

2008-2009
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Offered by the Cox Kids Foundation Fund of The San Diego Foundation

In 1999, Cox Communications established the Cox Kids Foundation Fund of The San Diego Foundation to provide scholarships to support graduating high school seniors and adults re-entering the classroom in their educational endeavors.

The Cox Kids Foundation is funded by Cox Communications and its employees.

All Cox Heroes Scholarships are specific to students living in a Cox Communications service area.

Up to Five Multi-Year Scholarships of up to \$10,000* each are available if you meet these criteria:

- Be a June 2008 graduate of a high school in San Diego County
- Have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- **Be attending an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in San Diego County**
- Have a demonstrated financial need
- Have a strong commitment to civic participation, as demonstrated by involvement in school, work, and/or community activities
- Be enrolled as a full time student beginning in Fall 2008

*This scholarship may be renewable up to four consecutive years depending upon eligibility.

Multiple Scholarships of up to \$2,500 each are available if you meet these criteria:

A. Adult

- Be an adult (age 25 and over) with a high school diploma or G.E.D.
- **Be attending an accredited two-year college, four-year university or licensed trade/vocational school in San Diego County**
- Have a demonstrated financial need
- Have a strong commitment to civic participation, as demonstrated by involvement in community, church or school activities
- Be enrolled as a full time student beginning in Fall 2008

B. High School Student

- Be a June 2008 graduate of a high school in San Diego County
- Have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- **Be attending an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in San Diego County**
- Have a demonstrated financial need
- Have a strong commitment to civic participation, as demonstrated by involvement in school, work, and/or community activities
- Be enrolled as a full time student beginning in Fall 2008

Previous Cox Heroes Scholarship recipients are ineligible to re-apply.



COX HEROES SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009

SECTION ONE

Student Information

First name _____ Last name _____

Physical Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ Date of birth _____

Gender _____ Email _____

Parent(s) name _____

How long have you lived in San Diego County? _____

Are you a military dependent? Yes No Are you a foster youth? Yes No

Name of school currently attending _____

This school is a High School 2-year Community College 4-year University Trade/Vocational

Unweighted GPA _____ Weighted GPA _____ SAT Score _____

Have you received a scholarship from The Cox Kids Foundation before? Yes No

If yes, list the date and amount of the scholarship(s) _____

School applied to Fall 2008 First choice _____

Must be within San Diego County

This school is a 2-year Community College 4-year College/University Trade/Vocational

This school is private public You will live on campus off campus with parent(s)

In Fall 2008, you will be a freshman adult re-entering school

Intended major _____ Year you will graduate from college _____

Degree you will be pursuing Associate Bachelor Certificate Other _____

How did you hear about the Cox Heroes Scholarships? Counselor Teacher Friend/Family

Past Recipient Cox/Cox Kids Foundation Web Site Other Web Site Other _____

Please list the name and amount of each scholarship, grant or financial aid for which you have already applied for or are planning to apply for this year: _____

Please list the name(s) and amount(s) of each scholarship, grant or financial aid you have already received for the academic year 2008-2009: _____

SECTION TWO

Financial Information: To be completed by parent and/or student

Tax information for the year 2006 must be used to answer questions in Section Two. A copy of this information must be included with your application (Form 1040 - pages 1 & 2; Form 1040A - pages 1 & 2; Form 1040EZ)

Are you Independent* or Dependent? Are you Single Married Other

If dependent, do both parents work? Yes No Do you live in a single parent household? Yes No

Total number of people living in your household (including applicant) claimed on 2006 taxes, if filed _____

Number of people living in your household (including applicant) attending college full-time in Fall 2008 _____

List which colleges they will attend: _____

If Independent, complete only sub-section A. If dependent, complete BOTH sub-sections A & B.
 * An independent student is either (1) twenty-four years of age or older, or (2) has not been claimed as a dependent on his/her parent's/guardian's Federal Income Taxes for the previous year. If you do not fall into either of these categories, you are considered a dependent and must complete sub-sections A & B.

Sub-Section A: STUDENT INCOME, FEDERAL TAX, AND ASSETS

Did not file 2006 taxes Reason: _____

Income

Adjusted Gross Income (from 2006 taxes) \$ _____

Other Income (family, friends, etc.) \$ _____

Non-Taxable Income (Social Security, Child Support, AFDC, etc.) \$ _____

Total UNITED STATES Federal tax paid in prior year \$ _____

Medical/Dental expenses (not covered by insurance) \$ _____

Assets

Cash, Savings, Checking, Investment \$ _____

Total financial aid and grants \$ _____

Total Real Estate Owned	A) Appraised Values	-	B) Current Mortgage Values	=	Net Values (A minus B)
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Sub-Section B: PARENT'S INCOME, FEDERAL TAX, AND ASSETS

Income

Adjusted Gross Income (from 2006 taxes) \$ _____

Other Income (family, friends, etc.) \$ _____

Non-Taxable Income (Social Security, Child Support, AFDC, etc.) \$ _____

Total UNITED STATES Federal Tax paid in prior year \$ _____

Medical/Dental expenses (not covered by insurance) \$ _____

Assets

Cash, Savings, Checking, Investment \$ _____

Total Real Estate Owned	A) Appraised Values	-	B) Current Mortgage Values	=	Net Values (A minus B)
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SECTION THREE

Extra-Curricular Activities, Community Service, Work Experience and Awards and Honors

Please list your Extra-Curricular Activities for the past three years only:

Month/Year to Month/Year	Average # hours per Month	Extra-Curricular Activities	Position Held

Please list your Community Service (unpaid) for the past three years only:

Month/Year to Month/Year	Average # hours per Month	Community Service Activities	Position Held

Please list your Work Experience (paid) for the past three years only:

Month/Year to Month/Year	Average # hours per Month	Work Experience	Position Held

Please list your Awards & Honors:

Month/Year	Awards and Honors

Please list additional activities on a separate sheet

SECTION FOUR
Personal Statement

Please type the words “Personal Statement” at the top of the first page, along with your first and last name.

- Your personal statement should be no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced, with 12 point type and one inch margins. Any additional pages will not be considered.
- Clearly address the following three questions in sequential order, typing each question as it appears below. Type your response directly under each question.

- 1. What is your career goal and why have you chosen this path (e.g. is there an individual or event that has influenced you)?**
- 2. Why is receiving this scholarship important to continuing your education?**
- 3. How do you measure or define success?**

Be sure to focus on your personal commitment to achievement despite the adversities and obstacles you have encountered.

Please do not send any additional information such as resume, newspaper article, or photographs as they will not be considered when reviewing applications.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND RELEASE

Applicant Certification: I certify the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application.

Agreement of Terms: I understand that if I do not submit the information required, if it arrives late, is faxed, or my application is incomplete, it will not be considered. I agree to adhere to all of the terms and conditions of my scholarship and those set forth by The San Diego Foundation and Cox Communications if I am selected as a recipient.

Press and Media Release: If selected to receive a scholarship, I authorize the Cox Kids Foundation to use my name, photograph and any other information for press and media purposes. (This information is required)

_____ Yes, I authorize the Cox Kids Foundation and The San Diego Foundation full use of my name, photograph and other information.

_____ Yes, I authorize the Cox Kids Foundation and The San Diego Foundation partial use of my information. Please list (i.e. name, school, etc.):

_____ No, I do not authorize the Cox Kids Foundation and The San Diego Foundation to use my name, photograph and other information.

Release of Information: By signing this application, I hereby (i) formally authorize any individual of any portion of this document to provide information of any kind whatsoever requested by The San Diego Foundation, Cox Communications or any of its employees, or representatives, and (ii) forever release any of the entities or individuals seeking or providing any such information from any and all claims or damages that I may or actually do sustain as a result of seeking or providing such information.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Applicant’s Social Security Number (required) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(if applicant is under age 18) _____ Date _____



HOWTO APPLY:

- Fill out the attached application completely.
- Type a two-page, double-spaced personal statement addressing the three questions on the previous page. Be sure your statement focuses on your personal commitment to achievement despite any adversity or obstacles you may have faced in your life. Special consideration will be given to students who have excelled despite their obstacles and adversities.
- Have two individuals who know you well and are not related to you provide you with letters of recommendation. **Letters must be typed and on official letterhead.** Teachers, work place supervisors, coaches, clergy and volunteer site managers are all good people to write your letters of recommendation.
- Submit transcript(s) in an official and sealed envelope. Adults who are re-entering school need not submit transcripts.

All applications must be postmarked by 5:00 pm on MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008.

Late, incomplete, or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Mail completed applications to:

COX HEROES SCHOLARSHIP
c/o Cox Communications
5651 Copley Drive
San Diego, CA 92111
Attn: Danielle Baldwin

Once applications have been reviewed, up to 30 semi-finalists for each category will be invited to participate in an interview process. All semi-finalists must be available for interviews. Scholarship recipients will be notified in May 2008. Because of the volume of applications we receive, only those individuals selected as semi-finalists will be notified.

Application and guidelines for the Cox Heroes Scholarships are also available at www.coxkidsfoundation.com.

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COX KIDS FOUNDATION

The Cox Kids Foundation is a fund of The San Diego Foundation and the philanthropic arm of Cox Communications. More than 1,000 of Cox's employees contribute to the Cox Kids Foundation directly from their paycheck. Their contribution is then matched 100 percent by the company. Since 1999, more than \$2.4 million has been raised to help local children and families in need in the areas of health, education and social service in the communities Cox serves. Nearly \$350,000 is distributed each year. For more information about the Cox Kids Foundation, visit our web site www.coxkidsfoundation.com or call (619) 266.5286.

THE SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION

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