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## A Better Chance Scholar Awards Application 2010

### Personal Information (Please type or print *neatly*)

I am in: <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school I am applying for awards as a: <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <sup>th</sup> Grader <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grader <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grader			
I am in: <input type="checkbox"/> High school I applying for awards as a: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior*			
Last Name		First Name	Middle Initial
Date of Birth        /        /		A Better Chance School	
School Address (if at a Boarding School or CSP)			
City	State	Zip Code	Country
Home Address		Apartment Number	
City	State	Zip Code	Country
E- mail Address:			
Telephone: Home (    )		Cell (    )	
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## Academic Information

Overall school grade point average:		
PSAT Scores (if taken)		
Verbal:	Math:	Writing:
SAT/ACT Scores (if taken)		
Verbal:	Math:	Writing:

Please list any AP, Honors, or college-level courses you are taking or have already taken:

Courses		

Please list any scholastic honors or distinctions that you have achieved:

Name of Award	Date Received	Brief Description

Please list any conferences or academic symposiums in which you have participated:

Conference	Date	Brief Description



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### Academic-Based Extracurricular Activities

Please list all academic-based activities in which you have participated beginning with the most recent. Attach a description if necessary.

Organization	Dates of Participation	Responsibilities

### Community Service & Volunteer Activities

Please list all community service and volunteer activities in which you have participated beginning with the most recent. Attach a description if necessary.

Organization	Dates of Participation	Responsibilities

### Internship/Employment Experience

Please list any work experience beginning with the most recent.

Employer Name	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week	Responsibilities



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## Letter(s) of Recommendation

A Better Chance requires that potential award recipients submit at least one letter of recommendation. Applicants, please ensure that the required recommendation(s) is enclosed with your application in a sealed envelope. The Award Recommendation Form (page 5) must accompany recommendations in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature written across the seal.

Please list the individual(s) who will submit a letter(s) of recommendation on your behalf.

Name	Title	Organization	Relationship	Telephone #



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## Recommendation Form

**To the Applicant:** Please complete the top portion of this form and forward it to the individual writing the recommendation. The recommendation should be typed on letterhead stationery and returned with this form.

Applicant's Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST)

A Better Chance School \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware of the rights afforded me by the Federal Educational Right to Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. I hereby  waive  do not waive my right to examine the contents of this recommendation letter. I understand that by waiving my right I do so under the condition that the reference is used solely for the purpose for which it is intended.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**To the Recommender:**

This individual is applying for an annual award(s) from A Better Chance and your comments are important in the selection process. In your letter, please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant; be as specific as possible about the applicant's academic performance, leadership potential, and outstanding qualities. Keep in mind that the applicant cannot be considered for an award until your recommendation is on file. Please use official stationery and return the recommendation along with this form in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, to the student.

Recommender's Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST)

Institution/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this student and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Additional Requirements

#### Transcripts

Applicants, you **must** provide a copy of your school's official transcript

#### Essay

Please answer **two (2)** of the following questions. **Each** of your responses should be **300** words or less.

1. How has your A Better Chance Member School shaped your dreams and aspirations?
2. Create a superhero that incorporates your best qualities: personality, talents, skills, etc. . . . what kind of superpowers would this superhero have . . . what is his or her name . . . what is this hero's role in society?
3. Evaluate a risk that you have taken or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.

The essay should be typed and double-spaced. **Please make sure that your name and A Better Chance School are at the top of the page and that you sign your name at the end of the essay.**

#### Bio

Applicants, you must provide a bio of 150 words or less describing who you are and your accomplishments. Please note that the bio should be written in the third person. An example is below:

*Carol's demonstrable commitment to excellence is exemplary. Carol holds a 3.67 GPA and is a nationally ranked athlete in track and field. In addition to being a dedicated student and athlete, she maintains an unwavering commitment to community service. She was recently awarded the Princeton Prize in race relations which "promote[s] harmony, understanding, and respect among people of different races." Carol is the founder and president of Unity, which works towards tolerance and equity between different ethnic groups within her school community. She was one of five students selected to present and lead the Face It program to her school community, and she created both the Diversity and Voices column in her school newspaper. Carol plans on attending Smith College in fall 2009.*

#### Photo

Please submit a 3x5 photo print of you only. A photo from a photo kiosk or a school photo would work well.



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### Award Application Checklist

Is your application complete?

- All items on this award application form are filled out completely and accurately
- Official Transcript
- Essay
- One recommendation (in a sealed envelope)
- Bio
- Photo

*Remember: In order for your application to be considered, all required documents must be received.*

**If you are a senior in high school please complete the last page of this document even if you do not wish to apply for the annual A Better Chance Awards.**

*Mail your Award Application packet to:*

College Preparatory Schools Program: Award Review Committee  
A Better Chance  
240 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10001

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE AWARD APPLICATION IS:  
MARCH 8, 2010  
(Postmarked Date)**



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## High School Seniors Only!

Name of Scholar:

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A Better Chance School:

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In the space below, provide information about your college plans:

Name of College	Accepted	Pending	Waitlisted	Will Attend
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