



APPLICATION FOR "STUDENTS RISING ABOVE"

Only High School Juniors are eligible to apply

Student Name: _____ M/F Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth & Age: _____ **Cumulative GPA from Transcript:** _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Family Yearly Income: \$ _____ Financially on your own? Yes: _____ No: _____

Do your parents/guardians own your home? Yes: _____ No: _____

Number in Household: _____ Adults in House & Relationship: _____

On Government Assistance? Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, list type and amount: _____

Additional forms of income and amount, if applicable (i.e. life insurance, inheritance, trust): _____

Do you work? Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, where, and how many hours a week: _____

Are you a Ward of the Court? Yes: _____ No: _____ Not now, but was at one time in my life: _____

Note: Financial information will be necessary for inclusion in the Students Rising Above Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Have you ever been suspended from school? Yes: ___ No: ___ Have you ever been arrested? Yes: ___ No: ___

Have you ever been expelled from school? Yes: ___ No: ___

Answering yes to any of the questions above does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. We ask that you please attach a letter of explanation.

Student Recommended by: _____ **Position:** _____
*(This can be a teacher, counselor, school administrator, or a mentor from an organization or social service agency who has **known you for at least one year.**)*

School or Organization: _____ Number of years known: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ ext. _____ Evening Phone: () _____

Best time to be reached: _____

School Contact: _____ **Position:** _____
(May be the same person providing recommendation.)

School: _____

Address: _____ Phone: () _____ ext. _____

City/Zip: _____ Email: _____

If you have attended your current school for less than one year, list previous high school(s): _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ ext. _____ Evening Phone: () _____

I understand that any false information supplied will invalidate my application and will deem me ineligible to receive financial support. I certify that I am a United States citizen or permanent resident, and in order to receive any funds, I will provide my social security number and may be required to provide proof of citizenship (i.e. green card). I understand I may be interviewed on camera and that the news crew will also need to shoot other videotape of me in my daily activities. I understand some information about me may appear on the KPIX 5 website, Students Rising Above website, newsletter, brochure, and other published literature approved by the Foundation for Students Rising Above.

Student Signature

Date

Please Attach:

1. SRA's mission is to help extraordinary, low-income Bay Area high school students who are overcoming tremendous odds of poverty, homelessness, neglect, and family challenges to fulfill their dream of a college education. Please submit a typed statement of at least 500 words, but no longer than 850 words. Describe yourself to the Selection Committee, reflect on the challenges you have faced, how you responded to them and risen above the hardships. Indicate why you want to attend college. You may also include any accomplishments and activities (school or otherwise) you are involved in.
2. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or mentor who has known you for a minimum of one year, and can describe your character and substantiate your experiences. This letter will be heavily considered in the application process.
3. A copy of your academic transcript(s) and any SAT, SAT II or ACT scores.
4. A current photograph. (Pictures will not be returned, so please do not send an irreplaceable photo.)

Finalists:

1. Finalists chosen will be asked to provide proof of family income with prior year's tax returns.
2. Finalists must show proof of active green card (if applicable).
3. Finalists must actively apply to four-year colleges and plan to enroll in a four-year college in the **Fall of 2011**.

You can find more information about Students Rising Above at www.studentsrisingabove.org.

If you have questions, please call (415) 333-4222 or send an email to: selection@studentsrisingabove.org.

Applications must be received by: **SUNDAY, APRIL 4th, 2010.**

Please send to:

**Students Rising Above
P.O. Box 29174
San Francisco, CA 94129**

Students Rising Above began as a series of news stories reported by news anchor Wendy Tokuda. Today, the program has grown into a non-profit committed to increasing the number of students served and to providing the financial assistance, mentoring support, and employment skills to be successful in school and in life. SRA selects high school juniors and is committed to working with students until they graduate from college. SRA is designated as a Mandatory Reporter under the California's Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. More information about our program can be found on www.studentsrisingabove.org.