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Dear Applicant and Parent,

The Nevada Joint Union High School District's Scholarship Program is an exemplary program for our district's high schools. The community organizations and individuals supporting our youth through the Scholarship Program want to help young high school graduates' college and career dreams become a reality.

The District Application is very easy to complete, with a check sheet provided to help you systematically make the best impression you can to the many different scholarship groups. **People will only know you through this application...make it address who you are.**

Here are some tips in completing this application:

- Your **(3) letters of recommendation are MOST important!** Pick someone who "likes you" and will write complimentary things about you. **The recommendation letters decide many scholarship ties.** (There is a form on this website or get one from your high school counselor for you to complete and give to your prospective letter writers). **Do not wait until the last minute to ask someone** to write this letter. **Allow the person at least three weeks to write your letter.** The longer the person has to reflect, the better the recommendation letter will be. Their letter must have **their name, address, and phone number either at the top or bottom of the letter. Make sure it is signed by the writer!!!**
- If you are undecided about a college major, that may be okay for the college application process, **but not for your scholarship application. Pick a major, even if it is just an interest at this point!!**
- On the Ghidotti page, **Parents must sign this document.** Do not forget.
- If you receive a scholarship, **YOU MUST WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE!!** Many groups are deeply offended because they are not thanked in a timely manner for their scholarship. Some groups may even choose **not to give you the scholarship** because of this "rudeness." This has happened!! I suggest you send a thank you immediately **and** an additional one when you submit your award forms. If you don't have the scholarship donor's address, send the thank you to them **via the district office (see address below) and mark it to the attention of "Kimala DeSena."** (See "Thank You Letters" on the website)
- To ensure that you are considered for all possible scholarships, **you must submit all unofficial financial aid offers including scholarships from colleges or other sources** you receive and **inform the District Scholarship Coordinator of your final college choice by May 1st.** In addition, we may use your financial aid offer to honor you at your school's Scholarship Night and in the newspaper. You deserve to be recognized for your achievements.

If at any time you have questions about the application, or the scholarship process, call me at the District Office.

Sincerely,

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