October 22, 2019

Dear Parents and Students,

Champions For Learning is looking for high school juniors (Class of 2021) who are currently participating in the INCubator, National Academy Foundation (NAF), or Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation programs for an In-Demand Careers Scholars program. This program is made possible with matching funds provided by The Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Students with good grades, attendance and behavior who also aspire to obtain a college degree or technical training certificate are encouraged to apply.

We encourage students, no matter what their career aspirations may be, to include college level coursework in the entrepreneurial field within their post high school studies. The skills that accompany entrepreneurial studies include customer service, communication, problem solving/troubleshooting, writing, and computer skills. These skills will prepare students to enter a variety of workforce sectors and help them to be versatile.

As participants in the In-Demand Careers Scholars program, students will have the opportunity to work with a supportive advocate, receive weekly college and career preparation programming, and earn a Florida Prepaid 2-year state college scholarship. This scholarship covers tuition for two years at the Florida state public college rate at a Florida Prepaid College Foundation approved institution.

Students brought into the In-Demand Careers Scholars program commit to:

- Stay drug and crime-free
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and a “C” or above in all courses
- Attend school regularly
- Exhibit good behavior in and out of school
- Volunteer and become involved in the community
- Participate weekly in the Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation program during 11th & 12th grade (including summer and winter break)
- Pursue a college degree (AA/AS, BA/BS) or a technical certificate at an eligible institution.
- Maintain frequent communication with Champions For Learning Alumni Coordinator through college graduation, which includes sending transcripts every semester and completing the FAFSA annually.
- The terms and conditions of the Florida Prepaid College Board.

The eligibility criteria for the program are enclosed, along with the application. Please pay special attention to the supporting documents that are required with the application.

Application Deadline: December 4, 2019

Sincerely,

Tonya DuBois
Senior Director of Student Programs
Champions For Learning
2019-2020 STUDENT APPLICATION
Application deadline is December 4, 2019

In-Demand Careers Scholar recipients receive:

- **A Scholarship** – When the student has successfully completed the program requirements and graduates high school he/she will earn a Florida Prepaid 2-year state college scholarship. At minimum, this Florida College Prepaid Scholarship provides tuition at the Florida state public college rate for two years. This scholarship may be applied toward the tuition costs at a Florida Prepaid College Foundation approved institution, which include technical colleges, state colleges, state universities, and eligible training programs. Depending on the choices your student makes, there will likely be additional tuition/fee expenses. This scholarship does not include room, board, books, travel or other incidental costs and expenses—these are the responsibility of the student/parent. Additionally, the student agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Florida Prepaid College Board.

- **An Advocate** - This is a Champions For Learning staff member who will meet with the student regularly, to assist and encourage the student to achieve the student’s full potential.

- **College & Career Preparation Programming** – Weekly College & Career Preparation programming at the Champions For Learning Office (11th & 12th grade) which supports students through ACT/SAT test prep, College and Scholarship application processes, financial aid applications, college tours, developing foundation and employability skills (interpersonal skills, systems thinking, communication skills, critical thinking skills), and much more through a variety of workshops and weekly labs.

- **Ongoing support through college graduation** – Continued support from Champions For Learning staff & volunteers to ensure students are making adequate progress towards a degree, completing financial aid and scholarship applications, and connecting students with career coaches.

Are you eligible?

- Be a junior (class of 2021) attending a public high school in Collier County and participate in either the INCubator, NAF Academy, or Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation Program
- 3.0 GPA
- Have good attendance and behavior
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien
- Social Security number
- Have a desire to pursue a college degree that includes a technical degree/certificate, AS/AA degree, BS/BA at an eligible educational institution.
- Be a first-generation college student or have two or more of the following factors: (please mark below any that apply)
  - Single parent
  - Deceased parent
  - Incarcerated parent
  - Absent parent
  - Poor relations between biological parents
  - Department of Children & Families (DCF) involvement
  - Parents did not graduate from college
  - Extended family in home
  - Parents did not graduate from high school
  - More than two siblings
  - Parent/guardian was a teen parent
  - Student is a teen parent
  - Received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits in the last year
  - Student will be first in family to attend college
  - English not primary language spoken in student's home
  - Parent/guardian is a migrant worker
  - Parent/guardian loss of employment within last year
  - Family is homeless or living with extended family/friends
  - Home is in foreclosure
  - Serious illness in household
  - Disabled student or household family member
  - Student is or has been in foster care

(eligibility continued on next page)
Are you eligible? (continued)

- Meet income eligibility guidelines (outlined below) based on your 2018 taxes.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Income eligibility is above the USDA guidelines for free & reduced lunch, but within the middle-class income “gap”.

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*Total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.*

Application Deadline
Completed applications and all supporting documents are due by December 4, 2019. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications will be reviewed Champions For Learning staff to confirm eligibility and by a community based selection community. Participants will be notified of the result by the first of January 2020. Selected students would begin participating in programs in January 2020. Applications must be submitted to Champions For Learning, 3606 Enterprise Avenue, #150, Naples, FL 34104.

2019-20 Scholarship Application Student/Parent Checklist

Use blue or black ink to complete the application.

1. _______ Completed application including student & parent signatures
2. _______ Signed “Information Release” form
3. _______ Signed “Commitment of Agreements” form
4. _______ Parent & Student Essays (include challenges; honesty will help you)
5. _______ Copy of parent’s 2018 Tax Return
6. _______ The last two month’s paystubs or other proof of income
7. _______ Copy of student’s transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)
8. _______ Completed teacher/program advocate certification form
9. _______ One letter of recommendation from a current teacher
10. _______ A copy of the student’s U.S. birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, US passport, or permanent resident card
11. _______ A copy of the student’s social security card
12. _______ Return the completed application packet to Champions For Learning by December 4, 2019
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Instructions:

Attached is an application for the In-Demand Careers Scholars program. The information in this application will be used to determine your child’s eligibility. It will also help us determine if the program is right for him/her. Therefore, please answer the questions honestly and thoroughly. Your information will remain confidential and will only be seen by the student selection team and program staff.

Please complete the application using the following guidelines:

- Please refer to income eligibility guidelines on front page to determine student eligibility into program. If you qualify based on the income guidelines complete the remainder of the application.
- Sections A & E are for the student to complete.
- Sections B, C, D, & F should be filled in by the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- The “Information Release Form” needs to be signed and included with the completed application.

Once you and your child have completed and signed the application, please attach a copy of your 2018 federal income tax return(s) and the most recent month’s paystubs or other proof of income. Also attach proof of child’s legal citizenship (U.S. birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, US passport or permanent resident card) and a copy of their social security card.

Please contact Tonya DuBois or Teri Distler at Champions For Learning at 643-4755 with any questions regarding the In-Demand Careers Scholars program application. Thank you.
AUTHORIZATION FOR INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

In accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), and related state law as set forth in FS §1002.22 and FS §1002.221, I hereby consent to the release of my child’s educational records, including reports, test scores, and related information, to the program staff at Champions for Learning to assist with monitoring my child’s academic progress in order to help identify any areas of academic need for my child so that it can provide appropriate enrichment programs as needed.

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Parent/Guardian Name:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ DATE

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COMMITMENT OF AGREEMENTS

I understand that funds are contingent on my successful completion of high school and acceptance into a technical college, state college, or state university in Florida. I will maintain the minimum grade point average, remain drug & crime free, and will maintain my eligibility for a certificate, or degree. I agree to maintain regular communication with Champions For Learning and participate in activities as requested.

Student Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

I agree to support the requirements of my child and submit the required identification and proof of income verification as outlined in the application.

Parent Signature __________________________ Date __________________________
TEACHER/PROGRAM ADVOCATE CERTIFICATION
(To be completed by the teacher or program advocate)

I, the undersigned teacher or program advocate of ____________________________,
(Student Applicant’s Name)

confirm that the above-mentioned student is making satisfactory progress as an active participant in the following program:

(choose one)

_____ INCubator

_____ National Academy Foundation (NAF)

_____ Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation

Teacher/Program Advocate Signature __________________________ Date ______________

Teacher/Program Advocate Printed Name __________________________

High School Name __________________________
Application is due by December 4, 2019

Please contact Tonya DuBois or Teri Distler at 239-643-4755 or TDuBois@ChampionsForLearning.org if you have any questions about this application.

SECTION A: Student Identification Information

Student Name  _______________________________ Social Security #  _______________________

Middle School  _______________________________

Where do you attend high school?  _______________________________

Student ID #  _______________________________  Male  Female

Grade _________  Date of Birth  _______________________

Address  ____________________________________________

Street, Apt #  City, Zip

Student Phone #  _______________________________ Student Email  _______________________

Parent Cell #  _______________________________ Parent Email  _______________________

Student Race:  American Indian/Native American ______  Asian ______

Black/African-American ______  Caucasian ______  Pacific Islander/Hawaiian ______

Multicultural ______  Hispanic ______  Other  _______________________

Is student a U.S. Citizen?  Yes _____ No _____

Is student a Permanent Resident Alien?  Yes _____ No _____

Does student have a Florida Prepaid Plan?  Yes _____ No _____
SECTION B: Household Information

Mother ____________________________ Social Security # ____________________________
(Last, First, MI)

Date of Birth ______________ Last Grade Completed in School ______________

Father ____________________________ Social Security # ____________________________
(Last, First, MI)

Date of Birth ______________ Last Grade Completed in School ______________

Applicant lives with:  Mother _____ Stepmother _____ Grandmother _____ Guardian _____
Father _____ Stepfather _____ Grandfather _____
Ward of Court _____ Other ____________________________

Number of brothers ______________ Number of Sisters ______________

Please list all persons living in the home other than student/applicant:

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Independent siblings living outside the home:

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SECTION C: Employment Information

Parent/Guardian's Current Employer

Name of Parent/Guardian

Employer

Occupation

Address of Employer (Street, city, zip)

Number of year with current employer Gross Monthly Salary (Before taxes and deductions)

Parent/Guardian's Current Employer

Name of Parent/Guardian

Employer

Occupation

Address of Employer (Street, city, zip)

Number of year with current employer Gross Monthly Salary (Before taxes and deductions)

SECTION D: Financial Information

What is your yearly household income? $  

Are you eligible to receive any social service? (Food stamps, Medicaid, etc.) Yes No  

Please check the services you currently receive: Welfare Food Stamps Medicaid  

Are you currently receiving assistance from your local Workforce Development office? Yes No  

Do you receive income from any other source for this student/applicant? (Social Security, child support, etc.)? Yes No  

If Yes, please list type of support and amount per month  

Do you or the student/applicant have a savings account? Yes No  

Approximate balance $
Do you own your own home? Yes No

If yes, what is amount of your monthly payment? $ ________________

If yes, how much did your house cost? $ ________________

Do you rent? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what is the amount of your monthly payment? $ ______

How long at current address? ________________

Will the student be the first in family to attend college? Yes_____ No _____

Please list all special family situations that might be relevant (serious illness in the family, loss of employment, DCF involvement, homelessness, etc.).

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

I understand that the information contained in this application is accurate and will be shared with the In-Demand Careers Scholar selection committee and the implementers of the program. I also verify that my child meets the program income requirements. I understand that any false information in this application may result in my child losing his or her eligibility in the program.

_________________________________________  __________________________________
Student Signature                          Parent/Guardian Signature

Once you and your child have completed and signed the application, please attach a copy of your 2018 federal income tax return(s) and the most recent month’s paystubs or other proof of income. Also attach proof of child’s legal residency (copy of social security card, birth certificate, US Passport or government issued photo ID card).

A copy of your child’s grades, attendance, and behavior records will be attached to this form

For Official Use Only:

____ Application reviewed by staff            Eligible _____            Not eligible

____ Income eligibility confirmed by staff

_________________________________________  ________________________
Staff Signature                  Staff Title                       Date
Section E: Student Information-To be completed by student

We recommend that you use a separate sheet of paper to type your answers to the following questions. Please ensure you attach all supplemental sheets to the application. Please type or complete using blue or black ink.

Scholarship applications are reviewed for completeness and ability to follow the provided instructions. The essay is scored by a community-based selection committee which will focus on the following factors: formatting requirements, grammar and direct essay response. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1) What are your aspirations for your education?

2) Why is including entrepreneurship in your post high school studies important to you?

3) What entrepreneur (living or past) has made contributions to our community that impact you and your family and how?

SECTION F: Parent/Guardian Statement (To be completed by parent(s)/guardians(s))

(Attach another sheet if necessary).
Apart from financial considerations, how can this opportunity benefit your child? Please include aspirations and hopes for your child’s future and how this program could assist your child in this fulfillment.

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Please submit completed applications to Champions For Learning no later than December 4, 2019

For your application to be considered complete it must include:

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- Signed “Information Release” form
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- Completed teacher/program advocate certification form
- One letter of recommendation from a current teacher
- Copy of student’s Social Security card

- Return the completed application packet by Wednesday, December 4, 2019 to the Champions For Learning Office, 3606 Enterprise Ave, #150, Naples, FL 34104 Attn: Tonya DuBois