

Sudanese Refugee Education Fund

2011-12 Scholarship Application

THE DEADLINE FOR FALL 2011 SCHOLARSHIPS IS **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011.**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- 1) **All materials, including transcripts and financial data**, must be received by the scholarship coordinator on or before the deadline.
- 2) Completed applications should be mailed to Sandy Milner, 203 Hidden Oak Place, Louisville, KY 40222. If you have questions, you may contact Sandy by email at 2milners@gmail.com or by phone at 502-426-6774.
- 3) All scholarship checks will be made out to the college and placed in the student's account to pay for tuition, books, and fees. These checks are made out by Resurrection Community Center, our partner organization, but draw on funds donated to the Sudanese Refugee Education Fund through the Community Foundation of Louisville. **All Sudanese refugees with ties to the Louisville community are encouraged to apply, regardless of church affiliation.**
- 4) Applicants must reside in, or have resided in, the Louisville, Kentucky region.
- 5) Students are eligible if they attend a **regionally accredited school**, and the board will give preference to students attending not-for-profit schools.
- 6) Applicants are judged according to five criteria: (1) evidence of scholarship and strength of the academic program, (2) quality of answers on the application, (3) persistence in continuing their education, (4) financial need, and (5) record of service. The amount of individual scholarships and the total number of scholarships awarded each grant cycle depends on the availability of funds. Not all applicants will receive awards.

BACKGROUND AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Please print the following information carefully! In past scholarship rounds, we had problems contacting scholarship winners to tell them about their grants and/or to request additional information.

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

What is the best time of day to reach you? _____

EVIDENCE OF SCHOLARSHIP AND PERSISTENCE IN EDUCATION

1) Name of the school you attend (or to which you have been admitted):

2) How many credit hours have you completed? _____

3) How many credit hours do you plan to take this semester? (Please attach a copy of your college course registration) _____

4) What is your cumulative grade-point average (GPA)? (Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript.) _____

5) Check which type of high school education you completed:

- GED
- High School Diploma
- Neither: Still working towards GED or high school diploma

6) How will you use this scholarship to help you attain your goals? This is a very important section, and you should spend time reflecting on your answer.

TIPS:

- Be specific.
- We are interested in your short-term plans (for example, being able to work fewer hours and raise your GPA) and long-range goals (completing a degree that will allow you to work in a specific field or apply for a specific graduate program).
- Write on the back or attach a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

7) Please provide details of any activities, including leadership in campus organizations, that you have been involved with at college or at work that demonstrates your commitment to education, your career goals, or community service. Write on the back or attach a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

FINANCIAL NEED

1) What is your annual income? Please attach a copy of the top page of your federal tax form 1040 that shows your adjusted gross income. _____

2) How much financial aid will you receive for the Fall 2011 semester? Please check all that apply and specify the amount:

Grants and scholarships (such as federal Pell grants and the Woodcock Foundation awards)

Loans

Additional assistance or needs that you would like us to be aware of

3) Please provide the **Student Aid Score (SAR)** that you received from the most recent Federal Student Aid Report (**FAFSA**). The score, which ranges from 0 to 2540, is what the government considers your financial need.

4) Please estimate the financial gap between your educational costs (tuition, fees, room and board, books) and your resources (income, scholarships, grants, etc.).

5) What is your family size (include yourself and wife and children, if applicable, here or in Africa?)

SERVICE

1) What **service** have you provided in support of the Sudanese Refugee Education Fund fund in the past two years? Please indicate both the *kind* of service and the *number of times* you have helped.

Presentations/Speaking engagements

Writing thank you notes to donors

Attending fund-raising events and/or other ceremonies
