



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Requirements to qualify for the Esperanza Scholarship

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| 1. Is your cumulative GPA 2.5 or higher? | ___Yes | ___No |
| 2. Are you an El Paso County or Teller County Resident | ___Yes | ___No |
| 3. Do you feel that you are “underserved”? See definition below | ___Yes | ___No |

EEF’s Definition of “underserved”: All applicants must be an underserved high school senior or underserved adult pursuing a college degree. “Underserved” is defined as someone who does not have the financial resources to pay for college on their own; and/or someone who has inadequate support, guidance and/or assistance to attend college; and/or someone who would be the first in their family to attend/graduate from college; and/or someone who is facing adversity in their life due to their socio-economic situation.

Application Checklist

The board receives numerous applications each year and would appreciate to receive **one** completed application package with all the following documents:

	YES	NO
1. Scholarship application		
2. Personal Essay		
3. Two letters of recommendation		
4. Letter of Acceptance to College (only for incoming Freshman)		
5. Recent picture of yourself (maximum 3 x 5)		
6. High School or College Transcripts		
7. Resume listing your volunteerism in the community this school year.		

All completed applications must be scanned and submitted **as one PDF document and emailed to eefscholarships@live.com**.

NOTE: Applications that are not submitted as one PDF document will not be considered.

The application must be received by February 1st.

**ESPERANZA EDUCATION FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Personal

Name: _____
 Last First MI

Home Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Preferred Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Ethnic background: _____

Did either of your parents graduate from college? ___Yes ___No

Mother's Occupation: _____ Father's Occupation: _____

Do you anticipate receiving other scholarships? ___Yes ___No Amount: _____

Education

Cumulative GPA: _____ High School you graduated from: _____

College Status in the fall: ___Freshman ___Sophomore ___Junior ___Senior

College you will be attending in the fall: _____ Major: _____

College Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Personal Essay Instructions

Your personal essay must meet the following requirements:

- No more than 3 pages. Please proofread for grammar and spelling!
- Must be double spaced with 12 point font (Times New Roman)
- Essay must address the following. **Essays that do not cover the following will not be considered and the application will be incomplete:**
 - Share your story and your past achievements
 - Your financial need and why you meet the definition of "underserved"
 - How the scholarship will assist you in completing your collegiate and future career goals

Other

All final candidates must participate in an interview with the Board of Directors. If you are selected and do not attend the interview, you will not be considered for a scholarship.

How did you hear about the Esperanza Scholarship? _____

*You must consent to the following if you are selected as a scholarship recipient.

Do you consent to the Esperanza Education Foundation using your name, picture and information contained in the application in the media?

Yes No

Do you agree to attend our scholarship ceremony in early August? If you do not attend the scholarship ceremony, you will forfeit your scholarship.

Yes No

Do you agree to volunteer 10 hours within your community or with Esperanza Education Foundation during the academic year, after you receive your scholarship and provide updates for each semester—due January 15th and May 30th?

Yes No

Do you agree to provide updates on your academic progress for each semester—due January 15th and May 30th?

Yes No

Do you agree to communicate via email, as requested?

Yes No

Failure to comply with these requirements will disqualify you from receiving your scholarship award, if selected.

Student Signature

Date