2020-21 YOUTH 2 LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION - NEW APPLICANT/ RENEWAL
Overview and Instructions

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Youth 2 Leaders education Foundation was founded in 2007 to provide support services for students to reach their educational goals. Our mission is to help youth unlock the power of a higher education through the various services we provide to the community. Having enough money to pay for educational expenses (ex. Tuition, books, housing, transportation, personal expenses) continues to be a top concern for students as they enter and continue their path to their post-secondary goals. Our scholarship program was designed to help students overcome financial obstacles that are impacting their path towards reaching their goals. Fundraising occurs throughout the year to raise funds to award new and renewal students.

ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIPS
College Dream Fund Scholarship: This program is dedicated to supporting undocumented students in their pursuit of higher education. The scholarship program was founded in 2010 by a group of community leaders and led by Dr. Jim Young. Since then, Youth 2 Leaders continues the great work that the College Dream Fund has done for deserving students in Kern County. The amount of the scholarship is $500 per academic year.

Future Leaders Scholarship: This is a merit-based scholarship awarded to students who have demonstrated academic achievement, goal setting, overcome obstacles, and have a financial need. Students who are awarded this scholarship will receive $1,000 for the academic school year.

Young Mexican Leaders: In partnership with the Consulado de Mexico en Fresno to focus funds on helping students who were either born in Mexico OR, at least 1 biological parent was born in Mexico. The office of the Consulado has dedicated funds to help students of Mexican descent reach their educational goals while in the United States. This is a merit-based scholarship awarded to students who have demonstrated academic achievement, goal setting, overcome obstacles, and have a financial need. Students who are awarded this scholarship awards ranging from $500 - $2000 for the academic school year. Awards will be based on financial need as determined by their financial aid award provided by the school they will be attending for the 2020-21 academic year.

College Dream Fund Eligibility Requirements
- Must be a 2020 graduating senior, current college student planning to enroll for the 2020-21 academic year OR is a past recipient interested in renewing their scholarship for the 2020-21 academic year.
- Must be a first-generation college student
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
  - Renewals will provide proof of current GPA and must be in good academic standing.
- Must be working on, or planning to work on, an undergraduate degree
- Must be attending a community college, college or university
- Be a Dreamer or AB 540 student

Future Leaders Eligibility Requirements
- Must be a 2020 graduating senior, current college student planning to enroll for the 2020-21 academic year OR is a past recipient interested in renewing their scholarship for the 2020-21 academic year.
- Must be a first-generation college student
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
  - Renewals will provide proof of current GPA and must be in good academic standing.
- Must be working on, or planning to work on, an undergraduate degree
- Must be attending a community college, college or university
- Be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident

Young Mexican Leaders Eligibility Requirements
- Must be a 2020 graduating senior, current college student planning to enroll for the 2020-21 academic year.
- Must be a first-generation college student
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Must be working on, or planning to work on, an undergraduate degree
- Must be attending a community college, college or university
- Be of Mexican descent
  - Student was either born in Mexico or at least one biological parent was born in Mexico.
- Be a U.S. Citizen, Legal Permanent Resident, Dreamer, or AB 540 student

*This scholarship is renewable.
INSTRUCTIONS

- This application is available online in PDF Format at www.y2lef.org
- Please mail the following documents in one, complete application packet. Include your name at the top of every page. Do not paper clip or staple your application.
  - Scholarship Application: Ensure your entire application packet is complete and legible. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.
  - Personal Statement: No more than two pages, typed, double spaced, 12-point font size, Times or Arial font style
  - Current, Unofficial Transcript with cumulative GPA
  - Copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA or California Aid Report (CAR) from the CA Dream Act Application
    - A copy of the SAR can be found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and accessed by logging into the student's FAFSA account.
    - A copy of the CAR be found online at https://dream.csac.ca.gov/ and accessed through the student's account.
  - The report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).
  - Letters of Recommendation: For new applicants, each scholarship application requires two letters of recommendation. Only one letter is required for applicants seeking to renew. To ensure security, letters should be sealed in envelopes and signed by the recommender before being included in the packet.

Please submit your completed application packet to the following address:

Mail to:
Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation
ATTN: Scholarships
1701 Westwind Drive, Suite #116
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Hand Deliver to:
Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation
ATTN: Scholarships
1701 Westwind Drive, Suite #116
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. All documents need to be submitted together. No exceptions.

The Postmark Deadline is March 13, 2020
Hand-Delivered Application Deadline is March 13, 2020 at 5:00pm.

Application Checklist:

☐ Scholarship Application is complete and legible. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.
☐ Typed personal statement no more than two pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, Times or Arial font.
☐ Unofficial Transcript with cumulative GPA
☐ Copy of FAFSAs Student Aid Report (SAR) or CADA’s California Aid Report (CAR). Must include Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).
☐ 2 Letters of Recommendation for new applicants; 1 Letter of Recommendation for renewals

SELECTION & NOTIFICATION

Scholarships will be awarded based on a comprehensive evaluation considering your academic potential, personal background (i.e. program participation, low-income, first generation, extracurricular activities, etc.) and official Letters of Recommendation. Selected students will be announced in May 2020.

If awarded, recipients will need to submit a copy of their official Financial Aid Award Package, Fall 2020 college/university course schedule, preliminary academic plan, and other documents as requested.
I am applying to the following scholarships (please check all that apply):

- [ ] College Dream Fund
- [ ] Future Leaders Scholarship
- [ ] Young Mexican Leaders

Last                          First                          Middle
DOB: _______     GPA: _____   Gender: M __ F __

Permanent Address: ________________________________________________
City: ________________ State: __________ Zip code ______
Home #: ______________ Mobile # __________________________

Email Address: ______________________________________

High School (Attending/ Attended): ____________________________

Ethnicity: __________________________________________

Country of Birth: __________________________________

If you are born in the U.S. to Mexican parents, are you registered as a Mexican National?  ____ Yes  ____ No

How many years in the U.S.? _________________________

Mother’s Country of Birth: __________________________

Father’s Country of Birth: __________________________

Parents’ Educational Level:

Mother:
- [ ] Below Middle School  [ ] High School  [ ] Some College
- [ ] College Graduate  [ ] Post Graduate  [ ] Unknown

Father:
- [ ] Below Middle School  [ ] High School  [ ] Some College
- [ ] College Graduate  [ ] Post Graduate  [ ] Unknown

Have you completed the FAFSA?  ____ Yes  ____ No

Are you a Dreamer?  ____ Yes  ____ No

If so, have you completed the California Dream Act?
- [ ] Yes  ____ No

Please answer the following questions:

Which program(s) are you currently, or have been, part of?
- [ ] Y/N Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program
- [ ] Y/N South Joaquin Cal-SOAP
- [ ] Y/N Migrant Education Region V: COE#____________

Please list extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school, or college (i.e. sports, clubs, academic programs, employment, etc.), the year you participated, and the role you played in the organization. Separate resumes or additional lists are not permitted. Please prioritize:

Activity: ________________________________________
Role: ___________________________________________
Year: ______________________  Ex) Freshman or 1st year in college

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Do you have a part-time job?  ____ Yes  ____ No

Hours worked per week: _________

Please RANK the College/ University you have applied to. Begin with your FIRST CHOICE. If you are in college, list only your current school and major.

School __________________________________________ Have you been Accepted?  ____ Yes  ____ No

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Major: ____________________________ Minor: ____________________________ (2nd option): Major: ____________________________
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PERSONAL STATEMENT

For the following section, please type your response on a separate sheet of paper. Use Arial or Times font, 12-point size, double space and 1 inch margins. Responses should be no longer than two typed pages for the entire personal statement section. DO NOT hand write your personal statement.

PROMPT NEW APPLICANTS: Describe obstacles that you have faced and overcome in your lifetime. Please address how your home life, financial circumstances, medical condition, or other obstacles have shaped your dreams and aspirations.

PROMPT RENEWAL APPLICANTS: Describe how the scholarship funding you received has helped you this past academic year. Also, include any advice you would share with an incoming freshman in college as to lessons you learned that would be beneficial for younger students to know as they begin their post-secondary journey.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

New Applicants: To complete this application you must include two letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters must be from a school official (e.g. teacher, counselor, etc.). The second letter may be from a school official, employer, volunteer supervisor, religious leaders, etc. but may NOT be from a family member. Expected topics of discussion are character, dedication or work ethic, and why they believe you will succeed in college. Note: These letters will be scored individually and must be official. No generic letters please.

CONSENT FORM

By signing and submitting this form, I authorize YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION to share all information held by YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION relating to me, including all the information I provide in my application. The information shared includes, but does not limit to my name, mailing address, email address, date of birth, and information relating to any financial aid information, as well as information about the school I am attending. Additionally, my personal information will be shared with the College Access Foundation of California (CAFC) for the purpose of researching and evaluating scholarships and programs, and to better enable young people to attend college and university. I further authorize CAFC to share my Personal Information (including my name and birth date) with the National Student Clearinghouse in order to verify my enrollment and attendance at a higher education institution to which I am admitted. I also authorize CAFC to share relevant portions of my Personal Information with (i) governmental agencies responsible for administering public financial aid programs.

This includes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) from which CAFC can obtain information about my Financial aid packet I received or am entitled to, (ii) and information on any higher education institution to which I was admitted to. CAFC will use this information to verify my enrollment and obtain information on my academic progress (including transcripts). (iii) CAFC’s third party service providers, such as YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION’s data management system,

(iv) Research institutions, which undertake research on strategies to increase access and successful completion. Such research institutions analyze this information, so that CAFC can obtain information on my academic progress toward a degree or transfer to a four-year degree awarding institution, and (v) any other administrative, law enforcement or governmental agencies to the extent required by order or requirement of a court or such administrative, law enforcement or governmental agency.

This authorization will remain in effect until I revoke it, which I may do at any time by contacting YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION at 661.374.8817 or by emailing info@y2lef.org. Any waiver, modification or amendment of this form will be effective only if acknowledged by CAFC. Further, I understand that YOUTH 2 LEADERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION will maintain a record of this form. I am entitled to request and receive a copy of the form for my own records.

This form will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, excluding that body of law known as conflict of laws. If any provision of this form is found to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible and the other provisions will remain in full force and effect. Failure to enforce any provision of the form will not constitute a waiver of future enforcement of that or any other provision. This form may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute the same instrument.

Student Name: ______________________________________ DOB: ___________________________

Parent's Signature (if student is under 18): __________________________ Date: __________________________

Student Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________________________