



***Desert Outreach Foundation***  
**2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Please print or type all responses. Only complete applications will be considered.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section I: *Desert Outreach Foundation***

A) The all volunteer Desert Outreach Foundation is dedicated to improving our community through our Scholarship and Children in Crisis Programs: (1) Scholarships are awarded annually to students residing in the Coachella Valley who are seeking an undergraduate/graduate degree either within or outside of the Valley. (2) The Foundation purchases between 1,000-1,500 new teddy bears each year and donates them to the 7 major organizations in the Coachella Valley with child abuse treatment and prevention programs including local hospital emergency rooms and, police/fire departments.

B) In 2012, the Desert Outreach Foundation will award a minimum of five, \$1,500 scholarships to students who live in the Coachella Valley. The Foundation reviews all applications in detail and uses a weighted rating system to determine which applicants will receive the scholarships. 8 to 10 applicants will be chosen to interview with the Foundation to determine who will be awarded scholarships. A number of rating factors are used including financial need, scholastic achievement, community service, etc. Incomplete applications are not returned to the applicant for completion, but are discarded and not considered in the review process.

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**Section II: *Financial need is a major consideration for this scholarship. Please provide us with the following information:***

A) A copy of your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application or a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) that you receive from the Department of Education after you have filed. If you do not apply for financial aid, please provide a statement that documents your financial situation (for dependent students, provide information on your parents financial situation).

B) If you or your parents are in a domestic partnership, financial information for both partners should be submitted in addition to information provided on the FAFSA. This information will be used in evaluating your financial situation.

C) If you do not have legal residency status or U.S. citizenship, please provide a copy of either your green card or visa.

**NOTE: If you need to send Income tax or other documents showing social security numbers, please black out the numbers before sending them to us. Income tax and other documents showing social security numbers cannot be accepted and your application may be considered as incomplete.**

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**Section III:** Please provide us with all of the following:

- A) An **Official** High School or College transcript in a sealed envelope.
- B) Two letters of recommendation from individuals other than family members.

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**Section IV:** On separate attachments, please provide the following information:

- A) Documentation of any Scholastic Honors or Awards you have received.
- B) A list indicating any and all of your extracurricular activities.
- C) A list of all community activities and/or volunteer work.
- D) A list of your work experience to date (include part-time employers, etc.).
- E) Documentation of where you attend school or a copy of a letter of acceptance.
- F) A summary of your educational and vocational goals.

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**Section V:** In an essay, please respond to the following:

Why this scholarship is important to you; the person you are and the person you wish to be; how you view discriminatory behavior; and, what giving back to the community means to you.

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By signing this application I certify that the above and the information that I will submit on any attachments to this application is true and that the scholarship if granted will be used for the purpose intended. If for some reason, it is discovered or disclosed that this information is not accurate, it may disqualify me as a Desert Outreach Foundation Scholarship Recipient.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this completed application, letters of recommendation and other attachments to:*

**Desert Outreach Foundation  
c/o Cathy Koob  
CSUSB's Palm Desert Campus  
37-500 Cook Street  
Palm Desert, CA 92211-2900**

*The selection committee makes its decision based on the documentation you submit and a personal interview for finalists. The deliberations of the selection committee are confidential and their decision is final. No appeals are accepted. If you are accepted to receive a scholarship, you agree to allow the Desert Outreach Foundation to use your name, photo and a brief biography.*

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS 5:00 PM, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2012.  
SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**