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Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to offer educational grants to youth through the Foster Youth Education Fund. We encourage applicants to apply who plan to attend two year and four year colleges and universities, as well as vocational and career technical education programs.

We have enclosed some guidelines and ask that you review them carefully and then complete the application. It is very important that we have all of the requested information, so please re-review the guidelines before finalizing and sending in your application. If you have trouble obtaining all of the information by the deadline of **March 8, 2010** please let us know. You may have the information sent directly to the Foster Youth Education Fund in order to avoid further delay. An incomplete application can result in us not considering your application, so please let us know if you need assistance or special consideration. **We can only accept applicants who are emancipating or have emancipated out of foster care from the four surrounding counties of Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado and Placer Counties or currently reside in one of these four counties.** The school or college you attend however, does not have to be within the four county region.

All applications must be completed and submitted by March 8, 2010 please mail or drop off your completed application and required documents to:

**Foster Youth Education Fund
C/O Sherry Griffith
3323 Watt Ave #253
Sacramento, CA 95821
(916) 955-1699/sgriffith@acsa.org**

Our goal is to support as many foster youth from the four counties as possible. In addition to need, we award scholarships based on academic strength and achievements (transcripts), any participation in community and/or school activities, letters of commendation and/or recommendation and your personal essay.

If you have any questions or need help with the completion of your application please contact Sherry at (916) 955-1699 or email at sgriffith@acsa.org. Congratulations on your achievements up to now and good luck!

Sincerely,

Sherry Griffith
Foster Youth Education Fund

***** In the event that you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive a scholarship award letter the end of March 2010. Please note that as a non-profit organization we are required to document the use of the scholarship funds for the Internal Revenue Service. We ask that you submit receipts for your expenses related to your education (tuition, books, school supplies, and any living expenses, such as rent and food) to the Foster Youth Education Fund prior to receiving the scholarship money. Further information will be included in the scholarship award letter, but we want applicants to be prepared to obtain and provide these receipts in the event award is granted. The money can be distributed immediately after your receipts are submitted.**

