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2006 BECA Scholarship Guidelines

Scope of Scholarship:

BECA's goal is to award at least one scholarship to a student from each St. Mary's County High School, however funding levels and quality of applications will dictate whether this goal may be met or exceeded. Scholarships will be awarded to students based on a combination of factors including a minimum GPA of 2.5 (see *Passport* requirements), essay, and financial need.

Who may apply:

Eligible applicants include any 2006 St. Mary's County high school graduate who has received at least five (5) *Passports to the Future* during his/her high school tenure (or achieved equivalent academic, attendance, and citizenship requirements as determined by his/her high school), and plans to enroll in an accredited college, university, community college, technical or trade school in the 2006-2007 academic year. Eligible students must complete scholarship application documentation as described below. Children of BECA representatives are not eligible to apply for this scholarship. The completed application packet must include:

- BECA Scholarship Application form (attached)
- One-page Essay (see attached description)
- Official copy of High School transcript
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Family Financial Information form and Other Financial Aid form (both attached)
- Copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR), received after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if available
- College acceptance letters, if available

Completed application packets will be evaluated by the BECA Scholarship Awards Committee. Selected finalists will be called in to be interviewed by the committee. Those selected for interviews will be asked to bring and discuss their *Senior Class Portfolios*, or equivalent documentation.

Mailing Address - all applications are to be mailed or delivered to:

BECA
c/o St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce
4200 Airport Road, Suite B
California, MD 20619

Application Due Date - all applications must be received by: Friday, April 7, 2006

* Late applications will not be accepted

Finalist Interview Date: Saturday, April 22, 2006

* Awards will only be made to candidates who have been interviewed

BECA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ SSN: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____

High School: _____

2. NAME & ADDRESS OF SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR:

PLANNED MAJOR (if known): _____

3. ATTACH AN OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

4. ATTACH A ONE-PAGE ESSAY (double-spaced, 12pt font, 1" margins) IN RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Why I have chosen to pursue a career in the field of ____ (specify) ____, and how my educational experience has prepared me for a future in that field?

FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Father's 2005 Annual Income before taxes: \$ _____

Mother's 2005 Annual Income before taxes: \$ _____

Applicant's 2005 Annual Income before taxes: \$ _____

All other taxable or non-taxable 2005 income not included above (including Social Security/Disability, interest, dividends, child support, etc.):

SOURCE: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

GROSS FAMILY INCOME (total of above): \$ _____

Number of Dependents (excluding mother and father): _____

Number in Household attending college in 2006-2007 year: _____

2005 Medical & Dental expenses not paid by insurance: \$ _____

Emergency expenses (Flood damage, etc.): \$ _____

Check one: own ___ rent ___ Monthly mortgage/rent: \$ _____

Value of banking accounts/investments (CDs, stocks, bonds, savings/checking, etc.)

SOURCE: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Any unusual circumstances? PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

Note: Information disclosed remains confidential and will be used solely for the purposes of determining student eligibility for scholarship. In determining eligibility, applicants may be asked to provide copies of U.S. Income Tax returns.

OTHER FINANCIAL AID

Indicate below all federal or state financial aid and all other scholarships or financial aid that you are receiving:

NAME	AMOUNT
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

I certify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I understand and will comply with the terms set forth by the BECA Scholarship Awards Committee.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date