

What Makes **EAST BAY COLLEGE FUND** Unique?

- *Great Expectations Awards* are substantial **four-year \$16,000 scholarships** (\$4,000/year). Most programs provide only one-year awards.
- East Bay College Fund has a well-established *mentoring program* to help students succeed.
- An East Bay College Fund *professional counselor* provides college guidance, personal support, and life skills workshops for its scholars.
- East Bay College Fund seeks *public high school students who are often overlooked* in the scholarship process. Focus is on students in significant financial need with GPAs between 3.0 and 3.7, who have overcome personal or family difficulties while achieving solid academic records.
- Scholars may attend the four-year accredited *college or university of their choice*, anywhere in the U.S.
- 100% of scholarship-designated *funds go directly to students*. Administrative funds are raised separately.
- Donors can participate as part of a *donor group* to fund a four-year scholarship. People of widely varying means can help support our youth.
- Donors may name their scholarships and *develop close relationships* with their scholars, if desired.

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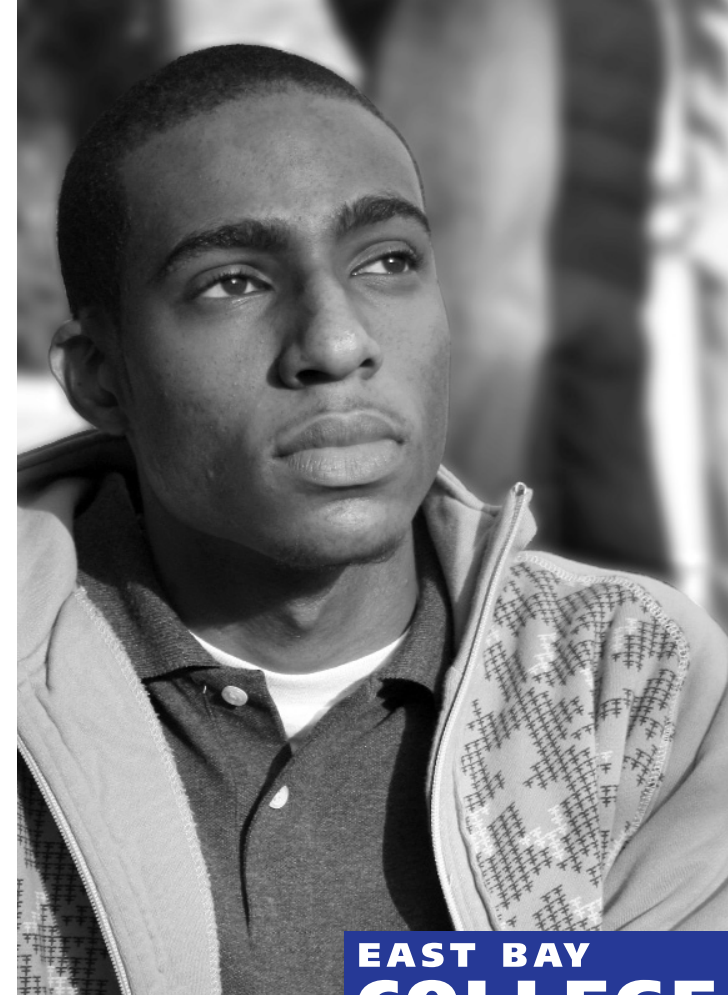
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EAST BAY COLLEGE FUND helps resilient public high school seniors, under-represented in higher education, go to college and expand their life opportunities. East Bay College Fund aspires to involve the whole community in providing college scholarships, mentoring, and support networks to assist these young people in realizing their full potential.

East Bay College Fund's program is designed to help its scholars succeed *throughout* their college years. Each student receives a \$16,000 scholarship awarded over four years, an individual mentor, on-going college counseling, life skills training, and access to a supportive community.

East Bay College Fund was formed in 2002 by a committed group of East Bay citizens, educators and community activists. Grassroots efforts and contributions from a wide variety of individuals, corporations, and foundations continue to grow, enabling East Bay College Fund to support over 60 continuing scholars and grant an additional 15 awards annually.



GREAT EXPECTATIONS AWARDS

East Bay College Fund grants *Great Expectations* Awards to students who graduate from Oakland and Emeryville public high schools in the Spring and attend four-year colleges/universities the following Fall. Additional public high schools may become eligible in the future.

MENTORING

East Bay College Fund, recognizing students' need for personal support, provides a mentor for each scholar during all four years of the award. Mentors are volunteers selected from within the community, and then specifically matched with scholars to help ensure their success in college.

STUDENT APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarship applicants submit a personal essay, two recommendation forms, and verification of financial need. Panels of diverse community members review the applications, interview all finalists, and select the recipients. In addition to being promising students, many scholarship recipients are the first in their family to go to college. *Great Expectations* Award scholars demonstrate maturity, self-discipline, and high expectations for themselves.

The annual process begins in January, applications are due in early March, and awards are publicly presented at a ceremony in May.

“East Bay College Fund is not only improving my life, but also the lives of my family members who see me go to the university, in search of a better future.”

— Leonel Mendoza
2005 Scholar, in a letter to his donor

How You Can Support EAST BAY COLLEGE FUND

- Contact us regarding funding a full scholarship or forming a group to fund a scholarship
- Contact us regarding mentoring or other volunteer opportunities
- Make a contribution to the General Fund to support our scholars and programs
Make check payable to East Bay College Fund or donate on-line at www.eastbaycollegefund.org
- Tell a friend, colleague, or student about East Bay College Fund

