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# “Great Expectations” Awards Program 2008 Application

## Program Description:

East Bay College Fund (EBCF) helps resilient public high school seniors, under-represented in higher education, go to college and expand their life opportunities. EBCF’s *Great Expectations* Awards Program provides \$16,000, four-year college scholarships (\$4000/year), mentoring, college counseling and life skills training. Award recipients are expected to be academically and emotionally “ready” to attend a four-year college, to participate in EBCF events, and to communicate regularly with their mentor and EBCF staff.

## Number of Awards: Fifteen (15)

## Criteria:

1. **Senior attending an Oakland public high school** during the 2007-08 academic year
2. Demonstrated:
  - **Academic preparation** to succeed in college
  - **Resiliency:** able to overcome obstacles to achieve academic and personal goals
  - **Life skills: responsible, resourceful & involved** with others (work, school, family, community)
3. Documented **financial need**
4. Will be **attending a four-year accredited college or university** in the U.S.
5. Cumulative minimum **3.0 GPA** to maximum **3.7 GPA**  
Note: cumulative GPA’s slightly below 3.0 or over 3.7 will be considered if accompanied by compelling circumstances.
6. Must be available for an **interview on Tuesday, April 22, 2008**
7. Must be available to **attend *Great Expectations Awards*** ceremony during the week of May 19, 2008

**Note:** If you receive any of the following awards, you may be ineligible for the EBCF *Great Expectations Award*.

Call Susan Keiter at 510-444-1545 to discuss.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| - Berkeley Incentive Award | - Students Rising Above | - IDEAL                             |
| - UC Berkeley Cal Opps     | - Gates Millennium      | - Any other scholarship over \$3500 |

## Checklist for Application & Required Attachments: PAPER CLIP ALL ITEMS TOGETHER - PLEASE NO STAPLES!

- Completed application form** (four pages)      \*Students – keep this cover sheet!\*
- Personal essay** – see Section E
- High school academic transcript** with cumulative GPA for freshman through junior years
- Fall 2007 semester senior grades** (if not already included on academic transcript)
- 2007 Federal 1040 Income Tax Return** for your parent(s), step-parent or guardian – see Section D
- Two recommendation forms\*** - one completed by a current teacher & one by an adult affiliated with your activities outside the classroom (i.e. coach, club advisor, counselor, community leader, etc.)  
\*Give your recommendation forms to your teacher & another adult by mid-February, at least 2 weeks before Wednesday, March 5, 2008.
- SAT Reasoning (I) and SAT Subject Tests (II) scores (SAT 1 & 2 scores)**  
(NOTE: this data is collected for information purposes only and will not affect your eligibility)

**MAIL your application & attachments postmarked no later than Wed March 5, 2008**

to East Bay College Fund 6114 La Salle Ave #314, Oakland CA 94611

OR

**DELIVER your application & attachments no later than 4:30 pm Wed March 5, 2008**

to OUSD, Annette Starks, Portable #15, 1098 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Oakland 94606

Questions? Check with your counselor or call East Bay College Fund at (510) 444-1545.



**SECTION C: Activities, Employment & "Reflection"** *Use only the space provided for your answers*

1) **Academic and Extracurricular Activities** - list three activities you are/were involved in. Briefly describe responsibilities, leadership roles if any, and explain why these activities are/were important/valuable to you.

a) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) **Employment** - starting with your most recent job, list three jobs you have held. Indicate paid or volunteer.

Dates                      Employer                      Responsibilities and hours per week

a) \_\_\_\_\_

Paid  
 Volunteer

b) \_\_\_\_\_

Paid  
 Volunteer

c) \_\_\_\_\_

Paid  
 Volunteer

3) **Reflection** - What is the most important thing you've learned about yourself or the world during your four years of high school? (write your brief answer in the space below)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D: Financial Information**

*Do not skip any questions! For help, call 510-444-1545.*

- 1) **Who currently supports you financially?**  
\_\_\_ Self \_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_ Step-parent \_\_\_ Legal Guardian \_\_\_ Other (who?) \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTE: If you currently do not live with this person, please explain in question #13 at the bottom of this page.
  
- 2) **I am working \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week. My monthly income is \$\_\_\_\_\_.**  
Check which applies to you:  I do  I do not need to help my family/guardian pay monthly household bills.
  
- 3) **I have \$\_\_\_\_\_ in cash, savings, checking or other account(s).** (savings bonds, trust account, etc.)
  
- 4) **Check which applies to you:**  
 Attached is a copy of my **2007 OR** my **2006** Federal 1040 income tax return  
 I did not file a 2006 or 2007 Federal 1040 income tax return
  
- 5) **I am an orphan or ward/dependent of the court:**  No  Yes (If yes, attach verification & skip remainder of this page)
  
- 6) **My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian's total annual income is:** (do not include your income)  
\_\_\_ Less than \$25,000 \_\_\_ \$26,000-\$50,000 \_\_\_ \$51,000-\$80,000 \_\_\_ \$81,000-\$100,000 \_\_\_ Over \$100,000
  
- 7) **My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian's job(s) are:** \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 8) **Check which applies to your family:**  
 Attached is a copy of my parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian's **2007** Federal 1040 income tax return  
 Attached is a copy of my parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian's **2006** Federal 1040 income tax return **AND** their **2007 W-2** forms  
 My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian did not file a 2006 OR 2007 Federal 1040 income tax return
  
- 9) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian **receives benefits in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ /month.**  
**These benefits are from:** \_\_\_\_\_ (attach supporting documentation).
  
- 10) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian **has \$\_\_\_\_\_ in cash, checking, savings or other accounts.** (Do not include retirement savings.)
  
- 11) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian **owns \_\_\_\_\_ home(s) and property.**  
The total value of their properties, not including the home they live in, is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  
- 12) My parent(s), step-parent or legal guardian **owns \_\_\_\_\_ business(es), worth a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.**
  
- 13) Briefly explain any special family or financial circumstances:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Remember to attach all supporting documentation and submit with your application by  
Wednesday March 5, 2008**





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2008 TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM
to be completed by a teacher who knows the student well

Student: give this form to your teacher by mid-February or at least two weeks prior to Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

Teacher: East Bay College Fund (EBCF) helps resilient public high school seniors, under-represented in higher education, go to college and expand their life opportunities. EBCF's Great Expectations Awards Program provides \$16,000, four-year college scholarships (\$4000/year), mentoring, college counseling and life skills training. Award recipients are expected to be academically and emotionally "ready" to attend a four-year college, to participate in EBCF events, and to communicate regularly with their mentor and EBCF staff.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this student's recommendation. For your recommendation to be confidential, seal it in an envelope and write your signature across the seal. Give your recommendation to the student, or mail/fax your recommendation directly to our office, by our deadline: Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Questions? Please call EBCF at 510-444-1545.

(please print clearly)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions on the front and back of this form, using the space provided or a separate piece of paper. Please type or print very clearly. Include examples of the student's behavior and describe any concerns you may have. Please be frank and concise. You know this student! Tell us what we need to know to support his/her success in college.

- 1. How long have you known the student and under what circumstances?
2. What words best describe this student?
3. Please give examples of the following:
a) student's academic readiness for rigorous college work
b) student's initiative, resiliency or resourcefulness

Please turn over to complete the questions on the reverse side of the form.

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Teacher Recommendation Form (cont.)

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT YOUR RESPONSES VERY CLEARLY

3. Please give examples of: (cont.)

c) student's positive influence on others at work, at school, with family or in the community

4. Are you aware of any hardships or specific challenges, which may affect the student's ability to perform well in college?

5. Describe the student's ability to solicit and respond to help when challenged by academic or personal issues. In unfamiliar circumstances or under stress, is she/he more likely to reach out to others or to withdraw?

6. Describe the characteristics you think would make a good mentor for this student. Are you aware of a significant mentor figure present in this student's life?

**7. In your opinion, what does this student need to succeed in college?**

For example: Live close to or away from home? Attend college in or out of state? Attend private college (expensive but lots of help) or public college (more affordable but easy to get lost in crowd)? Ready for 4-year college or attend community college then transfer? Needs to be away from problematic family or remain close to healthy supportive family? Needs help managing financial aid/scholarship funds or has self-restraint with money? Needs frequent guidance to stay on track or very self-motivated? Tell us how to help this student!

8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this student?

**THANK YOU!**

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2008 OTHER ADULT RECOMMENDATION FORM

to be completed by an adult (not a relative) who knows the applicant well outside the classroom (coach, club advisor, counselor, church or community leader, etc.)

Student: give this form to your "recommender" by mid-February or at least two weeks prior to Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

Recommender: East Bay College Fund (EBCF) helps resilient public high school seniors, under-represented in higher education, go to college and expand their life opportunities. EBCF's Great Expectations Awards Program provides \$16,000, four-year college scholarships (\$4000/year), mentoring, college counseling and life skills training. Award recipients are expected to be academically and emotionally "ready" to attend a four-year college, to participate in EBCF events, and to communicate regularly with their mentor and EBCF staff.

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Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Adult Recommendation Form (cont.)

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