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The South Central Scholars Renewal Application

The 2011-2012 Renewal Application will OPEN on June 1st and the Staff at South Central Scholars is here to help you with the process.

As a requirement of your participation and to be eligible to renew your scholarship each year for the length of your college career, we have certain expectations regarding your involvement and participation in South Central Scholars' year-round activities. The activities that we host are meant to get you thinking about the future and prepare you now both for college and career success. They are not meant to be time-consuming, but are meant to be educational, both for you and for us as an organization devoted to supporting you throughout your matriculation.

Our expectations for 2011-2012 are:

- 1) That you will participate in 2 webinars per year
- 2) That you will complete 1 survey and 1 evaluation per year.
- 3) That you will reapply each year to renew your scholarship.
- 4) That you will attend at least one general meeting per year.

SCS requires that all scholarship recipients fill out and/or provide the following forms:

- 1) Official/Unofficial Transcript for the previous year ([click here to view a sample](#)), attach to online form
- 2) Financial Aid Award letter for 2011-2012 ([click here to view a sample](#))
- 3) SCS Online Renewal Application (*will be available on JUNE 1ST*)
- 4) Journal Entries by college level ([click here to view the verbiage](#))
- 5) Progress Report: 2010-2011 (*will be available on JUNE 1ST*)
- 6) Scholar Survey: 2010-2011 (*will be available on JUNE 1ST*)

You will also need to provide the following information: ([click here to view a sample of a SAR](#))

- 1) EFC (Expected Family Contribution provided in your SAR)
- 2) Family Income (provided in your SAR)
- 3) Total Loans (provided in your financial aid letter)
- 4) Total Work Study (provided in your financial aid letter)
- 5) Any additional scholarship or grants provided outside of your college

Lastly, you will be asked to **answer 1 of 2** journal entry questions depending on your college level. You will submit these responses directly in the application. Here are the prompts so that you can prepare.

Rising SOPHOMORES

- 1) What can I do with my major
- 2) What are your interests and strengths?

Rising JUNIORS

- 1) What do I know about the career I am pursuing?
- 2) What are my next steps now that I'm half-way done?

Rising SENIORS

- 1) Who can I count on for a reference?
- 2) How will I give back when I graduate?

These forms provide us with a current snapshot of your academic progress, financial aid status, and program/service access. The information that you provide in these forms allow SCS staff, board, and volunteers to better leverage resources for the benefit of current and future scholars, as well as provide important data and statistics that can facilitate both fundraising and program development efforts.

For questions regarding these items, please contact [Meredith Curry](#).

“For every one of us that succeeds, it’s because there’s somebody there to show you the way out. The light doesn’t always necessarily have to be in your family; for me it was teachers and school.”

Oprah Winfrey

A Word from a Mentor

Christine Chan

What do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?

Adults often ask children, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Children excitedly answer that they want to become doctors, teachers, firemen, ballerinas, etc. and run off to play with their plastic stethoscopes. This question becomes less playful as children grow into teenagers and by the time they enter college, this question becomes downright intimidating.

It’s okay not to have a defined career path. There hundreds of interesting jobs out there that you have never heard of. Instead of struggling to identify one dream career, it can be more strategic to identify your strengths and the desired type of work environment. For example, I know that I am a good communicator and that I enjoy working for higher education institutions. Some careers that I might pursue include: a study-abroad advisor, a fundraiser in a hospital, a director of foundations relations at a medical school, marketer for an academic department. If I had not done research about university work, I might not have learned of any of these jobs.

1. Career tracks are often serendipitous. When you enter the workforce for the first time, you will apply to dozens of jobs and most likely take the job that pays the most money and is located where you want to live. While on the job, there you meet other people with interesting jobs and learn of opportunities through them. You can start networking while you are in school by making a good impression on everyone you encounter and asking people about their jobs.
2. Your priorities will likely change over time. At the moment, you may not value things like benefits, vacation time, stability, job outlook, opportunities for growth within a company, geographic mobility, etc. but be aware that these things may become very important later on. Make sure you that you research these aspects of potential careers.

As a former college instructor, I know that college students experience an incredible amount of pressure to have a prestigious-sounding career track which they feel passionate about. If students are honest enough to answer, “I’m not sure what I want to do yet,” they are met with sympathetic stares and/or an endless stream of advice. But here are lessons that I have learned in my first few years of professional work:

So the next time someone asks you what you want to do, don’t feel bad if you don’t have a prepared answer. Instead ask what they do and what they like about their jobs. You may be surprised by how much you learn!

Are you a graduating senior?

Consider getting involved with the SCS Alumni Association!

The Alumni Association's mission is to provide a networking and support system for graduates of the South Central Scholars by hosting networking opportunities, workshops geared towards graduate topics, mentoring experiences, and volunteer opportunities in and around the South Central Los Angeles community.

For more information, go to http://www.southcentralscholars.org/alumni_association or email Jose Rodriguez and Victoria Njoku at [alumniassociation@southcentralscholars.org!](mailto:alumniassociation@southcentralscholars.org)

A SCHOLAR'S WISDOM...

"The schools which we have graduated from did not sufficiently prepare us for the academic rigors which college throws at us. However through seeking out support systems from both peers and professors I have been able to not only survive, but thrive in a rigorous academic setting."

Antonio Ingram

Senior Year Reflections

By Antonio Ingram, Yale University '11

I am currently a senior at Yale University. I graduated from Jordan High School in Watts, class of 2007. As I prepare to graduate in a few weeks, I want to share a few of the decisions that I have made during my four years of college which have helped me both enjoy and succeed in college.



Traveling or studying abroad: Traveling and studying abroad during my college years has been some of my best experiences. Like a lot of students I did not want to leave college for an academic term to study abroad. As a result, I looked into other options that would allow me to travel and learn more about other cultures. For example, I studied abroad in Spain the summer after my freshman year. I have participated in spring break service trips to Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. I also worked for two months in Costa Rica the summer before senior year. All of these experiences not only occurred outside of the academic school year, but they also were fully funded through scholarships and fellowships. I highly recommend using your University as a resource as I have found that there are usually substantial amounts of institutional funds which allow you to travel and study abroad.

Find and follow your own academic passions: When I came into Yale I knew that I wanted to attend Law School. Everyone knows that the most common majors for individuals entering Law School are history and political science. However, I did not find those objects interesting. What I was really interested in was faith and spirituality. As a result I decided to major in religious studies to the confusion/disapproval of many of my family members, peers and advisers. They did not see religious studies as compatible with a person waiting to attend Law School. However, I decided to ignore those voices and study what I found to be interesting instead of studying subjects which other thought to be more pragmatic. My decision to follow my passion and pursue a non-traditional major has been one of the most rewarding academic decisions of my college experience. Furthermore it has not adversely affected my Law School application process as evidenced by the fact that I have been offered admission at places like Georgetown, UCLA, Cornell, UC Berkeley and the University of Pennsylvania. So if you are pre-law, study what you find to be interesting even if it is not traditional majors

Seek out help: When I was in high school I had to gain a sense of independence in order to overcome all of the environment and institutional obstacle to my success. However, I learned that in college I had to learn how to become more dependent on my peers and institutional resources. I learned to form study groups with other motivated students. I attended office hours with my professors, even if it was just to say hi and introduce myself. In college you cannot attempt to succeed without help. The schools which we have graduated from did not sufficiently prepare us for the academic rigors which college throws at us. However through seeking out support systems from both peers and professors I have been able to not only survive, but thrive in a rigorous academic setting.

I have found these decisions to be definitive of my college experience.

WESTERN UNION Family Scholarship Program

The Western Union Foundation's Family Scholarship Program is a new initiative for migrants, immigrants and their families. The Family Scholarship Program is intended to help two members of the same family move up the economic development ladder through education. Scholarships may be used for tuition for college/university education language acquisition classes, technical/skill training, and/or financial literacy. For example, one family member may request assistance to attend college and the other family member may request assistance to attend English as a Second Language (ESL) course. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000-5,000 per family.

For information on the requirements criteria, and how to apply, go to:

<http://corporate.westernunion.com/scholarship.html>

META Scholarships for Hispanic Youth

Meta is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization providing mentorship and scholarships to Hispanic youth in Southern California with the vision of increasing the opportunities for Hispanics to become successful business and community leaders. Each scholarship award is worth \$7500, paid out over four years of school through your university's financial aid office.

For information on the requirement criteria and how to apply, go to: <http://www.metaonline.org/students.html>

Children's Defense Fund Beat the Odds Scholarship Program

The CDF *Beat the Odds* program honors outstanding high schools students who have overcome tremendous adversity, demonstrated academic excellence and given back to their communities. Started in 1990, the program identifies and rewards young people who have experienced significant hardship in their lives and supports and trains them to become future leaders in adulthood. The Beat the Odds program in Los Angeles honors these students with college scholarships and academic and personal support. CDF Founder and President Marian Wright Edelman as well as Hollywood celebrities join together each year to honor these youth. Each honoree will also receive a \$10,000 scholarship and support services including SAT Prep, college application support, and mentoring.

For more information on the requirement criteria and how to apply, go to:

<http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/2011-cdf-ca-bto-nomination.pdf>

Internships and Opportunities for Students!

[Smithsonian Latino Center 2011 Young Ambassadors Program](#)

[USC's SummerTIME Program - Applications Open!](#)

[CHCI Congressional Internship for FALL 2011](#)

[Disney Summer Internships](#)

[Summer Research Opportunities Program](#)

[Research Experiences for Undergraduates](#)

[CLEO Sophomore Summer Institute](#)

April Career Panel

Webinar: "Preparing for your first full-time position or for your internship"

Guest panelists to be announced!

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 6:30-7:30PM

[Click here to register](#)

Register By Monday, April 18th!

DuPont is proud to announce the 18th Annual DuPont Minority Job Fair!

For 18 years DuPont has led the effort to attract talented law students, with an interest in increasing the number of color represented in law firms and primary legal service companies. Registration for the Los Angeles, Saturday, August 6th event will be completed electronically, log onto: <http://www.ballardspahr.com/> and click on the access below **the DuPont Minority Job Fair** on the left of the page in yellow. The new screen will ask for a username and password, use the following information: Username: student & Password: 3r0vaodf (Note the letters are case sensitive & the third character is a zero and the sixth character is a lower case "o"). You are required to upload a copy of your resume and law school transcript to the electronic registration form. **APPLICATION MATERIAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS BOTH RESUME & TRANSCRIPTS ARE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011 MIDNIGHT EDT.**

JOBS

Corporate Paralegal - Century City

Corporate paralegals assist lawyers in all stages of corporate transactions and with the preparation of documents necessary to comply with federal, state and local regulations in the conduct of business activities. Assist attorneys to prepare integral corporate documents/materials. Work directly with attorneys and clients during closings and corporate transactions. Prepare audit letters for distribution to auditors and clients. Assist with SEC Filings. Prepare/conduct UCC Filings/Searches. Work with Internal Revenue Service. Salary commensurate on experience. *To apply submit resume to: goldnopp49@aol.com.*

Entertainment Executive / Legal Assistant

Looking for an Executive Assistant who has both Entertainment and Legal experience (law firm, legal/business affairs dept, etc.). The desk requires someone to do scheduling, contacting clients, busy phones, calendaring, travel, business/personal. Candidate must be professional, computer/software savvy, dealt with a busy/fast paced desk and environment. Looking for a right hand assistant who is sharp, common sense, good judgment, ability to prioritize and who can take the ball and run with it. This assistant will also cover a desk for another attorney from 3pm. *Please contact /submit resume to: Eileen Samuels Golden Opportunity Career Placement Agency 310-301-7991 or goldnopp49@aol.com.*

Executive Director – South Central LAMP- Los Angeles, CA

The Executive Director will advance the mission, vision and core values of South Central LAMP through supervision of staff, administrative and financial oversight, long-range planning, fund raising, fiscal management, public relations, and overall organizational activities. The candidate must have excellent management, problem solving, writing, and interpersonal skills, as well as a demonstrated commitment to working with underserved children and families. For the full job description, responsibilities and qualifications visit <http://www.nonprofitjobscoop.org/18073>. *To Apply: Please send resume and letter of interest not later than Monday, April 4, 2011 to: sclamp.searchcommittee@gmail.com.*

Associate Director, Operation Jump Start - Long Beach, CA

Long Beach community based organization is seeking an Associate Director with five-plus years of experience in program development and management, multi-faceted fundraising, general organizational administration including staff and social work supervision. Two years post MSW preferred. Knowledge of educational systems and poverty-related issues necessary. *Email cover letter, resume and salary history to opjumpstrt@aol.com.*

Policy Analyst (K-12 Education), Education Sector - Washington, DC

Education Sector seeks a policy analyst who will work primarily on K-12 education issues, with a specific emphasis on teacher quality, state and federal accountability policy, and improving low-performing schools. The candidate will identify promising new reform ideas, conduct analysis of educational data and programs, design and implement research projects, and develop and write compelling policy papers and other publications in a variety of media. The ultimate goal will be to develop innovative educational reform strategies and ideas, leading to a direct impact on education policy and practice. *To be considered, please send a cover letter, resume, and at least 3 writing samples (preferably of varying lengths and on multiple topics) to hr@educationsector.org.* The subject line in your e-mail should read "K-12 Policy Analyst."

Executive Assistant, Investment Banking/Private Equity - Westside LA, CA

Looking for a detail oriented team player who is computer savvy. Industry related experience needed! Not a toxic environment, will be working with a nice group of approximately 11 people. Responsibilities include some office managing and overseeing receptionist/administrative assistant. We are looking for someone with a pleasant demeanor, approachable and professional. We are flexibility with start time 8-9 a.m. but you need to be on time. The future looks bright for the firm. Salary depends on experience, benefits included as well as bonus. Not much overtime and Blackberry, but not 24/7. *To apply send resume to: goldnopp49@aol.com Eileen Samuels, Golden Opportunity Placement Agency 310-301-7991.*

JOBS

Executive Assistant - Century City, CA

The successful candidate will work directly with one Managing Director while also lending support to two others when the need arises. The position requires an individual with a diverse set of skills – interpersonal, communication and organizational, with experience interacting with high-powered individuals. A strong attention to detail and the ability to multi-task are critical, experience with booking complicated travel is essential. Minimum of 3 years experience required. Need asset management or wealth management experience. Compensation: \$55-\$58 (doe). *To apply send resume: goldnopp49@aol.com Eileen Samuels Golden Opportunity Placement Agency 310-301-7991.*

Executive Assistant/Investment Firm

This position is for an Executive Assistant to a C-level Executive in an equity investment firm. Duties include: previous experience in the financial community, providing all general administrative assistance, managing calendar and coordinating meetings, managing all communication and correspondence flow, coordinating all travel arrangements and related process, managing filing, dealing with clients, providing personal assistance as required. The candidate must demonstrate ability to communicate with all levels of management and staff, organized, meets deadlines and multi-task with great attention to detail. *To apply send resume to goldnopp49@aol.com Eileen Samuels Golden Opportunity Placement Agency 310-301-7991.*

Receptionist/Administrative Assistant - Century City, CA

This position is for a responsible, courteous and efficient individual. Duties include answering all incoming telephone lines, organize meetings/conference room, and assist analysts with researching, printing and mailing. Ordering office groceries/supplies, daily breakfast/lunch and be the liaison for delivery services such as FedEx and UPS. Basic data entry, experienced with clerical procedures. Maintain reception area and travel. Full benefits, hours are from 8:00 – 4:00. We pay for parking. 15 days vacation per year, 4 sick days. 35-45k (DOE). *To apply send resume to Eileen Samuels Golden Opportunity Career Placement Agency 310-301-7991 goldnopp49@aol.com.*

Private Client Assistant/Associate

The Private Client Assistant works closely with 3 to 4 Financial Advisors on behalf of high net worth private clients, their families and intermediaries to provide proprietary financial services and solutions that best meet and solve their long term investment goals and objectives. Primary Responsibilities include: client servicing, analyzing portfolios, asset allocation and account administration. Hiring Criteria: 4 year college degree required, 2-5 years exp. either concurrent or post- college, working in the financial services industry and a minimum GPA of at least 3.0 from a highly competitive university. Hours: 8–5, Salary is competitive. Formal and informal training for approximately 9-12 months including company sponsored Series 7/63. *Send resume to: goldnopp49@aol.com Eileen Samuels Golden Opportunity Placement Agency 310-301-7991.*

Administrative Assistant, Finance Division - Santa Monica

This position reports to the CFO and is a great opportunity for an administrative assistant to support a fast paced senior management team in our Finance Division. Track timeliness and progress on all Finance Division projects. Coordinate workflow of regular Finance Division, coordinate contingency plans & calling trees. Corporate Secretary File maintenance and systems access administration. On boarding of new employees, contact point for facilities coordination, systems access, etc. Experience with Microsoft Outlook suite. *To apply please call Eileen Samuels 310-301-7991 or submit resume to: goldnopp49@aol.com.*

Free Tax Preparation Services

The Greater Los Angeles Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign

EITC Campaign is committed to helping working families save money by providing free income tax preparation and access to tax credits. Trained, certified volunteers prepare income taxes at no charge to families throughout Los Angeles County. Last year, these volunteers provided free tax preparation services to nearly 39,500 households, helping them claim over \$36.8 million in total tax refunds. If you or someone you know earns less than \$50,000 per year, our income tax preparation services will help you save money and receive your tax refund in 7 to 10 days. Keep more of the money you earn!

For a free tax preparation site near you click or log on to <http://www.greaterlaeitc.org/taxes/>

CALENDAR

APRIL 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
				1	2/3
4	5	6	7	8	9/10 Saturday: CAI at UCLA 10:00AM-3:00PM
11	12	13	14	15	16/17
18 Regional Directors Outreach to AA members	19	20 Career/Job Panel Webinar 6:00-7:00PM	21	22 Alumni Assoc. Mtg. 7:00 8:00PM	23/24
25	26	27	28 Interview and Networking Skills workshop	29	30

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

College Access Institute (CAI)

Saturday, April 9, 2011
10:00AM – 3:00 PM
Location: UCLA
Email: [dominique.reese@gmail.com!](mailto:dominique.reese@gmail.com)

Regional Directors Outreach

To AA members
Monday, April 18, 2011
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM
[Click here to register](#)

SAVE THE DATE!!
The 2011 Summer Conference
has been tentatively scheduled for
Saturday, July 30th & Sunday, July 31st
At the Univ. of Southern California!
Stay tuned for more information!

To be Determined
Loyola Marymount campus visit
2011 Regional Director Retreat

Career Panel Webinar

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
6:00 – 7:00PM
Webinar
[Click here to register](#)

Alumni Association General Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2011
7:00PM – 8:00PM
Dial in: (712) 432-1620
Access Code: 924486#

Interview and Networking Skills Workshop

Thursday, April 28, 2011
6:00 PM – 7:00PM PST
To be Determined

Save the Date: DuPont Minority Job Fair

Saturday, August 6, 2011
Location: Alston + Bird LLP
333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA
For more info, contact your school's law department.