



MENDOCINO COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT

776 S. State St., Ste. 107, Ukiah, CA 95482



2010 GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Note: Applicant must be in the 2010 Graduating Class from any public or private high school in Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg or Point Arena

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Sex: _____

Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

College or trade school you plan to attend: _____

Provide proof of acceptance. (If you are awarded a scholarship and are planning on attending a community college, you will be required to submit proof of enrollment in August of 2010.)

Please paper clip proof of acceptance to application.

- **Prepare a two page essay** on why you should receive the grant. Historically most students who receive college scholarships are those who are the best students and have the most activities. We are interested in rewarding a different kind of student: **one who has faced significant challenges in graduating from high school.** We would like to support a graduate who may not have originally intended to go to college or vocational school upon first entering high school or who had difficulty achieving college prep grades throughout your high school years. So in the essay, we would like you to discuss the challenges that you have overcome that brought you to the point where you are now prepared to enter college or vocational training, what community and school activities you have been involved with, and a clear vocational/educational goal.

Essay guidelines: Submit one copy, typed, double-spaced, one inch margins, 12 point font.

Please paper clip essay to your application.

Provide two letters of reference from non-relatives.

At least one letter should be from a high school teacher or counselor.

Please paper clip letters to application or have your reference mail their letter directly to us.



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Provide a high school transcript for optional extra points.

Please paper clip transcript to your application.

Name of reference #1: _____

Name of reference #2: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This application form with all of the required supporting documentation must be completed and mailed to the above address by April 1, 2010. Applications received after that date but before the Committee meets will be accepted but 10 points will be deducted. The Committee may contact the applicant for a personal interview.

The application packet should include the following, everything paper clipped together:

1. 2010 Grant Application Form
2. Proof of acceptance from college or trade school you plan to attend
3. 2-page essay typed, double spaced, one inch margins, 12 point font. One copy only.
4. Two letters of reference (or state your alternative arrangements for getting letters to us)
5. Optional high school transcript

Scoring Criteria: Total Points: up to 100

➤ Essay (up to 70 points) – criteria to be addressed include:

1. Describe the significant life challenges you have faced on your path to graduating from high school. Describe how overcoming these challenges has prepared you to enter college or vocational school. (up to 50 points)
2. Describe any student or community activities you have been involved with (up to 10 points)
3. Describe a clear educational or vocational goal (up to 5 points)
4. How well-written the essay is. Check your grammar and spelling! (up to 5 points)



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- Two reference letters (up to 20 points)
- On-time application (5 points))
- Provide transcripts (5 points) – Applicants who provide high school transcripts will get extra points.