



2008 Scholarship Application

Unlocking Doors was established in 2005 to provide scholarships to low income, female high school seniors living in the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. This scholarship will enable women to become first generation in their families to attend a four-year university. We will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships in 2008.

Postmark Deadline: March 15, 2008

Eligibility Requirements:

- Female high school senior
- Must live in one of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties
 - San Francisco
 - San Mateo
 - Santa Clara
 - Alameda
 - Contra Costa
 - Solano
 - Napa
 - Sonoma
 - Marin
- Parent's/guardian's combined annual gross income must not exceed \$45,000
- First generation in your family to attend a four-year university
- US citizen or legal resident
- No minimum GPA or SAT score required

This scholarship is open to all ethnicities, backgrounds, and area of concentration. Finalists will be notified in May and money dispersed in October after receipt of college enrollment.

Checklist

Mail your application package by March 15, 2008 to:

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

Enclose all of the following items in your application package:

- Unlocking Doors Application – fully completed, legible, and signed
- Two page essay
- Letter of recommendation
- A copy of your academic transcript(s)
- Copy of SAT, SAT II, or ACT scores
- Copy of FASA application

Personal Information

Last name: _____

First name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Preferred Name: _____
(if different from above)

Date of Birth and Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Primary email address: _____

Ethnic Background – Please check all that apply (optional):

Please note that this information is for internal purposes and will not impact your eligibility.

African American/Black

Hispanic American – Please Specify: _____

Native American

White/Caucasian

Asian American/Pacific Islander –
Please Specify: _____

Other Not Listed (Please specify): _____

Decline to State

Citizenship:

US Citizen

Permanent Resident

Education:

High School: _____

Address: _____

GPA: _____ SAT: _____ ACT: _____

Colleges you have applied to for admission in order of preference and indicate whether or not you have been accepted.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Expected Major/Area of Concentration: _____

Family Information

Did either of your parents ever attend college? Yes No

Father/Guardian's Occupation: _____

Father's/Guardian's Highest Level of Education: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Occupation: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Highest Level of Education: _____

Household Yearly Income: \$ _____

Number of People in Household: _____

Community Service/Volunteer Activities/Employment

List service activities in which you have participated within the last four years. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

Activity/Organization	Your Role/Position(s) Held	From (mm/yy)	To (mm/yy)	Hours per week
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Do you work during the academic year? Yes No

If yes, where and how many hours per week do you work? _____

Please Attach:

1. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or mentor who knows you well.
2. A copy of your academic transcript(s) and any SAT, SAT II, or ACT scores.
3. A copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Finalists:

1. Finalists chosen may be asked to provide proof of family income with prior year's tax returns.
2. Before funds can be distributed, finalists will be asked to provide proof of college enrollment.

Essay

In two pages or less, describe why being first in your family to attend and graduate from college is important to you. Please include challenges, obstacles, role models, and long term goals. You can either use this blank sheet to write your response or include no more than two pages double spaced typed essay.

Where Did You Hear About Us?

Please indicate how you heard about us:

Unlocking Doors electronic newsletter

Word of mouth

Fastweb.com

High school counselor

Scholarships.com

Other – Please specify:

Required Certification and Release

Applicant Certification and Release of Information

- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions.
- I understand that application materials become the property of Unlocking Doors and will not be returned.
- I hereby authorize Unlocking Doors to publish the application content for the purpose of public relations.
- I understand that I must notify Unlocking Doors of any change in my enrollment status or contact information. I also understand that a change in my enrollment status may result in the cancellation of any award.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____