

Mendocino County Youth Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mendocino County Youth Project, through its private nonprofit fundraising arm Mendocino Family and Youth Services, is pleased to offer an Educational Grant to a member of your graduation class of 2010. The total amount of the grant will be \$500: \$250 in August 2010 and \$250 in January 2011.

The requirements are:

- Member of the 2010 graduating class from any public or private high school in Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg or Point Arena
- Have proof of acceptance at an accredited institute of higher learning or accredited vocational school. If the student is planning on attending a community college, they will need to present proof of enrollment in August of 2010 if they are awarded a scholarship.
- Must prepare a maximum of a two-page essay as to why the individual 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.
- Submit two reference letters from non-relatives, at least one of which is from a high school teacher or counselor.
- Submit required application with all required supporting documents by April 1, 2010, to the above address. Any applications submitted after that date but before the committee meets to review them will be accepted but will lose 5 points. .

The Grant will be awarded prior to the graduation and we would like for the grant to be announced at the graduation ceremony.

If you have any questions, please contact Karin Wandrei, Executive Director, at 463-4915.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of the Mendocino Family and Youth Services Board of Directors

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