

Lynnwood High Class of 2011:

Applications are now being accepted for Project REACH (Raising Education Aspirations and College Hopes), sponsored by Edmonds School District and Edmonds Community College Foundation.

The Project REACH scholarship is designed to help low-income first generation college students pursue education and career goals after high school. Students selected for this program will receive assistance to help cover the cost of tuition, fees and books at Edmonds Community College for a maximum of six quarters, beginning Fall 2011 and ending Summer 2013.

Students and families will also have access to:

- Activities and field trips to promote awareness of career and education opportunities
- Mentor to encourage students' academic progress and help with goal-setting
- Parent workshops on college planning topics
- Transition activities facilitated by Edmonds Community College.

Eligibility:

1. **Must be current Lynnwood High student on track to graduate with Class of 2011**
2. **Must have parents who:**
 - did not graduate from college with a bachelor's or higher degree **and**
 - meet low-income guidelines (as defined in attached State Needs Grant chart)

Selection Process:

- **Application:** Eligible families complete the attached applications and return them along with the required student essay to the counseling office at Lynnwood High School.
- **Screening interviews** will be conducted by Edmonds School District staff.
- **Income Verification:** Candidates will receive Edmonds Community College Foundation Verification of Financial Need to confirm eligibility for the scholarship.
- **Final notification** of Project REACH selection will be made after income documentation has been returned to Edmonds Community College Foundation.

Application Due Date: November 30, 2009

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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To be eligible for Project REACH and the State Need Grant Program, your Median Family Income must fall below these guidelines:

Project REACH Income Chart for 2011 Applicants Based on Washington State 2009-10 50% Median Family Income					
Family Size	Gross Income	Family Size	Gross Income	Family Size	Gross Income
1	20,000	4	39,000	7	52,500
2	26,500	5	45,000	8	53,500
3	32,500	6	51,500	9	55,000

Project REACH families will be required to confirm income eligibility for the State Need Grant and other Financial Aid. This will include submitting Verification of Financial Need prior to selection, and completing the FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) with supporting documentation during the student's Senior year.



Student Application Form

Project REACH



Step 1: Provide the following student information:

Name: _____ **Grade Level:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email: _____

Will you be a first-generation college student? **Yes** **No**
(neither parent has completed a four-year college degree)

Step 2: Acknowledge By Signature Understanding of Project REACH Expectations:

To remain in the Project REACH program and eligible for the tuition scholarship, students must meet the following responsibilities:

1. Maintain regular attendance at school
2. Demonstrate effort and a willingness to succeed in school
3. Participate in scheduled Project REACH activities and events
4. Attend and graduate on schedule from high school within the Edmonds School District

Students selected for Project REACH who fail to adhere to these requirements will face the possibility of removal from the program and loss of the tuition scholarship.

In applying for the Project REACH program, I understand the expectations outlined in this application and the Project REACH Scholarship agreement, and agree to meet those expectations if I am selected. I further understand that I may be removed from the program and lose the tuition scholarship if I choose not to meet those expected responsibilities.

Student Signature

Date

Step 3: Attach to this application a one-page written response to the following questions:

What are your goals for high school and beyond, and what type of help do you believe you need to help you reach those goals?

Have you participated in high school Career and Technical Education classes? Which ones and how have they impacted your learning and life goals?

What are your career interests, and how could Project REACH assist you in preparing for this work?



Parent/Guardian Application Form

Project REACH



Step 1: Provide the following parent/guardian information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Have you (or your spouse if applicable) completed a four-year college degree? Yes No

Are you willing and able to complete Verification of Financial Need documents (as required by Edmonds Community College Foundation) to confirm your students eligibility for this scholarship? Yes No

Step 3: Acknowledge By Signature Understanding of Project REACH Expectations:

Students must meet the following responsibilities:

1. Maintain regular attendance at school
2. Demonstrate effort and a willingness to succeed in school
3. Participate in scheduled Project REACH activities and events
4. Attend and Graduate on schedule from high school within the Edmonds School District

Parent/Guardian(s) must meet the following responsibilities:

1. Attend scheduled Project REACH parent meetings and events
2. Actively encourage and support your student to succeed at school
3. Return Verification of Financial Need form and documentation by required deadline.
4. Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the required deadline during your student's senior year to access the scholarship funds

Students and families selected for Project REACH who fail to meet these requirements will face the possibility of removal from the program and loss of the tuition scholarship.

In applying for the Project REACH program, I understand the expectations outlined in this application and agree to meet those expectations if my child is selected. I further understand the consequences if my child or I choose not to meet those expected responsibilities.

Parent Signature

Date