Organizational Profile
Founded in 1995 by a group of recent college graduates, Education First is a nonprofit organization that provides college scholarships to low income youth. The founders of Education First believe that higher education can add value to society if students are provided the financial resources necessary to complete their college education.

Education First targets students who have overcome significant life challenges and are seldom recognized for their achievements.

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Financial Information
Statement of Financial Position 12/31/05 12/31/04
Assets
Cash, savings and investments $77,667 $60,901
Pledges Receivable 43,050 25,082
Total Assets $120,717 $85,983
Liabilities
Scholarships Payable $36,504 $37,004
Net Assets
Unrestricted 84,213 48,979
Total Liabilities & Net Assets $120,717 $85,983
Statement of Activities 2005 2004
Support & Revenue
Contributions and Grants $62,197 $35,621
Interest and Dividends 1,538 574
Total Support and Revenue $63,735 $36,195
Expenses
Program 25,711 22,386
Fundraising 1,292 6,526
Administrative 1,998 1,231
Total Expenses $29,001 $30,143
Surplus (deficit) $34,734 $6,052

Volunteers
Kayomi Binks
Lauren Klein
Blake Buzzini
Steven Kostick
Katherine Chandra
Dhriti Leung
Tracy Cheung
Josephine Liu
Connor Cheung
Sylva Lopez
Sachin Collins
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Inca Enfield
John Rektor
Kiara Giff
Leslie Reinheimer
Wade Ha
Nate Smith
Curt Humes
Liubao Suoua
Bridge Knight
Scott Spencer
Lulu Zhang

Historical Highlights
Past & Present 2005 1995
Program Results
Number of participating schools 18 9
Number of applicants 151 56
Percent of applicants interviewed 45% 25%
Number of scholarships awarded $30,000 $3,000
Number of volunteers 53 11

By rewarding students with strength of character, a commitment to learning, and a vision for their future, our aim is to invest in individuals who will positively affect their communities.
Our 2005 Scholarship Recipients ($4,000)

**Seattle**
- Mahogany Villars
  - Cleveland High School
  - Western Washington University
  - "My major challenge in High School was being surrounded by peers that were not motivated to go to college. However, I turned that challenge into my own advantage by seeking available scholarships and creating a plan unique to me and my long-term educational goals. What drives me today is the opportunity to give back and speak to the students of my High School, telling them if I can succeed, so can you."
- Megan Hartung
  - North High School
  - "My major strength is that I saw opportunity. I am not one to sit and watch the world continue without me. I have spoken at higher education presentations and have volunteered with younger students. I love to interact with and lead diverse groups, challenging my own boundaries."

**Portland**
- Moses Fatou
  - Roosevelt High School
  - University of Portland
  - "Although my classes in [East Africa] had been taught in English, the way people spoke in America was very different, and I had a difficult time comprehending. Soon I found a solution — reading books! I started reading books with my teacher’s help. As a result, my English skills began improving very fast. Today, I am a member of the National Honor Society, thanks to their help."
- Carolotta Hamilton
  - Reigan High School
  - University of Texas
  - "The thing I wish to achieve with a college education is to have a well-equipped job and do something that I love to do rather than settle for less in a job that doesn’t require a college education.""The thing I wish to achieve with a college education is to have a well-equipped job and do something that I love to do rather than settle for less in a job that doesn’t require a college education."

**San Francisco**
- Almas Nigirse
  - Balboa High School
  - Somacons State University
  - "I will be the first person in my family to go to college and will have more options in my life compared to America where I grew up. In America, I know I can earn a college degree, and it will make a difference in my life. I also want to give back to my community by volunteering with other immigrant youth who are in need and encourage them to attend college.""I will be the first person in my family to go to college and will have more options in my life compared to America where I grew up. In America, I know I can earn a college degree, and it will make a difference in my life. I also want to give back to my community by volunteering with other immigrant youth who are in need and encourage them to attend college.""

**Los Angeles**
- Gadiel Mires
  - Manual Arts High School
  - University of California Berkeley
  - "There are people who say, ‘Oh, his school is not for me,’ but in my case, school is the only thing that will take me where I want to go. Realizing that college can take me places, keeps me from giving up no matter how difficult the challenge."
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  - Manual Arts High School
  - University of California Berkeley
  - "I am doing very well — I finished school on June 12, 2006. Actually Smith Glover, an Education First volunteer was at the ceremony. He told me that ‘As for now, I am working for a company that imports and is a distributor of high tech accessories. I will be applying to Law School in the future, however I am trying to help out my husband financially since he is a student/employee himself. As for my six year old daughter, she is well and going to school.”"I am doing very well — I finished school on June 12, 2006. Actually Smith Glover, an Education First volunteer was at the ceremony. He told me that ‘As for now, I am working for a company that imports and is a distributor of high tech accessories. I will be applying to Law School in the future, however I am trying to help out my husband financially since he is a student/employee himself. As for my six year old daughter, she is well and going to school.”"

**Denver**
- Abigail Koneru
  - Roosevelt High School
  - University of Portland
  - "‘I am doing very well — I graduated from University of Washington with B.S in Chemical Engineering. Now, I am working company named Alamo North America. As a process Engineer I would like to take the opportunity to thank you from Education First for giving the guidance and financial support to reach my education goals. Without the help from people like you I will not be here today. Once again, thank you very much.”"I am doing well — I graduated from University of Washington with B.S in Chemical Engineering. Now, I am working company named Alamo North America. As a process Engineer I would like to take the opportunity to thank you from Education First for giving the guidance and financial support to reach my education goals. Without the help from people like you I will not be here today. Once again, thank you very much.”"
- Hassan Abdifatah
  - Roosevelt High School
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