

BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE

Scholarship Application

Basic Skills

A. Student Section

Date: 5-10-07

Student Name: Jonathan Trueblood

Student ID #: 880-367070

Address: 9615 Citrus Ave Fontana CA 92335
City State Zip

Home Phone #: 909-877-3043

Cell Phone #: 909-782-8035

Program Enrollment: GED _____

AHSD

Other _____

Student Signature: Jonathan Trueblood

Please use the space below to describe why you are deserving of this scholarship and how you would use these funds to continue your education. You may include any important personal background or experience that demonstrates your commitment, discipline, and perseverance in obtaining your education.

See attached

**Please submit this completed application in the attached envelope
by the final closing deadline: June 1, 2007.**

B. Faculty Recommendation

Jonathan Hueblood

	Poor	Average	High	Excellent
Attitude Towards Learning				X
Progress				X
Perseverance				X
Commitment to Excellence				X
Educational Goals				X
Career Goals				X
Ability to Overcome Obstacles				X
Extracurricular Activities				X

Please explain why you believe this student is uniquely deserving of this scholarship and describe any other outstanding personal qualities or achievements that you have observed.

Jonathan has demonstrated a commitment to improving his life situation through education. He has persevered through several obstacles throughout his life, and still remains positive and optimistic about his goals. His goal is to pursue a degree in Marine Biology, eventually securing a position in working to protect marine life. He seems passionate about becoming an advocate for a "green" world.

Jonathan has also shown a commitment to providing for his family and his church. He is actively involved in his church. When he is not here at school making progress towards earning his diploma, he is typically involved in providing volunteer services for his church or can be found providing care for his grandmother & family. I recommend Jonathan for this scholarship without any reservations. He is truly deserving of this award.

Instructor Name (Print): Jennifer Flores

Date: 5/29/07

Instructor Signature: *Jennifer Flores*

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My dream since I was six years old was to work with Orcas. As I got older I learned of a career that works with them and much more. This career is called Marine Biology. I was about 10 years old when I heard about it and knew that is what I want to do with my life. I was born in California but moved to Las Vegas, NV when I was five and half years old, by that time I had switched schools three times. My mother and father were both heavily into drugs so we moved alot to keep away from the cops. At our last apartment my mother got threatened with CPS that they were going to take my brother and I away, by this time I ~~was~~ was into my third switch into a first grade school. My parents ended up doing a bad drug sale and the guy that it happend to came back with a gun pointed to my brother's back. My mom pulled my brother away as my dad shot the guy. After that my sister kept me at her house for about a month before My mom, brother, and ~~me~~ I left for Vegas. I ended up being held back to repeat my first grade. When I entered the third grade I had to move back to California to take care of my grandpa who was dying with cancer at the time. When he died it was at the end of my third grade and I moved back to Las Vegas to finish elementary and most of Middle school. I had to move back to California near the end of eighth grade and the change messed up my grades. I went onto

high school still trying to pursue my dreams in Marine Biology. I got in to Summer school at the end of sophomore year. When I got through my first semester of Junior year I found out that my credits in high school were at a freshman level. My mom pulled me out of that school and put me through an independent studies program called Options for Youth. I got my credits to Senior level and I had just turned 18. Since I was 18 and still not at graduating level they had to kick me out but my teacher knew how much I wanted this career so he referred me to the Mt. SAC Adult Ed. I went to register, got into my class and was on an on going schedule. A few months passed and I was holding a part time job and going to school but my grandma, who I live with, got really sick and required someone to be home with her. I had to keep working and when I got off I had to be at home so my cousins could go to school and I could still be there to take care of her. That went on for a year and during that time I wasn't able to go to school. I have now quit my job to do school full time and I am only a few credits away from actually graduating. I am currently doing Algebra 1 and I hope to do the rest of my classes on the main campus. Once I am done with my classes on main campus I am going to transfer to a University called Hawaii Pacific University to further my career. The reason I am saying I deserve this scholarship is because I really

want this career but I don't have the money to pursue it, and I don't have help from any of my family because of our struggle to make it by with every paycheck. If I did get it I am going to use it to the fullest ability in getting my A.A. to transfer.
Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Trueblood

Jonathan Trueblood

August 9, 2007

Jonathan Trueblood
9615 Citrus Ave.
Fontana, CA 92335

Dear Jonathan:

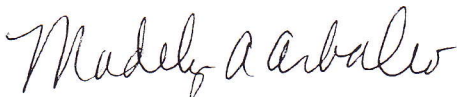
Your application for the BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE Scholarship sponsored by the Basic Skills Department has been received. Your letter was very well written and we are impressed with both your accomplishments and your goals. It is clear that your positive attitude and determination have been your greatest assets in achieving success. We are truly inspired by your success in your credit classes and how you have overcome some very challenging life issues.

It is with great pleasure that we award you the Second Annual BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE Scholarship 2007 for \$500.00. There were numerous applicants and the selection committee believed that you very accurately represent the scholarship criteria. It is our understanding that you are currently a student in the Adult Diploma Program and will also enroll in credit classes this Fall.

Your scholarship award will be sent to the Financial Aid Office for the Fall 2007 semester. Please contact **Desiree Marquez in the Financial Aid Office at 909-594-5611 ext.4417**, and she will assist you with the award. I would like the opportunity to congratulate you in person, so please feel free to come to my office in Building 30 at your convenience. If you have any questions regarding this award, you may contact me at 909-594-5611 ext. 4845.

Congratulations on receiving the BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE Scholarship! We wish you the best of luck in your personal and educational endeavors.

Sincerely,



Madelyn A. Arballo
Director, Basic Skills
Mt. San Antonio College

BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE
Scholarship Application
Basic Skills

A. Student Section

Date: June 22, 2007

Student Name: Andrea Valenzuela

Student ID #: 880250760

Address: 747 N. Dade Ave. City: La Puente State: CA Zip: 91744

Home Phone #: 626.917.3138 Cell Phone #: 626.374.1479

Program Enrollment: GED _____ AHSD _____ Other X _____

Student Signature: Andrea Valenzuela

Please use the space below to describe why you are deserving of this scholarship and how you would use these funds to continue your education. You may include any important personal background or experience that demonstrates your commitment, discipline, and perseverance in obtaining your education.

I entered the University Academy (UA) my freshman year with one goal in mind: to take the most rigorous courses offered at my high school so I could show colleges my potential and willingness to constantly challenge myself. I spent my last three summers participating in the Upward Bound Residential Program, where I spent a total of 15 weeks living in the residence halls of Cal Poly Pomona. Every summer the experience was very different, from assigned roommates to the courses I took. I learned a lot about college admissions and time management skills. Thus, from this small preview of college life, I experienced tremendous personal and academic growth. I have exhausted every academic opportunity available to me. As a result of taking the AP curriculum coupled with my exposure of college life, I felt ready to take the next step this year by enrolling in two college level courses offered through CSUF.

My advocacy effort for positive change in education is one of my strongest personal talents. I understand first hand the challenges students from an economically disadvantaged communities must face in order to be college ready. Prior to my junior year, I was determined to take AP English Language but was told it would not be offered for a lack of interest. I spearheaded a student campaign and as a result of my leadership, I became one of eighty students signed up to take the AP English Language course, which was a record high for La Puente High School.

I promote higher education among underrepresented students by assisting my peers to see the benefits of a postsecondary education. Thus, I take my position as a peer college counselor (PCC) very seriously. As a PCC, I exercise my leadership skills while motivating and encouraging students to empower themselves by attending college. As an immigrant bilingual Latina and honor student, my experiences add to the diversity and richness of those of us that want to give back to our community. As a result, my personal life experiences fuel my determination to persevere despite my personal and financial hardships and I want to help others do the same.

The second semester of my junior year differs immensely from the rest of my academic history. Last year my mom's health began deteriorating. By April she underwent a hysterectomy due to cancerous cells, a scary experience for my entire family both emotionally and financially. This unexpected life changing experience temporarily sidetracked me from being able to prove my true academic potential. Junior year was mostly a personal and emotional growth year, but I survived.

During my senior year I worked very hard to correct my mistakes by retaking courses at Mt. SAC. Today I know I must release stress through physical activities and friends. For this reason, I joined Tae Kwon Do- an activity that strengthens my body and mind. I train after school three times a week and I plan to become a black belt. During the weekends and some Thursday nights I practice Folkloric dance to maintain my culture and express myself through the art of dance. I also figured out that smart people go to tutoring (I started taking real advantage of Upward Bound's tutoring sessions after school); but the real lesson was learning to use my support mechanisms to confront life's toughest

challenges. Ultimately, the key to my success in school and life is balance, and I truly feel that I have the balance need to face, accept, and overcome the rigorous academic pressures and challenges of the University System.

In order to continue helping and better serving my community, I need to complete a college degree. I plan to pursue a business major or go into the educational field as a counselor to provide high school students with greater access to information about how to get to college. I am currently involved in the Bridge Program, I will complete the summer semester as a full time student and I plan to start the fall semester with the Honors Program so I can successfully transfer to a four- year institution. I don't want to have to sleep on the couch and see my sister sleeping on the living room floor all my life. My dad is a blue collar, he handles heavy stuff every day for long hours, and he does it to keep our family going. My dad's job as an installer won't last forever, I know that he won't be this strong ten years from now; but with a college education, I will be a more productive individual, able to procure for my parents' future and help my sister achieve her dream of going to college.

My mom is now a cancer survivor, and like my dad she has managed to fight no matter her obstacles. Thus, I want to keep fighting as well, no matter my obstacles. I assure you that I am a great investment and will be a true asset to my college campus. I have the desire, drive and academic ability to be successful, the only thing holding me back is my economic hardship.

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Please see attached letter.

Instructor Name (Print): JUAN CARLOS ASTORGA

Date: JUNE 22, 2007

Instructor Signature: *Juan Carlos Astorga*

Please submit this completed recommendation in the attached envelope by the final closing deadline: June 1, 2007.

June 22, 2007

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am truly pleased to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Andrea Valenzuela and her application for the Building on Excellence Scholarship. Andrea is a participant in the Upward Bound Program that I direct. The Upward Bound Program's ultimate purpose is to prepare students to succeed in a program of post secondary education. I can remember when I first met Andrea two years ago, how I was thoroughly impressed by this mature young woman, confident in her own ability and prepared to continue to enhance her skills personally and educationally.

I have known Andrea since I became the Director of the Upward Bound Program. The first day that I met Andrea she casually walked up to me and proceeded to share who she was and very easily began to open up about her goals and her future. She is incredibly intelligent and is aware of her role in creating change in this world.

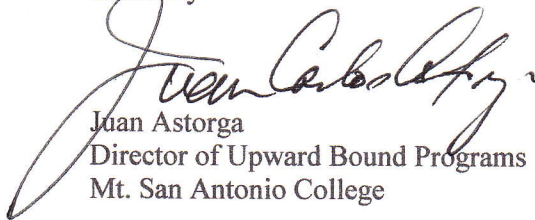
Andrea's self-awareness and "level-headedness" has impressed me and allowed me to see first-hand the gift that Andrea has. A gift of being able to touch other student's lives in a way that they come away just that much more enriched. Her insights, analyses, and ability to involve others to be life-long learners is at the core of who Andrea is. She is not only self-disciplined and dependable, but has already made a difference in the growth of the students in our program.

As stated, Andrea is one of the most exceptional persons (students and professionals) that I have worked with during the last fourteen years. Most impressive to me is her unquestionable commitment to serving the community. This commitment drives her strong work ethic and her conscientiousness in addressing all details of her responsibilities. Andrea has become an excellent problem-solver, a quality facilitated by her work and her multicultural proficiencies. Andrea works effectively with very diverse groups as both a leader and a team player. Moreover, her experience has enabled her to construct a unique ability to conceptualize the connection of her place between communities and educational institutions.

With all of this, not to mention her thoroughness, her poise and maturity, enthusiasm and friendliness and her sensitivity to issues concerning all people, I give Andrea my highest recommendation and implore you to please award her a scholarship.

Please feel free to contact me at (909) 594-5611 x5634 if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely


Juan Astorga
Director of Upward Bound Programs
Mt. San Antonio College



July 19, 2007

Andrea Valenzuela
747 N. Dade Ave.
La Puente, CA 91744

Dear Andrea:

Your application for the BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE Scholarship sponsored by the Basic Skills Department has been received. Your letter was very well written and we are impressed with both your accomplishments and your goals. It is clear that your positive attitude and determination have been your greatest assets in achieving success. We are truly inspired by you and how well you articulated your life story.

It is with great pleasure that we award you the Second Annual BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE Scholarship 2007 for \$500.00. There were numerous applicants and the selection committee believed that you very accurately represent the scholarship criteria. It is our understanding that you are currently a Mt. San Antonio College credit student and will continue in the Fall 2007 with hopes of entering the Honor's Program. This is an accomplishment that I am certain you will achieve.

Your scholarship award will be sent to the Financial Aid Office for the Fall 2007 semester and the funds will be deposited into an account in the Bursar's Office. We will inform you when the award has been received by the College. I would like the opportunity to meet you, so please feel free to come to my office in Building 30 at your convenience. If you have any questions regarding this award, you may contact me at 909-594-5611 ext. 4845.

Congratulations on receiving the BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE Scholarship! We wish you the best of luck in your personal and educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madelyn A. Arballo".

Madelyn A. Arballo
Director, Basic Skills
Mt. San Antonio College

Cc: Juan Carlos Astorga, Director, Upward Bound
Thomas Mauch, Associate Dean, Counseling

Thank you,
For the scholarship that will help me to
continue my education and further my
career. Your generous gift will be a great
help during the year, which is a big
relief and will most definitely go to
extremely good use. But more than the
monetary value, I so greatly
appreciate the thought behind the gift.
College gets very difficult but your actions
have really lightened the load and know-
ing I have the support of people like you
certainly helps. Please know I won't forget
your kind gesture.

I hope you are doing well.

Thank you again!!!

Keishawn Ross

Merci, Gracias, Thank You!

A world of gratitude for your
thoughtful deed.