

# Educational Opportunity Foundation of the Black Forest (EOF)

## Application for Academic or Vocational EOF Scholarship

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the EOF thank you for applying for a scholarship. Below you will find a list of criteria that must be met in order for your application to be considered.

### Section 1: Application

1. Scholarships will be awarded for both vocational and academic pursuits.
2. Candidates must be a graduating high school senior or equivalent.
3. The EOF Board of Directors will consider the following criteria for the selection of scholarship recipients:
  - a. Financial need
  - b. Student character
  - c. Community involvement and extra-curricular activities especially in the Black Forest community
  - d. Student goals
  - e. Academic performance
4. Applicants must reside in Black Forest as determined by the following boundary lines (reference the EOF website):
  - a. The north boundary is County Line Road of El Paso County and Douglas County.
  - b. The west boundary begins at the intersection of the north boundary and Highway 83. It continues south through the intersection of Powers Boulevard and Highway 83 southward to the intersection of Powers to Old Ranch Road.
  - c. The southern boundary continuing eastward along Old Ranch Road to Black Forest Road (including the line through private property where Old Ranch Road is interrupted). It curves southward to follow Black Forest Road to Woodman Road. The line continues east on Woodman to Meridian Road.
  - d. The eastern boundary is Meridian Road northward to County Line Road.
  - e. The area includes all of the 80908 zip code and sections of the 80106 zip code. Please check the map on our website to confirm.
5. **The following forms must be complete and received by the application deadline (March 1<sup>st</sup>) or as posted on the EOF website (<https://EOFBlackForest.org>).**
  - a. A complete and signed application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
  - b. A 2"x 3" head and shoulders photograph of the applicant.
  - c. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which **MUST** be from a mentor or supervisor who can attest to your volunteer/extra-curricular activities.
  - d. An official high school transcript or GED certificate

- e. Your ACT or SAT scores (these may be included with your transcript).
- f. Your essay (academic scholarship application) or your essay/project (vocational application) (see below for description)
- g. A release for photographs of the applicants to be used for promotional purposes.

Application packages can be submitted online or USPS mail and postmarked no later than the last day of February. Our mailing address is: Educational Opportunity Foundation P.O. Box 88169 Colorado Springs, CO 80908.

## **Section 2: Student Requirements**

1. Awardees are **required** to attend the Scholarship Awards Banquet to be held in April and announced on the EOF Website.
  - a. Failure to *RSVP on time will result in forfeiture of the scholarship, (See important dates below).*
2. Each applicant is expected to attend an interview session in mid March. Exact date will be announced. The interview time and date will be coordinated between you and the board secretary. We try to be flexible on the times of these interviews, but the applicants should make themselves available for this part of the process. Business attire is recommended.
3. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in an educational/vocational institution by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the scholarship award year..
4. Scholarship funds must be requested by October 31<sup>st</sup> of the scholarship award year. Funds will be sent directly to the school (Trade/vocational school or college/university) to be used for tuition, fees or books.
5. Scholarships not claimed by the deadline will be awarded to the first runner-up.
6. Review the EOF website for important dates and deadlines

# Educational Opportunity Foundation of the Black Forest (EOF) Application

## Applicant Information

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Best Phone Contact Number to Reach You (Cell or Home):

Email Address:

Parent's e-mail address:

Father's occupation:

Mother's occupation:

Number of siblings:

Number of siblings currently in college or trade school:

Family Income: less than \$75,000/year      greater than \$75,000/year      (circle or check one)

Are you currently employed:

If so, where and position:

## Academic Information

High school (if other specify):

Graduation Year:

ACT or SAT score:

Cumulative GPA:

Honors: (academic or service-related):

Other Academic or School Activities:

## Post High School Education

I am seeking a(n) Academic:    or    Vocational:    (circle or check one)

Where do you intend to further your education:

Have you been accepted at this time:

Are you enrolled at this time:

Have you been awarded any other financial assistance or aid?

If yes, what kind and amount of assistance:

Have you applied for any other financial assistance?

If yes, where?

## Community Involvement / Service

How many years have you lived in the Black Forest?

Describe your volunteer and/or community service and contributions in our community:

## Additional Information

Hobbies, Activities, Awards, Areas of interest:

Please provide an additional information you would like the board to consider during this application:

## Signature and Acknowledgement

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is a true and factual information regarding the applicant. I understand that to receive a scholarship I must be enrolled in an educational/vocational institution by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay/Project

Academic applicants will provide a 500-word essay titled, "My Career Goal." Diagrams and photos may be included. The essay should be typed in 12-point font and double-spaced. If submitting your application package via mail, please print your essay on white paper (no hand written essays).

Vocational applicants will provide either an essay, as described above, or a project that demonstrates your ability in an applicable vocational field. For example, your project could include an art portfolio, photographs of your products, industrial designs, or pictures of a building project. You are encouraged to bring examples of your work to your interview.

## Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation will be accepted in any standard format. They must be included with this application or sent to the EOF post office box and received no later than the application deadline.

## Parent Release Form for Media

I, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission to Black Forest Educational Opportunity Foundation (BFE OF) to use the image of my child, \_\_\_\_\_. Such use can potentially include the display, distribution, publication, transmission, or otherwise use of photographs, images taken of my child for use in materials that include, but may not be limited to, printed materials such as brochures and newsletters, videos, and digital images such as those on the BFE OF Web site ([www.blackforesteof.com](http://www.blackforesteof.com)), or publications such as local newspapers.

I give unrestricted permission for my child's image to be used in print, video, and digital media. I agree that these images may be used by BFE OF for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me. I do understand that my child's first and last name or other personal information may be used in conjunction with any photo or digital images.

Parent/guardian printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a copy of this form for your own records.