income (before taxes) less than $60,000? (Do not include the income(s) of you or your siblings) only include the income of your parents/guardians
- Yes
- No
Parent/Guardian 1's Highest Educational Attainment
Select an answer

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Select an answer

What is this parent's current job? (Optional)
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Parent/Guardian 2's (if applicable, select) (Optional)
- Mother
- Stepmother
- Father
- Stepfather
- Grandparent

Does this parent live in the same household with you? (Optional)
- Yes
- No

Parent/Guardian 2's Country of Birth (skip if unknown) (Optional)
Select an answer

Parent/Guardian 2's Highest Educational Attainment (Optional)
- Less than high school
- Some high school
- High School
- Some College
- College degree
- Postgraduate degree

What is this parent's current job? (Optional)
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Please remember that to be eligible for the scholarship, either you or both your biological parents have to have been born outside the United States. If you need to explain eligibility further, please add more information below. Please also feel free to tell us anything else about your family circumstances that will help us understand you.
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Financial Need Section

Parent 1’s Annual Income

Parent 2’s Annual Income (if they live in the same household with you)

Your Annual Income (if none, write in 0)

Do any other family members (besides you or your parents) contribute to the family’s income? An example would be an older sibling or a grandparent:
- Yes
- No

How many people are in your household? (including yourself, your parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.)

What are the ages of the people in your household and their relationship to you? (e.g., brother (18), grandmother (70), uncle (20))

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Please include any additional information that might be helpful in explaining your family’s financial situation (e.g., sending money back to relatives, siblings in college, health care expenses, change in employment status, change in living situation, etc.)

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Previous Step | Next Step
You must provide a public college or university in this section. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR APPLICATION.

- If you are still undecided and/or waiting for a decision, please list a public college or university you are considering.
- We have provided a list of local community colleges and four-year public universities below. You are not limited to these schools, you can attend any public college or university in the United States. If you are considering a public college or university not on the list, please select "other" and then enter your anticipated public college or university.
- If you are unsure whether schools you are considering are public, please search on the Internet (i.e., Google).

**Anticipated College or University**

**Anticipated public college or university**

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**School city**

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**School state**

**Degree Pursuing**

- Associate’s degree
- Bachelor’s degree

**Anticipated Enrollment Date**

**Anticipated Graduation Date**

**Anticipated Major**

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**Anticipated Career** (Optional)

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If applicant responds “yes” to any of the questions, the applicant will be asked to list their extracurricular activities, jobs and honors and awards.
Essays Section

Two essays are required. For the first one, we will give you the topic to write about. In the second, you can choose from four topics. We recommend essays be at least 250 words. Essays may not exceed 500 words each.

Essays offer you an opportunity to share your story and to distinguish yourself as a candidate. Often, grammatical, spelling or punctuation mistakes take away from a candidate’s message. We strongly advise you to write, edit, and save your essays in a word processing program such as Microsoft Word and then copy and paste the final text into this form. Formatting will not transfer.

In the first essay, describe your experience as an immigrant or a child of immigrants or how you exhibit one or more qualities traditionally valued and demonstrated by the immigrant community: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to one’s community.

Please choose one of the following prompts for your second essay:
1. What are your career goals and why? How do you intend to achieve these goals?
2. What have you done that you are most proud of and why?
3. Other than a family member, who is a person that has been an inspiration to you?
4. If you could solve one issue in the world, the country, or your community, what would it be and how would you contribute to solving it?

Which essay did you pick?
- 1. Career goals
- 2. Proud moment
- 3. Inspiration
- 4. Solve an issue

Essay 2
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Letters of Recommendation Section

Two letters of recommendation are required. While we prefer that at least one letter be from a teacher or other school official familiar with your academic history, under exceptional circumstances this year, both letters can be from any adult who knows you well, such as a mentor, coach, employer, community leader, or religious leader. Letters should describe the context in which the recommender knows you, your potential for success, and how you demonstrate one or more qualities traditionally valued by the immigrant community: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to their community.

Your recommenders must upload their letters to our website. We cannot accept letters by mail. Please use the buttons below to send your recommenders an email with instructions on how to upload their letters. To ensure receipt of their email, please inform each recommender about the email prior to the submission of your application. All letters must be uploaded by April 15, 2023.

Please list the individuals who will submit letters of recommendation on your behalf. You must provide an email address for each recommender. Please check with your recommenders that they received the email. If they have not, let us know.

You should submit your application after completing it even if your recommendations have not yet arrived. You can come back to this page any time to check whether we have received them.
Message to Recipient

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One of your students is applying for a college scholarship from the Esperanza Education Fund and indicated that you would be willing to provide a recommendation letter.

We ask that your letter describe the context in which you know the applicant, their potential for success, and how they demonstrate one or more qualities traditionally valued by the scholarship selection committee.

Send Request
Certification and Submission

Please check the box below and enter your digital signature and today’s date. By doing so, you are certifying that

- The information in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of your knowledge and the essays submitted with this application are your own work.
- You understand that your application is not complete until two recommendation letters are submitted.
- You understand that, if you are selected as a finalist, you will be required to submit an official high school transcript and copies of score reports for any standardized tests you have taken. You understand that you must have these materials prepared by May 15, 2023, in case you are selected as a finalist.
- You understand that scholarships awarded by the Esperanza Education Fund are contingent on full-time enrollment at an accredited public college or university and that a scholarship may be revoked if any information in this application is found to be false.

Do you agree to the above statements:
- [ ] I agree

Type your name here (must be spelled exactly as entered on the application):

[Signature]

Today’s Date:

[Date]