



## FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FALL 2008 APPLICATION

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Family Self-Sufficiency Corps, Inc. (FSS Corps). This scholarship program is designed to benefit FSS program participants who want to complete their higher education or to pursue a GED. The program awards the recipient with cash up to a maximum of \$1,000.

If a scholarship recipient is also awarded other financial aid, it may be necessary to reduce the amount of this scholarship in order to preserve the student's eligibility for state and/or federal grant financial aid.

### *Eligibility Criteria for Scholarship Applicants*

Scholarship applicants must meet each of the following requirements:

1. You must be a program participant (or family member residing in the same household) of the Family Self-Sufficiency program of the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno during the Fall and Spring semester of the 2008/2009 academic year;
2. You must maintain a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0 in college preparatory courses required for admission if an entering freshman, meet regular admissions requirements if entering as a transfer student, or provide GED Certification;
3. You must be enrolled in a state accredited junior college, community college, state college, or other accredited institution of higher education in the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 term on a **full-time** basis. Schools include, but are not limited to:

\*Fresno City College, Reedley Community College, West Hills Community College, Pacific College, California State University–Fresno or adult schools located in Fresno County.

### *Eligibility Criteria for Renewal Scholarship Recipients*

Students who receive a scholarship under this program in the 2008/2009 academic year may be eligible to apply for renewal of their scholarship for the 2009/2010 academic year. Renewal candidates must meet the above requirements and the following:

1. You must maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by your campus; and
2. You must have successfully completed a **full-time** academic course of study in the 2008/2009 academic year.

### *Application Process*

1. Applicants must submit a completed *Family Self-Sufficiency Scholarship Program* application, along with a copy of their official high school/GED transcript or official transcript(s) of any college work completed through the Fall 2007 term. A letter of recommendation and a personal statement must also be attached to the completed application.
2. The application **deadline** for the *Family Self-Sufficiency Scholarship Program* is **April 15, 2008**. Interested students should contact the FSS Corps for application forms or visit our website at [www.fsscorpsinc.org](http://www.fsscorpsinc.org).



## ***EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND***

10. Name of high school attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Point Average (GPA) in college preparatory courses: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you a transfer student:     Yes     No  
If you indicated "yes", please state previous college attended and grade point average:  
Name of college: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of units completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
12. GED Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***2008/2009 EDUCATIONAL PLANS***

13. Number of units for which you will enroll in the Fall 2008 term: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Number of college units previously completed: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Expected/declared major: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Anticipated career goal: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Have you completed the 2008/2009 *Student Aid Application for California* (SAAC)?  
 Yes     No

## ***CERTIFICATION***

All of the above information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give the *Family Self-Sufficiency Scholarship Program* permission to share this information for the purpose of recruitment and public relations. I further certify that I will be enrolled as a college student or enroll in the GED program for the 2008/2009 academic year, and will use the *Family Self-Sufficiency Scholarship Program* award toward expenses related to the attendance of a college education.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## **APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST**

*(The required materials listed below must be attached to the application in order to be considered for the scholarship )*

1. **2008/2009 Application**
2. **Personal Statement** – A one to two-page typed (double-spaced, 1" margins, 12 pt. Times New Roman Font) personal statement in which you address the following:
  - . Family background
  - . Achievements
  - . Academic potential
  - . Career goals
  - . Any other information relevant to this application
3. **Reference** – One letter of recommendation is required from a school official or employer who can discuss your personal and/or your academic achievements and potential for success. The school official should comment on present enrollment, academic potential, and ranking among peers, maturity, motivation, self-confidence, leadership, and commitment. An employer should comments on your leadership, commitment, motivation, etc.
4. **Academic Transcript** – Provide a copy of your official high school transcript if you are applying as an entering Freshman, or a copy of your official transcript(s) of any college work completed through the Fall 2007 term, if you are applying as a continuing college student.

***APPLICATION and MATERIALS DUE DATE APRIL 15, 2008***

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**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION and REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:**

**Family Self Sufficiency Corps, Inc.**  
Scholarship Committee  
1331 Fulton Mall  
Fresno, CA 93721