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Welcome to the second newsletter issue this year. We've had an amazing response from high school students and are delighted to announce that we received 174 applications for which we will be awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships in late May.

2007 Applicant Demographics Overview

In early January, we mailed out Unlocking Doors Scholarship applications to more than 500 Bay Area high schools. Our 2007 deadline was March 31st and we received an outstanding **174 applications!**

This staggering number shows that the need for the scholarship is great. vHere is a quick breakdown of the numbers:

- Total Number of Applicants – 174
- Average Family Income – \$25,138
- Median Family Income – \$24,000
- Number of Cities Represented – 49
- Number of High Schools Represented – 91

For a full demographic breakdown, click on the following link: [Complete Unlocking Doors Demographics](#)

Applicant Quotes

We had many bright and qualified applicants who have overcome many obstacles and are inspired and committed to make a difference in their communities. Below you can read a few direct quotes that reflect our pool of applicants.

"I will challenge the cycle that has trapped my community for decades, disprove the stereotypes of my neighborhood reality, and set an example for the rest of my family."

"I knew the only way I could escape poverty was an education beyond high school and become one less statistic. I'm thankful for the hardships I went through because it has motivated me to strive for excellence."

"At 11 years old, I took over secretarial and accounting responsibilities for my dad's one-man construction business. I compiled monthly bills for his customers, drafted project proposals to meet city regulations, and called supply companies to track his orders regularly."

"Being the pillar my entire family leaned on for support taught me to never give up, even when facing harrowing challenges, because the only limit to my possibilities is my own inhibitions."

"Throughout my life my mother had a drug addiction and my father was rarely around. As a result of these circumstances, my mother, my brothers and I were homeless and had to live in a van for three weeks."

Over the next month, the board will be reviewing all 174 applications by the end of May and will determine our ten finalists who will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Donations are Needed

Although the money raised last year exceeded our expectations, we are at a slow start this year. As the number of applications and the demographics above indicate, the need is much greater than anticipated.

This year, we are aiming to raise \$25,000. You may send your tax deductible donation by mail to:

Unlocking Doors: A Scholarship for Women
530 Lawrence Expwy #335
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Or please visit our website at www.unlockingdoors.org to make a secure online credit card donation through PayPal.

Sincerely,

Lupita Garcia-Reilley
Executive Director and Founder

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