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City Accepting Applications for Annual Scholarship Program
Deadline is Friday, May 2

NEWPORT BEACH, CA – Thanks to a private donation, the City of Newport Beach has offered academic scholarships to qualified students each year since 1981. Applications are now available for 2008 scholarship awards and completed applications must be returned to the City's Human Resources office no later than **5 p.m. on May 2, 2008**.

The scholarship program has three eligibility requirements. First, the program is open to students who permanently reside in Newport Beach or are children of regular, full-time City of Newport Beach employees. Next, the applicant must be graduating from high school in 2008 and applying to an accredited two-year community college or four-year college/university **or** transferring from a two-year community college to an accredited four-year college/university. Finally, the student must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or better. There is no restriction as to the student's course of study.

Criteria used for selection includes scholastic standing, school or community leadership, submission of a 500-word essay on career and life plans, and financial need. Scholarship amounts vary from year to year, and the award may be used for tuition, books, laboratory fees, academic fees, and room and board.

Interested applicants can download an application by visiting the city's Web site at www.city.newport-beach.ca.us, selecting Departments, and then selecting Human Resources. Click on the Scholarship Program button in the left column for a copy of the application. Application packets are also available at the Human Resources Department at City Hall, 3300 Newport Boulevard. For more information, please contact the City of Newport Beach Human Resources Department at 949-644-3300.