

The Future Educators Scholarship Program was organized by the San Diego Education Fund (SDEF) to provide the San Diego Unified School District with an ongoing source of qualified teachers from underrepresented groups. The fund provides support to students for up to five years of post-secondary training, including four years of undergraduate education and a one-year program leading to a teaching credential. Counseling and mentoring are provided as a part of the program. Students who will graduate in June 2008 are eligible to apply. Funds are paid directly to students in the form of a stipend that may be used to defray expenses related to their education.

Students who apply for assistance from the Future Educators Program must have satisfactory citizenship and academic grades, demonstrated community involvement, and positive references from school staff and community members. They must also demonstrate financial need, sign a letter of intent to pursue a course of study leading to a teaching credential, and seek employment as a teacher with the San Diego Unified School District. Scholarship recipients must attend a college or university in San Diego County.

Funding for stipends for the Future Educators Scholarship Program comes from the SDEF, a nonprofit organization, whose Board of Directors has volunteered to solicit donations from individuals, foundations, corporations, and federal grants, as well as contributions from teachers. A minimum of 25 scholarships will be awarded for the 2008-2009 school year thanks to special funding from the College Access Fund of California.

The completed application materials must be received **no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2008 to:**

**Vance Mills
Eugene Brucker Education Center
4100 Normal Street, Room 3251
San Diego, CA 92103-2682**

A copy of the application guidelines and materials for the Future Educator Program is also posted on this web site. Applicants are required to submit the following:

1. Application form
2. Application essay
3. Financial needs evidence
4. Two references
5. Official copy of high school transcript

Questions regarding the application process and requests for additional application materials should be directed to Vance Mills, who is SDEF president, at 619.997.0995 or by e-mail to drmath@cox.net.