

2013

“Dreamers and Allies Run” Scholarship

On October 7, 2012, two Dreamers and one ally from The Back of the Yards ran the Chicago Marathon with the goal of running for their undocumented friends and family. Additionally, the runners used this opportunity to raise much-needed funds to support the education of undocumented youth in our neighborhood. The runners asked the community to sponsor each of their 26.2 miles and the community responded overwhelmingly and generously. The funds raised as a result of these mile sponsorships were used to create this scholarship.

This scholarship is coordinated and organized by the Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary Immigration Committee. The mission of the Immigration Committee is to advocate on behalf of, educate, serve, and accompany our immigrant families. For nearly five years, we have worked to empower, support, and protect the dignity of our undocumented brothers and sisters. The “Dreamers and Allies” Run Scholarship is yet another way to empower our community.

Thanks to the help of our mile sponsors, we will be able to offer six scholarships in 2013. These six humble, but helpful \$500 scholarships are dedicated to the Dreamers -undocumented students with hopes and dreams of reaching their educational goals. We understand and recognize that funding a college education is a struggle for many. However, it is especially difficult for our undocumented students who have limited resources available to them. Therefore, only undocumented students will be eligible for this scholarship. Undocumented students are hardworking Dreamers with limited opportunities for financial assistance, so it is only fair that this scholarship be targeted to them. Besides helping to fund a portion of the costs of a higher education, our hope is that this scholarship will continue to help our Dreamers realize that there are opportunities for them.

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Requirements

- Undocumented student that is currently enrolled as a high school senior or currently enrolled at a two-year community college or 4-year university;
- Live within the boundaries of Pershing Road on the north, 55th Street (Garfield Boulevard) on the south, Halsted Street on the East and California Avenue on the West;
- Letters of recommendation(s) (maximum two) from a teacher/community service supervisor that is not related to applicant (letter must be typed on business letterhead);
- Two complete essays (out of three possible essays);
- Commitment to service;
- Copy of recent report card (High School) or FALL 2012 Grades (College/University)
- Completed application

This Scholarship is due March 8, 2013

Incomplete/Late Applications will not be accepted

“Dreamers and Allies Run” Scholarship Application

Part 1: Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Primary email: _____

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School

Institution where you are enrolled for the 2012-2013 academic year:

Institution name: _____

City and State: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Most Recent GPA: _____ (Please Attach Most recent Grades)

Part 2: Expenses: Per Semester or Quarter

Tuition: \$ _____

Other Expenses - Total (including books, meals, rent, etc.): \$ _____

Parent/Other Sponsor Contribution: \$ _____

(How much do your parents/sponsors help you pay for tuition, books, etc.)

Total Amount in Scholarships Received for 2012-2013 school year: \$ _____

Other Sources of Income – Total (including, personal income): \$ _____

PART 3: Please list any service hours you have completed in Chicago during the Year 2012.

Description of service	# of hours completed in 2012	Service Supervisor's Name, phone number and signature.	Comments:

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PART 3: Continued

Description of service	# of hours completed in 2012	Service Supervisor's Name, phone number and signature.	Comments:

PART 4

In this part of the application, please answer two of the following three questions. These questions are designed for the “Dreamers & Allies Run” scholarship committee to learn more about you. Please keep each response between 250 and 400 words.

In case of being called for an interview, please be ready to talk about the three questions in this section.

- A. What are your academic goals and what is your financial need?
- B. Every person finds a challenge at some point in their lives. These challenges often help build character for those who face them. What is a challenge that you have overcome? What did you learn from it?
- C. Leadership is one of the key elements to keep our neighborhood alive and active. It comes in different shapes (i.e. leadership in service activities). How have the service activities in which you have participated impacted your community and helped you in your leadership development? If you have not participated in any service activities, what more can you do?

(Note: be ready to address all 3 questions during the interview).

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PART 5: Final Affidavit:

I _____ certify that all information I have provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to provide correct information can result in disqualification or ineligibility for this scholarship. I also certify that at the time of signing this affidavit, I am undocumented, have applied for or currently have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or am otherwise DREAM Act-eligible. I further certify that I am not eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) or eligible for other state or federal government financial assistance/grants.

All information provided in this application will be used for the sole purpose of determining an award of the 2013 “Dreamers and Allies Run” scholarship. The only people that will be granted access to this information are people who will be involved in application review and/or the interview process. All personal information is confidential and will not be shared with other entities.

I further certify that should I be selected as a recipient of the Dreamers and Allies Run 2013 scholarship, I will utilize all funds received for school tuition or other school-related expenses.

I _____ agree to these terms.

Signature of applicant

Date

All completed applications should be turned-in personally at (**DO NOT MAIL**):

Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Office

Attention: Immigration Committee of Holy Cross

4545 South Wood St.

Chicago, Illinois 60609

Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9am to 8:30pm

Saturday, 9am to noon

Closed Sundays and Mondays

Or e-mail scanned copies to: dreamersrun1@gmail.com (Attn: Immigration Committee)

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Final Application Checklist:

- Completed application
- Transcripts (including most recent grades)
- Service Worksheet
- 2 Essays
- Recommendation Letter (2max.)
- Final Affidavit

Please contact us with any questions you might have:

The Immigration Committee

Phone: 312-324-4602

e-mail: dreamersrun1@gmail.com

NOTE: If your contact information changes please let us know as soon as possible as we might be contacting you soon about a possible interview.

Thank you and best of luck!