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## **2008-2009 AFTER-THE-FIRES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**BACKGROUND:** The After-the-Fires Scholarship was created to provide financial assistance to residents who were affected by the 2007 wildfires in San Diego County.

**CRITERIA:** In order to qualify for the After-the-Fires Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have lost your home and/or source of income in the 2007 wildfires in San Diego County
- Be a graduating high school senior, current college student, trade/vocational school student or adult re-entry student
- Plan to attend or continue attending an accredited two-year college, four-year university or licensed trade/vocational school in the United States
- Have a minimum 2.50 GPA on a 4.0 scale (this does not apply to adult re-entry students)
- Have a demonstrated financial need

***\* If you have already applied for this scholarship through  
The San Diego Foundation, please do not re-apply. \****

**The After-the-Fires Scholarship Application must be postmarked by  
5:00 p.m., Monday, June 30, 2008**

### **\* THE AFTER-THE-FIRES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE \***

June 30, 2008	Deadline for Scholarship Applications to be postmarked
July 2008	Acknowledgement postcards sent to all applicants
July 2008	Mandatory interviews to be held for semi-finalist applicants
July - August 2008	Applicants notified in writing

## **\* Requirements for Completing Your Application \***

If you do not follow instructions, your application will be considered incomplete and you will be ineligible to receive a scholarship.

### **SECTION ONE: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

- ❖ **Address:** All correspondence will go to the address you specify on your application. It is your responsibility to inform staff at The San Diego Foundation of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.
- ❖ **Social Security Number:** ***THIS IS REQUIRED*** – your application will not be processed without it (page 9).
- ❖ **School:** Please list your first choice school for Fall, 2008. Since some of our scholarships are specific to a particular school or geographic region, your first choice school will determine your eligibility for these scholarships.

### **SECTION TWO: FINANCIAL INFORMATION - an important and REQUIRED part of the application process**

- ❖ You must complete this section correctly and in its entirety or your application will be disqualified.
- ❖ To complete this section, you will need:
  - Your and/or your parents' or spouse's 2006 or 2007 tax returns (Form 1040 – pages 1 & 2; Form 1040A – pages 1 & 2; Form 1040EZ – page 1). **THIS REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED FOR FIRE VICTIMS WHO LOST TAX PAPERWORK IN THE FIRES.**
  - Information can be found on line 37 of 1040, line 21 of 1040A or line 4 of 1040EZ 2006 tax forms. **THIS REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED FOR FIRE VICTIMS WHO LOST TAX PAPERWORK IN THE FIRES.**
  - A copy of your and/or your parents' and/or spouse's tax returns must be submitted with your application. If you and/or your parents or spouse did not file 2006 or 2007 tax returns, please check the appropriate box and indicate why. **THIS REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED FOR FIRE VICTIMS WHO LOST TAX PAPERWORK IN THE FIRES.**

### **SECTION THREE: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, WORK EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS/HONORS – please do not duplicate information in these sections**

- ❖ **Extra-Curricular Activities:** List the activities or organizations you have been involved with and your position(s) for the past three years only.
- ❖ **Community Service:** List the organization(s) you have served and activities performed for the past three years only.
- ❖ **Work Experience:** List your employer(s) and job responsibilities held for the past three years only.

### **FORMAL FIRE DOCUMENTATION:**

- ❖ **REQUIRED:** Formal documentation or a letter on official letterhead from FEMA, your insurance company, or a high school/college guidance counselor/principal indicating the loss of your home in the 2007 wildfires and/or a letter from your employer indicating loss.

### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

- ❖ **Letters of Recommendation**
  - Ask two people who know you well, but who are not related to you, to provide you with letters of recommendation.
  - Letters must be written **within the last six months** and can be an original or copy, as long as they are on official letterhead and include the person's name, organization, address, and a phone number where they can be reached.
  - Teachers, counselors, religious leaders, coaches, and employers are all good choices as they can comment on your overall character, achievement, and promise.
  - Letters must include the date, your full name, and be signed by the person recommending you.
  - Please give the individuals writing your letters enough time. Have the persons recommending you include in their letters their relationship to you, in what capacity they have known you, and for how long.

❖ **Official Transcripts**

- Official transcripts **MUST** accompany your scholarship application.
- You should place your request with your school early as the school will need time to process requests.
- Transcripts **MUST** be official, come in an official envelope, and be sealed.
- Transcripts **MUST** be signed or stamped by a school official on the back flap of the envelope.
- Your application will be considered incomplete if we do not receive official transcripts in an official and sealed envelope.

❖ **Personal Statement**

- Your personal statement should be **no longer than** two pages, typed and double-spaced using 12-point type and one-inch margins.
- **Do not** submit additional pages as they will not be considered.
- Type the words "Personal Statement" at the top of each page, along with your first and last name.
- Clearly address the following three questions in sequential order, typing each question as it appears below. Type your response directly under each question.
  1. *What is your career goal and why have you chosen this path (e.g. is there an individual or event that has influenced you)?*
  2. *Why is receiving this scholarship important to continuing your education?*
  3. *How do you measure or define success?*

**EXAMPLE:**

Personal Statement  
Jane Doe

1. What is your career goal and why have you chosen this path?  
My career goal is .....

Please do not send any additional information, such as resumes, newspaper articles, or photographs as they will not be considered.

**\*WHERE DO YOU MAIL YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?\***

The After-the-Fires Scholarship Applications must be postmarked by  
5:00 p.m., Monday, June 30, 2008 and mailed to:

The San Diego Foundation  
Attn: After-the-Fires Scholarship  
Community Scholarship Program  
2508 Historic Decatur Road, Suite 200  
San Diego, CA 92106

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

- ❖ The After-the-Fires Scholarship requires:
  - A completed application (pages 5 - 9)
  - Maximum two page, typed Personal Statement
  - Two letters of recommendation on official letterhead
  - Official transcripts in a sealed envelope
  - A copy of the 2006 or 2007 tax form(s) used to complete your financial information (Form 1040 – pages 1 & 2; Form 1040A – pages 1 & 2; Form 1040EZ – page 1). **THIS REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED FOR FIRE VICTIMS WHO LOST TAX PAPERWORK IN THE FIRES.**
  - Formal documentation or a letter on official letterhead from FEMA, your insurance company, or a high school/college guidance counselor/principal indicating the loss of your home in the 2007 wildfires and/or a letter from your employer indicating loss.
  
- ❖ If you need assistance, please contact us at (619) 814-1343 or [scholarships@sdfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@sdfoundation.org).

**CHECKLIST FOR THE AFTER-THE-FIRES SCHOLARSHIP:**

- Did you complete **all** sections of your 2008-2009 The After-the-Fires Scholarship Application (pages 5-9)?
- Did you **enclose** your Personal Statement (no more than two pages, typed and double-spaced) and address the three questions? (See page 3 for guidelines.)
- Did you **enclose** two letters of recommendation on official letterhead, written within the last six months? (See page 2 for guidelines.)
- Did you **enclose** your official transcript(s) in an official envelope that includes a seal or stamp on the back flap? (See page 3 for guidelines.)
- Did you **include** a copy of the 2006 or 2007 tax form(s) used to complete your financial information (Form 1040 – pages 1 & 2; Form 1040A – pages 1 & 2; Form 1040EZ – page 1)? **THIS REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED FOR FIRE VICTIMS WHO LOST TAX PAPERWORK IN THE FIRES.**
- Did you **include** formal documentation or a letter on official letterhead from FEMA, your insurance company, or a high school/college guidance counselor/principal indicating the loss of your home in the 2007 wildfires and/or a letter from your employer indicating loss.
- Did both you and/or your parent(s) **sign** the Required Certifications and Release Sections and include your Social Security Number (page 9)?
- Did you have someone else **review** your application for accuracy and to make sure all materials are included?
- Did you make a **copy** of your 2008-2009 The After-the-Fires Scholarship Application for your files?

***All application materials MUST come together in one envelope and be postmarked by the deadline – NO EXCEPTIONS!***

**THE AFTER-THE-FIRES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS  
MUST BE POSTMARKED TO THE SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION BY  
5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008**

***We will not accept incomplete, late, or faxed applications – NO EXCEPTIONS!***



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## THE AFTER-THE-FIRES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009

### SECTION ONE: Applicant Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
(no P.O. Boxes unless you are a fire victim)

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(including area code) (including area code)

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(male or female) (list only if you are a dependent)

- How long have you lived in San Diego County? \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you a legal and permanent resident of San Diego County?  Yes  No
- Have you applied for either the After-the-Fires Scholarship, Gwen Stefani After-the-Fires Scholarship or Native American Charter School After-the-Fires Scholarship in the past?  Yes  No
- Are you a military dependent or spouse:  Yes  No
- Name of school currently attending \_\_\_\_\_
- This is a  High School  Continuation High School  
 2-year College  4-year University  Trade/Vocational School  Graduate School
- If high school, list high school district \_\_\_\_\_
- Unweighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Scores or ACT Composite \_\_\_\_\_  
(high school only) (high school only)
- First choice school attending in Fall, 2008: \_\_\_\_\_  
(You ***must*** answer this question; otherwise your application will be incomplete & ineligible for our scholarships)
- This is a  2-year College  4-year University  Trade/Vocational School  Graduate School
- Fall, 2008 status  freshman  sophomore  junior  senior  adult re-entry  graduate applicant

- Will you will attend school  full-time (12 or more units)  part-time (11 or less units)

- Will you attend school the entire 2008-2009 academic year?  Yes  No

If no, what is your schedule? \_\_\_\_\_

- Your tuition will be based on  in-state costs  out-of-state costs
- You will live  on campus  off campus – in an apartment  off campus – with parents/spouse
- What degree will you be pursuing in Fall, 2008?  Associate (AA)  Undergraduate (BS, BA)  Trade/Vocational  
 Certificate  Graduate (MS, MA, MD, etc.)  Second Degree

- What is your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

- What is your intended career? \_\_\_\_\_

- How did you hear about The After-the-Fires Scholarship?  Counselor  Teacher/Professor  Friend/Family  
 Past Recipient  TSDF website  Other website  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please list)

**Scholarships/Financial Aid for which you have applied for Academic Year 2008-2009:**

**Excluding** this scholarship offered by The San Diego Foundation, please list the name(s) and amount(s) of each scholarship, grant, or financial aid (including FAFSA, PELL Grant, and Cal Grant) for which you have already applied or are planning to apply for the 2008-2009 academic year:

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**Scholarships/Financial Aid you have already received for Academic Year 2008-2009:**

Please list the name(s) and amount(s) of each scholarship, grant, or financial aid you have already received for the 2008-2009 academic year:

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**How do you anticipate meeting expenses not covered by scholarship(s)?**

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**SECTION TWO – Financial Information (to be completed by parent(s) and/or applicant):**

**Tax information for the year 2006 must be used to answer the questions in Section Two. A copy of this information must be included with your application (see page 1 of guidelines for instructions).**

\* an independent applicant is either (1) 24 years of age or older or (2) has not been claimed as a dependent on his/her parent's/guardian's Federal Income Taxes for the previous year.

- Is applicant  Independent\* or  Dependent      Is applicant  Single     Married     Other
- If applicant is dependent, do both parents work?  Yes     No
- Does applicant live in a single parent home?       Yes     No
- Total # family members in your household (including applicant but not roommates) claimed on 06/07 taxes, if filed \_\_\_\_\_
- # of family members in household (including applicant but not roommates) attending college full-time in Fall, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_
- List which colleges they will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are independent, complete only sub-section A. If you are dependent, complete **BOTH** sub-sections A & B.

**Sub-Section A: APPLICANT'S INCOME, FEDERAL TAX, AND ASSETS**

Did not file 2006/2007 taxes or they were destroyed in fire Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Income  
 Adjusted Gross Income (from 2006/2007 taxes – see page 1 of guidelines) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Income (family, friends, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Taxable Income (Social Security, Child Support, AFDC, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total UNITED STATES Federal Tax paid in prior year (if you received a refund, enter \$0) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical/Dental expenses (not covered by insurance) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Assets: Cash, Savings, Checking, Investment, etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total financial aid and grants \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Real Estate Owned	A) Appraised Values	B) Current Mortgage Values	C) Net Values (A minus B)
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**Sub-Section B: PARENT'S INCOME, FEDERAL TAX, AND ASSETS**

Did not file 2006/2007 taxes or they were destroyed in fire Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Income  
 Adjusted Gross Income (from 2006/2007 taxes – see page 1 of guidelines) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Income (family, friends, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Taxable Income (Social Security, Child Support, AFDC, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total UNITED STATES Federal Tax paid in prior year (if you received a refund, enter \$0) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical/Dental expenses (not covered by insurance) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Assets: Cash, Savings, Checking, Investment, etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Real Estate Owned	A) Appraised Values	B) Current Mortgage Values	C) Net Values (A minus B)
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Below, please explain any financial hardships or unusual circumstances in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide additional verification of the information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in my ineligibility or termination of any scholarship granted. **This page must be signed or your application will be considered incomplete.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (if a dependent) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION THREE**

**Extra-curricular Activities, Community Service, Work Experience and Awards & Honors (please do not duplicate information)**

*Please list your Extra-curricular Activities for the past three years only:*

Date From/To (i.e. 9/06 – 6/07)	Average # hours per Month	Activities/Organization	Position Held (e.g. member, officer, etc.)

*Please list your Community Service (unpaid) for the past three years only:*

Date From/To (i.e. 9/06 – 6/07)	Average # hours per Month	Organization Served	Activities Performed

*Please list your Work Experience (paid) for the past three years only:*

Date From/To (i.e. 9/06 – 6/07)	Average # hours per Month	Employer	Job Responsibilities

*Please list your Awards & Honors for the past three years only:*

Date From/To (i.e. 9/06 – 6/07)	Awards & Honors Received

**REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND RELEASE**

**Applicant Certification:** I certify the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application. I certify that I am not related to any individual employed by, who serves on a scholarship committee of, or sits on the Board of Governors at The San Diego Foundation.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 (this information is required)

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicant is under age 18)

**Agreement of Terms:** I certify that I have read carefully the After-the-Fires Scholarship criteria to which I am applying. I understand that if I do not submit the information required for this scholarship, if it arrives late, is faxed, or the materials are not submitted together, my application is incomplete and will not be considered. I agree to adhere to all of the terms and conditions of my scholarship(s) and those set forth by The San Diego Foundation if I am selected as a recipient.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Release of Information - must be signed by applicant AND parent/guardian:** By signing this application, I hereby (i) formally authorize any individual of any portion of this document to provide information of any kind whatsoever requested by The San Diego Foundation or any of its employees, or representatives, and (ii) forever release any of the entities or individuals seeking or providing any such information from any and all claims or damages that I may or actually do sustain as a result of seeking or providing such information.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicant is under age 18)

**Press and Media Release:** If selected to receive a scholarship, I authorize The San Diego Foundation to use my name, photograph and any other information for press and media purposes. **This information is required** – if a box is not selected, your application will be considered incomplete and you will be ineligible to receive a scholarship.

Yes, I authorize The San Diego Foundation full use of my name, photograph and other information.

Yes, I authorize The San Diego Foundation partial use of my information.

Please list (i.e. name, school, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

No, I do not authorize The San Diego Foundation to use my name, photograph and other information.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicant is under age 18)