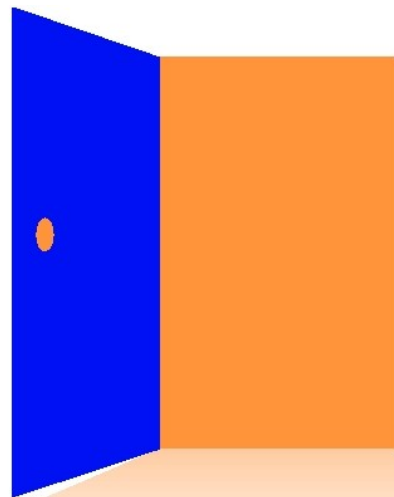


College Access Fairfax

2010

Scholarship Application



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Applicant's Name: _____

High School: _____

Please indicate the scholarship(s) you are applying for (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> "Last Dollar" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Sharifa Alkhateeb Memorial" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "James H. Dillard" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fairfax Eagle Scout" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Dorothy E. Braunlich Memorial" | <input type="checkbox"/> "SAIC Science to Solutions Scholarship" |

Other scholarships administered by *College Access Fairfax* after this application is printed.

Scholarship details can be found on Inside Front Cover.

You may apply for more than one Scholarship using this application form!

Available Scholarships:

(You may apply for all for which you are eligible)

- Available “Last Dollar” Scholarships (two available for \$1,000 each).
- The “*James H. Dillard, II*” Scholarship (Available only to students planning to become a public school teacher, preferably, although not required to be, in the subject areas of History or Social Studies; requires special essay) -- \$1,000.
- “*Dorothy E. Braunlich Memorial Scholarship*” (Available only to students planning to study Animal Science or Veterinary Medicine with unmet financial need; requires special essay) -- \$1,000.
- “*Fairfax Eagle Scout Scholarship*” (Available only to a student who has successfully completed his Board of Review for the rank of Eagle Scout by April 16, 2010, has unmet financial need; requires special essay. Proof of rank attainment may include either Eagle number, letter from Scoutmaster, or letter from Chair of the District Advancement Committee) -- \$1,000.
- “*Sharifa Alkhateeb Memorial Scholarship*” (Available only to a senior in Fairfax County Public Schools with a current GPA of 3.0, accepted to a four-year college/university, *and* has done at least one of the following: a) Arabic: Completed at least one year of Arabic in Fairfax County Public Schools *or* b) Social Service: Maintained a successful track record organizing social service events and activities for those in need, such as domestic violence victims, the homeless, etc.; requires special essay) -- \$1,000.
- “*SAIC Science to Solutions Scholarship*” (Available to a high school senior with cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at end of junior year, accepted to a 4-year university, and planning studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math; requires special essay) -- \$1,000

Required Essays:

If you are applying *only* for any “Last Dollar” Scholarships: You must complete Essay “A”.

If you are applying for any “Named” Scholarships: You must complete special essay, as described below on a separate sheet of paper (one for each completed essay) and attach it to this application.

If you are applying for *both* “Last Dollar” scholarships *and* any “Named” scholarship: You must complete the Essay A and the appropriate “Named” scholarship essay described below.

For “James H. Dillard, II” or “Dorothy E. Braunlich Memorial” Scholarships: Describe why you have chosen to study the specific course of study applicable for these scholarships, or describe why you are interested in the career to which these scholarships apply. Maximum 300 words.

For the “Fairfax Eagle Scout” Scholarship: Complete a 500-word essay on the topic: “How the Eagle Scout Award has prepared me for the future, and what my obligation to the community is.”

For the “Sharifa Alkhateeb” Scholarship: Complete a 300-word essay explaining how you will integrate your knowledge of Arabic with future goals *or* describing the various types of social service activism you have successfully accomplished and your plans for such future work.

For the “SAIC Science to Solutions Scholarship”: Complete an essay describing why you are pursuing a bachelors’ degree in science, technology or math, and explain what you hope to accomplish with it.

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Undergraduate Scholarship Application

College Access Fairfax (formerly *The Fairfax Scholarship Fund*) was founded in 2004 to offer financial aid assistance to students residing in Fairfax County and wishing to pursue a college, career or technical education after high school, but who do not have sufficient means.

College Access Fairfax awards two types of scholarships. “Last dollar” awards help fill the gap when all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted. “Named” scholarships are generally based on a student’s performance or interest in an area of importance to the scholarship underwriter, but often includes a need-based component. This application enables students from Fairfax to apply with one form for all available scholarships administered by *CAF* for the 2010-2011 college year.

All *College Access Fairfax* awards are based on either student merit (academic, community service, leadership, special talent or skills, participation in school and community activities and work experience) and/or need (not enough funding to pay for college). Information on the Student Aid Report (SAR) and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be considered when awarding scholarships that require the student to demonstrate financial need.

Unless otherwise noted, scholarship recipients must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of their junior year, be a senior in high school, and plan to enroll in an accredited college, career or technical institution. Students must enroll full-time (a minimum of 12 credits per semester or equivalent) in order to be eligible for awards. Unless otherwise noted, students may be public, private or home-schooled students. Students must be residents of Fairfax County or Fairfax City.

Students or parents who need more information about this application or about financial aid in general can visit www.CollegeAccessFairfax.org or call (703) 922-6768.

Scholarship Application

The following items must be received by *College Access Fairfax* no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2010 if a student wishes to be considered for a scholarship. The scholarship office is not typically open (our emphasis is in the schools), but will be staffed until 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2010. Incomplete applications will not be considered. *Following is the information that must be provided –*

1. **Completed Application** - including student and parent signatures.
2. **Two Recommendations** - These may be from your guidance counselor, teacher, employer, or other members of your community. You may use copies of recommendations written to accompany your college application. They must be received with the application no later than 5:00 p.m., April 16, 2010.
3. **Copy of your High School Transcript.**
4. **Copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Student Aid Report (SAR)** - We recommend mailing or submitting the completed FAFSA over the web no later than February 1, 2010. If you have not received the SAR by April 16, submit a copy of the FAFSA with your scholarship application and send the SAR to the *College Access Fairfax* office as soon as you receive it.

Return to:

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Scholarship Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2010.

Part III: Background Information

From what High School will you graduate? _____

Grade Point Average at end of Junior Year: _____ **GPA To Date:** _____

SAT I or ACT Scores (you may submit the highest score received for each section):

SAT: Critical Reading (former "Verbal"): _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____

ACT Composite Score: _____

Other Test Scores (Optional – Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, SAT II, etc.)

Test Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____

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Work Experience: For many people, work has been the recent focus of their lives. Tell us about your work experience.

Dates	Type of work/description of activities
_____ to _____	_____
_____ to _____	_____
_____ to _____	_____

Family and Community Activities: Family and/or community service can also be a major life focus. Please describe your principal activities (family caregiver, community service, etc.).

Dates	Type of work/description of activities
_____ to _____	_____
_____ to _____	_____
_____ to _____	_____

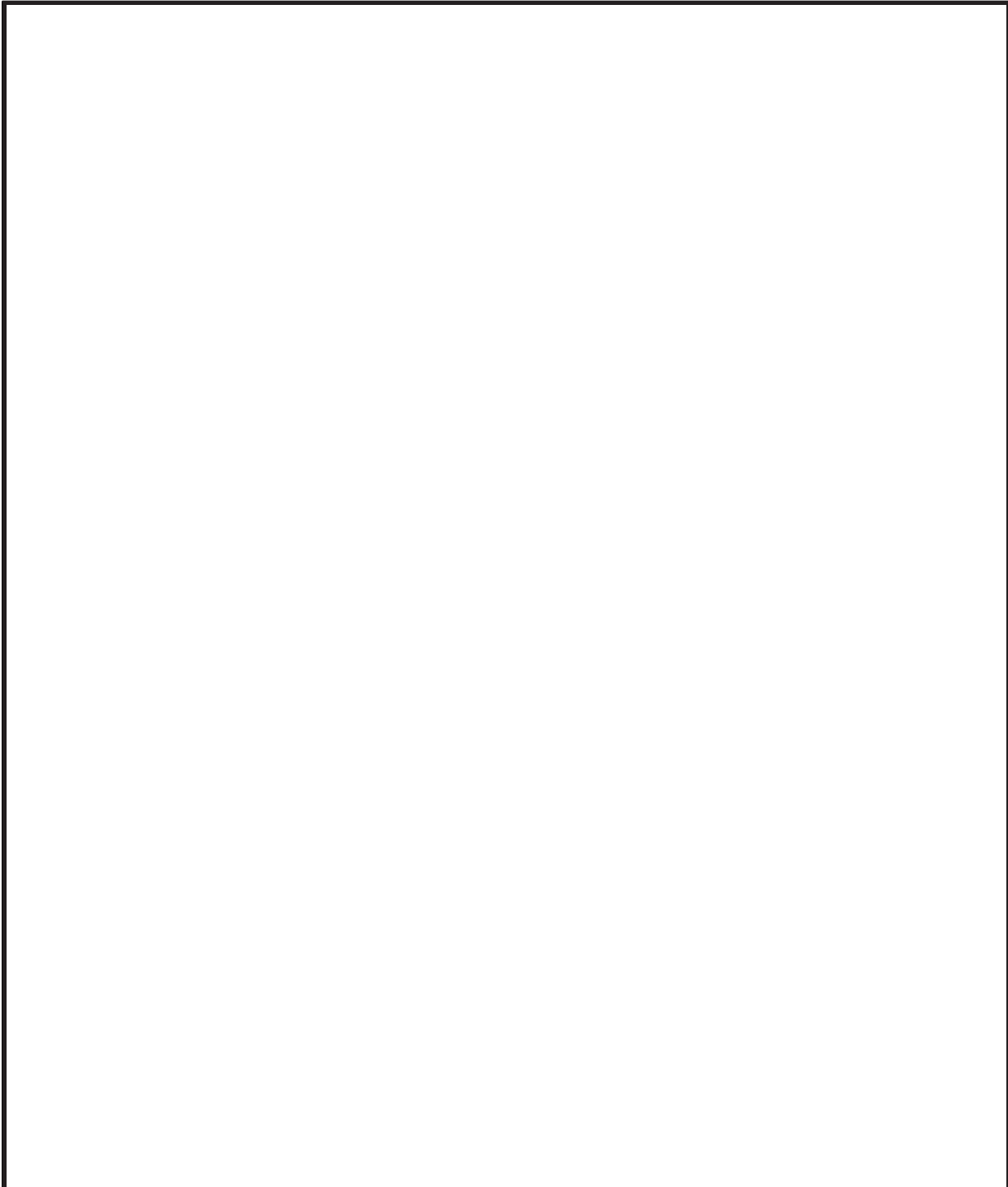
School Activities / Recognitions: Include Sports in which you have participated, Academic Awards, Other Awards and Honors.

Awards, Honors or Sport	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Part IV: Who Must Complete Essay "A": Anyone applying for "Last Dollar" Scholarships.

Describe a situation in your life where your determination and/or perseverance have helped you achieve a goal.

College can pose financial, academic and cultural challenges for students. The students who are most adept at facing these challenges are often those with the greatest determination to succeed. We want to know about an experience in your life that indicates that you have the determination necessary to achieve your goals.



Part V: Who Must Complete “Named” Scholarship Essays: Anyone applying for one of the “Named” Scholarships described on the Inside Front Cover of this application. You must complete a different essay for each scholarship for which you apply. Attach all “Named” Scholarship essays to this page.

Part VI: Optional: Personal Statement

The purpose of this section is to give you a chance to tell us additional information about yourself in your own words.

This is your chance to tell us more about yourself, to provide us with additional information you would like us to consider in evaluating your scholarship application, and to expand on your *background information*. In responding, feel free to draw on experiences from all areas of your life, including your education, employment, community and neighborhood, extracurricular activities, and family.

Use only the space provided below; additional pages will not be read. Text may be typed and taped in the space provided.



Part VII: OPTIONAL – Activities Sheet / Resume

Please utilize the space below to provide us with any additional information you would like us to know about you.

If attaching an activities sheet and/or resume, it does not replace Part III (Background Information) of this application. Applicants are still required to complete Part III of this application.

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Part VIII: Attestation and Application Signature

Your signature below indicates that if chosen to receive a scholarship through *College Access Fairfax*, you will agree to the statements outlined below.

- ✓ I hereby authorize the release of my high school transcripts and all SAT, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate test scores to *College Access Fairfax*.
- ✓ If I receive a scholarship, I agree to complete a student information form and mail a thank you note to the donor after the May Awards Program.
- ✓ I will attend the Awards Program in May 2010.
- ✓ If awarded a scholarship, I give *College Access Fairfax* permission to use my name, likeness, high school and college history in its presentations or publications.
- ✓ I will notify *College Access Fairfax* of any change in my or my parents' or guardians' home address or telephone number and will inform *College Access Fairfax* of any change in my academic status (transfer, withdrawal, graduation) so that they can track my academic progress over the next four years.
- ✓ The information on this application is true and my own work.
- ✓ My goal is to enter college, or a professional or technical institution in the fall of 2010, complete at least 12 credits (or equivalent) per semester, and complete my program of study.
- ✓ I understand that any scholarship award is paid directly to the post-secondary institution I will be attending.

Student Signature (required) _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (required) _____ **Date** _____

Check each item included with this application. *College Access Fairfax* must receive all items no later than 5:00 p.m., April 16, 2010.

- Completed Application
- Recommendation #1
- Recommendation #2
- Copy of your High School Transcript
- Copy of FAFSA and Student Aid Report (SAR)

If you wish to be considered for Scholarships based on Financial Need as well as Merit, you must submit the FAFSA to the U.S. Department of Education and include a photocopy of the FAFSA or your Student Aid Report with your Application to College Access Fairfax.

To submit the FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you have questions, call the student helpline at 1.800.4FED.AID (800.433.3243).

