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SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

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TODAY'S GOAL

1. Students will be eligible for hourly raffle drawings.
2. Students will apply to 1 Hoover scholarship.

TODAY'S TOPICS

- Scholarship Marathon
- Hoover Scholarships
 - Efron Scholarship – NOW OPEN!
- Activity: Recycling Essays
- Evaluation
- Wrap Up

SCHOLARSHIP MARATHON

WHAT IS IT?

This all-day event encourages students to share confirmations of completed scholarship, college, and FAFSA applications, for a chance to win hourly gift card raffles, and to be entered for a \$1000 tuition scholarship from College Greenlight and Cappex!

This year, Community Based Organizations (CBO) have a chance to win raffles as well! The submission form will include a space for students to identify their CBO or counseling organization. Each submission will enter the organization into a drawing for 1 of 2 \$500 donations from College Greenlight!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Submit proof of “unique” applications. College Greenlight will use these entries as raffle tickets and select a raffle winner each hour of the marathon.
- Entries can include:
 - Scholarship applications
 - College applications
 - Personal statements/essays
 - Campus visits
 - An organized college list on College Greenlight
 - Essentially any proof of college access activity

BREAKOUT ROOMS

1. Create a Cappex profile at <https://www.cappex.com/greenlight>
 - This is counted as your first raffle entry!
2. Gather proof of college access activity
 - Application confirmation emails
 - Picture of you at a college
3. Submit as many unique entries as you can gather

HOOVER SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP STRATEGY

- Aim for about \$10,000 in scholarships, which means applying to *at least* 20 scholarships.
- Consider criteria that is as targeted as possible (for small applicant pools):
 - Local is better than national (order of preference: Hoover, City Heights, San Diego, California, US)
 - Ethnicity/Religion/Gender
 - First-generation
 - Sports/Music
- Ideal scholarships:
 - Multi-year awards
 - Cash-in-pocket or physical prizes (ie: check, laptop, car, etc.)
- Scholarship sources:
 - Hoover's counselor google classroom
 - CAMP newsletter
 - [College Access Portal](#)

HOOVER SCHOLARSHIPS

- Hoover Foundation Scholarship
- Hoover Foundation Academy Scholarship
- Larry Hall Scholarship
- Larry Hall Academy Scholarship
- Lee Mongrue Memorial Scholarships
- Lee Mongrue Memorial Scholarship - Friends Fund
- Munoz Family Scholarship
- Jesus Morales Scholarships
- CADES
- AOIT Scholarship
- SABE Scholarship
- SJA Scholarship



STEPHEN EFFRON SCHOLARSHIP

The [Efron Scholarship Program](#) at Hoover High School was established in memory of Helen and Sol Price's nephew, Stephen Efron, who had attended Hoover High School. Only current Hoover High students are eligible.

Scholarship Details (depending on financial need):

- Up to \$4,000 a year, for up to 5 years, if you go to a 4-year university
- Up to \$2,000 a year, for up to 3 years, if you go to a community college or vocational program
- Multiple scholarships will be awarded Scholarship recipients receive mentoring and networking opportunities throughout the program

Application Requirements:

We look for applicants who are succeeding in school, have a financial need, and demonstrate qualities essential to college success, including **responsibility, time management and prioritization**. These qualities can be shown through extracurricular activities, volunteering, working or home responsibilities. In addition:

- Students applying for a university scholarship must have a minimum 10-12th grade weighted GPA without PE of 3.0
- Students applying for a community college/vocational scholarship must have a minimum 10-12th grade weighted GPA without PE of 2.0



HOW TO APPLY

- Completed Application
- First page only of your financial aid reports (SAR/CAR)
 - From FAFSA and Cal Grant
 - This page should show your name and EFC (print online to get both on same page)
- Personal Statement
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- *Official* Transcript – unofficial transcripts will not be accepted
- Free Write
- Finalist Interview

QUESTIONS?

ACTIVITY

Recycling Essays

RECYCLING YOUR ESSAYS

In preparation for the Stephen Efron Scholarship, use content from previous essays you've written to answer the following prompts:

- What are your reasons for attending college or a trade/vocational school?
- What is your career goal?
- Why have you chosen this path?
- What skills/qualities do you have that will help you to succeed in college?

WRAP UP

EVALUATION

- Session Evaluation (joint)
 - “Additional Comments”: any colleges decisions you’ve received

NEXT STEPS

CAMP Checklist

- Community college bound students – submit Fall 2021 application for admission and the Promise grant
 - Check out College Access Portal for community college resources
- 4 year bound students - create college portals for each school you applied to
- Learn what YEAR-ROUND and SUMMER student support programs for first-gen, historically under-represented students exist on campus.
- Assess financial aid awards from college acceptances.
- Apply to the PATHS and/or Efron scholarships.

RSVP to the next workshop: **Financial Aid, March 24 @ 5:30-7:30**

- Choose best day as a group

MENTORS: update hours tracker for February



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