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2021 EKO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Exceptional Kids Organization (EKO) recognizes the value and importance of education. In support of exceptional students, EKO will award four \$500 scholarships annually to qualified exceptional students. The student must have, or had, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) upon graduation from High School.

Selection will be based on the student's financial needs, academic merits, and/or exceptional community services. Scholarship selection is made without regards to the applicant's race, color, national origin, religious belief, sex, or physical ability.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for an EKO Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Have an IEP, or had an IEP, upon graduation from high school education.
- 2a. Currently a graduating high school senior in a public school in the Southwest SELPA, **OR**
- 2b. Currently enrolled in a post-secondary education program, which may be:
 - ✓ 4-year University, pursuing a bachelor degree;
 - ✓ Community college, pursuing an AA degree; or
 - ✓ Vocational training program, pursuing a diploma or certificate
3. Scholarship recipients must be able to provide verification of enrollment / acceptance in a post-secondary education program.
4. Scholarships are non-renewable or transferable.
5. Relatives and family members of the EKPTO Board of Directors are not eligible.

TO APPLY:

Applicants must submit the following items for consideration (*please do not staple documents*):

1. Completed EKO Scholarship application.
2. Official high school transcript or photocopy of official school records.
3. Copy of eligibility page from most recent IEP.
4. Brief statement of reason(s) for applying for the scholarship.

Note: (a) The student may apply by himself/herself, or
(b) The student may apply through a sponsor, such as parent, teacher, principal / program administrator.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please send application to:

Exceptional Kids Organization
(Scholarship Selection Committee)
4733 Torrance Blvd., Suite 244
Torrance, CA 90503

DEADLINE:

Applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2021**. Successful applicants will be notified by May 1, 2021.

The Scholarship recipients will be requested to submit a photograph release and photograph to be used in publicizing the EKO Scholarship Program.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

All information collected on this application is kept confidential and is for the sole use of the scholarship selection

Applicant's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Street Address

City	State	Zip Code
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Phone Number	Email Address
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Name of Post-Secondary School / Program you will be attending

Name of High School	High School City
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Parent/Guardian Last Name (If applicable)	Parent/Guardian First Name
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Sponsor Last Name (If applicable)	Sponsor First Name
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (If there is a Financial Need)

I certify that the above information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I consent to publicity involving my name and image should I be selected for a scholarship. I understand that all material submitted becomes the property of EKO.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Signature of Parent / Guardian (If student is under 18 Years)	Date
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

In order to be considered for a scholarship, this application AND high school transcripts / proof of post-secondary program enrollment must be mailed together. All applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2021**.
