

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out this Application Form, SAVE it to your computer, and then email the saved document as an attachment to ed.o.fund@gmail.com to start the application process. *The following materials should be compiled into one package or file and either scanned/ emailed or mailed as soon as possible, but no later than March 1 to The Educational Opportunities Fund, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, MA 02740. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.*

Upon receipt of a complete application, EOF staff will assess the applicant and if possible, secure a camp placement. Once a placement is secured, the applicant will then begin all paperwork directly with the placement (program application, health form and other forms required by the organization).

If you have previously been granted a scholarship please do not assume that it will be granted again; the process begins fresh at the beginning of each enrollment season. We suggest that you explore other/additional funding possibilities while waiting for a decision on the status of your application. The best scenario is when applicants are able to gather support from a variety of sources. Note that scholarships do not cover camp store fees, transportation or equipment.

So that EOF will have material to celebrate the scholarship support we provide, we need your permission to use photos or videos of your child, or their work (ex: art, song or letters) in our publications. When you sign this application, you give EOF permission to use your child's image, work or voice for promotional and educational purposes. You waive any right to inspect or approve the material that may be used for EOF's publication needs. There is no time-limit on the validity of this release nor is there any geographic specification of where these materials may be distributed.

Sponsor: If appropriate, applicants are encouraged to identify a sponsor to help them through the application process and the tasks associated with preparing for their summer experience (organizing transportation, acquisition of materials required for the program, and perhaps guidance in anticipation of and during the program).

The following materials are required each year, even if you have previously received a scholarship and are re-applying.

- 1) **Application form** (2nd page of this document).
- 2) **A letter written by the applicant**, addressed to the selection committee of the EOF board, explaining the applicant's motivation for the application; i.e., what does the applicant hope to gain from the experience, what/how does the applicant hope to contribute to the host community, what challenge(s) can the applicant foresee and how will the applicant address/overcome those challenges should they arise (i.e., homesickness).
- 3) **A letter written by the applicant's parent or guardian**, addressing the same questions as above. Note: The parent, guardian or sponsor is encouraged to talk with the applicant before the letters are written, but the student should write their own letter.
- 4) **All applicable and most recent 1040 tax forms**, including 1040 tax forms from additional guardians outside the primary household.
- 5) **A photograph** of the applicant is appreciated. If applicant is applying for second year, a photo taken during the previous camp program is preferable.
- 6) **A note outlining other sources of funding** being pursued by the applicant and/or family or guardian.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Grade

Email Phone

Mailing Address

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Email Phone

Mailing Address if different from above

Name of point person or sponsor

Email Phone

Mailing Address if different from above

How did the applicant find out about the Educational Opportunities Fund?

Please write the name of the program student is applying for:

Please state total family income, including alimony or child payments you receive: \$

Please specify the number of dependents your income supports:

If other than a full scholarship, please indicate the dollar amount of aid you are requesting: \$

Please indicate the dollar amounts the applicant will contribute to the tuition from their own work efforts (such as babysitting), and through fundraising from local organizations such as the Elks or Lion's club. \$

*Remember to include student and parent/guardian letters with this application.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBMITTING THE FORM DIGITALLY: After you've filled out your form, you can click the pen icon at the top of your screen to create a digital signature. When you insert signatures into the signature fields, you will be prompted to SAVE your document to your computer as a PDF. Please email the PDF as an attachment to Ed.O.Fund@gmail.com. OR, you may print your document, manually sign it and mail it to The Educational Opportunities Fund, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, MA 02740. Questions? Call 917-696-8282.