

Historical Highlights

Past & Present	2011	1995
Program Results		
Number of participating schools	18	9
Number of applicants	291	56
Percent of applicants interviewed	25%	25%
Scholarships awarded to date	\$524,000	\$3,000
Number of volunteers	90	11

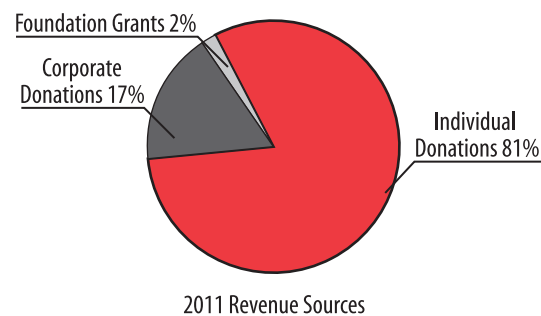
Financial Information

Statement of Financial Position	12/30/11	12/31/10
Assets		
Cash, savings and investments	\$115,119	\$114,237
Pledges Receivable	5,427	13,418
Total Assets	\$120,546	\$127,655

Liabilities		
Scholarships Payable	\$57,994	\$65,000
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	62,552	62,655
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$120,546	\$127,655

Statement of Activities	2011	2010
Support & Revenue		
Contributions and Grants	\$63,446	\$59,255
Interest and Dividends	0	1
Other	0	0
Total Support and Revenue	\$63,446	\$59,256

Expenses		
Program	\$55,423	\$81,995
Fundraising	12,121	5,501
Administrative	3,012	2,089
Total Expenses	\$70,556	\$89,585
Surplus (deficit)	(\$7,110)	(\$30,329)



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 assist in breaking generational poverty. To promote our mission, we provide both financial and mentoring support to students. Education First targets students who have overcome significant life challenges and are seldom recognized for their achievements.

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Education First is dedicated to providing need-based college scholarships to exceptional seniors attending high schools with historically low percentages of college applicants.

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.



2011

Letter from the Executive Director

Education First has not been immune to the economic slowdown. The impacts of corporate tightening of community support have been felt in each of our six fundraising cities. In 2011, we had to reduce our scholarships amounts for the second year in a row due to the decline in corporate fundraising.

Thankfully, our individual donors have continued to generously give to this great cause and recently we have seen corporate giving slowly start to pick-up. In addition, volunteer regions are working harder than ever to plan exciting and successful fundraising events in your local community.

In the Spring, our volunteers reviewed a record 291 applications from 18 schools and conducted over 70 interviews to select our remarkable scholars for 2011. A total of \$60,000 (down from \$78,000 in 2010) was granted in scholarships to twelve high school seniors that demonstrated immense character, educational excellence, and commitment to their community.

Our scholarships, which are still some of the largest available to graduating students, are only made possible by our amazing donors. We appreciate and thank you for your support of Education First.

Sincerely,

Nathan D. Smith, Executive Director

2012–2013 Participating High Schools



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Our 2011 Scholarship Recipients (\$6,000)



Seattle

Veronica Coria
Rainier Beach High School
Seattle Central Community College

Education was not a priority when Veronica was growing up in Mexico. Neither of her parents can read or write and she was not allowed to attend school. Veronica's determination led her to move to Washington to live with her sister. Balancing a job to support her sister with learning English and going to school, Veronica managed to succeed. Veronica hopes to become a pediatrician.



Portland

Hamda Jama
Roosevelt High School
Portland State University

"I will reach my dream — nothing is going to stop me." Hamda and her family of 10 arrived in the US 5 years ago from Somalia speaking no English, but through persistence and hard work she performed at the top of her class. Hamda will be the first in her family to go to college, and wants to become a pediatrician.



San Francisco

Allan Gomez
Mission High School
Canada College, Redwood City

Allan is determined and mature beyond his years. After escaping an abusive father in Guatemala twice, Allan had to plea asylum to immigration police and take on jobs below minimum wage to support his family and pay legal fees. Despite all this, Allan never forgot the importance of education, and aspires to major in Political Science and become a lawyer/advocate for others in similar conditions.



Los Angeles

Beatriz Pineda
Manual Arts High School
Los Angeles City College

A determined yet practical young lady, Beatriz sets her goals high. Coming to the US and starting High School at 17 was not easy, but her inability to speak English and the need to work 30-40 hours a week to provide for her family only made her life that much more challenging. However, Beatriz has taken this all in stride, and is moving on to college while continuing to provide for her family.



Denver

Melissa Romero
North High School
Metro State College of Denver

Despite having to overcome many challenges, such as not having a home or bed and having to take several busses just to get to school every day, Melissa remained strong, optimistic and dedicated. As a volunteer for a community resource center, Melissa wants "to bridge the digital divide" that separates the less fortunate. She plans of studying computer science and business management.

Austin

Estrella Perez
Travis High School
Taking Year Off

Estrella has emerged from the negative pressures of drugs and crime as an independent, strong young woman who cares about others, stands up to peer pressure and values education. Holding a full-time job, mentoring elementary students, and staying on top of school was not easy, but Estrella succeeded as the first in her family to graduate high school.

Honorable Mention Award Scholarships (\$4,000)

Seattle

Patricia Burgess
Rainier Beach High School

Portland

Britany Jaramillo
Marshall High School

San Francisco

Irene Noh
Balboa High School

Los Angeles

Vanessa Garcia
Jefferson High School

Denver

Rodolfo Segovia
North High School

Austin

Felipe D. Anaya-Hernandez
Eastside Memorial High School

Past Scholars — Where are they now?

Ashley is finishing up her Latin American Studies degree at University of Texas at Austin. Ashley has taken advantage of a diverse array of experiences, such as studying U.S. China relations in Beijing and complementing her Latin American Studies degree by studying abroad in Peru. In addition to her academic pursuits, Ashley has devoted significant time to internships at various foundations and nonprofits. Ashley is currently preparing for the GRE and is excited to continue her educational pursuits.

— Ashley Corona, '08 Winner (Reagan High School, Austin)

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