



January 9th, 2012

Dear Prospective YES Scholar,

You may be eligible to receive up to \$4,500 to help pay for your college degree or vocational training. Take the quick survey below to see if you are an eligible applicant for the Silicon Valley Children's Fund (SVCF) Youth Education Scholars (YES) Program Scholarship.

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe that going to college will help me achieve my dreams
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am/was a youth in foster or kinship care in Santa Clara County or am currently receiving ILP services in Santa Clara County
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I was in care for at least one day after my 13 th birthday
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I need money to pay for school
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have (or will have by June 2012) a high school diploma or GED
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a 2.0 cumulative high school GPA or a 2.0 cumulative college GPA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to work with a mentor to help me achieve my goals
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I want to be a role model for younger foster youth
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have been accepted to or am attending a community college, university, or accredited vocational school for Fall 2012

If you checked YES to all of the boxes, then you are an excellent candidate for the YES Program Scholarship. YES is more than just a scholarship. In addition to receiving financial support for higher education, Scholars are linked to a comprehensive support network that includes mentorship and academic, financial, and life-skills services.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the YES Program application which contains information regarding program eligibility and requirements. Be sure to complete the application in its entirety before submitting. Visit www.SVCF.org to learn more about our organization.

The YES Application Process:

1. Submit completed YES application (including personal statement, transcript, recommendation letters, dependency verification).
2. Contact YES program staff to confirm that your application was received.
3. Participate in an interview if you are contacted (via email and phone) by YES staff.
4. Submit final transcripts for the 2011-12 academic term (must show Spring 2012 grades) before June 30th.
5. All applicants will be notified by **June 30, 2012** if they were accepted into YES program.

If you have any questions about YES or the application process, please contact:

- Ashley Matysiak at ashley.matysiak@svcf.org or at (408) 558-5439

Best Regards,

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