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January, 2007

To: East Lincoln High School, North Lincoln High School, Community Leaders and Potential Scholarship Applicants

From: East Lincoln Betterment Association – Board of Directors

Re: Scholarship Procedures and Application Process for Annual ELBA Betterment Scholarship

East Lincoln Betterment Association (ELBA) \$1,500 Betterment Scholarship

We are delighted to share with you the General Guidelines for the Annual East Lincoln Betterment Association (ELBA) “Betterment Scholarship”.

Scope and Intent of the Scholarship:

The East Lincoln Betterment Association (ELBA) Scholarship is awarded each spring to:

- A graduating senior from East Lincoln or North Lincoln High School.
- A student who has made plans to attend a college or university in the Fall of 2008.

The scholarship award is paid directly to the college or university on the students behalf.

Who May Apply:

- A graduating senior from East Lincoln or North Lincoln High School.
- A student who has made plans to attend a college or university in the Fall of 2008

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- A student with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0)
- A student who has taken the SAT or ACT test
- A student who has worked to “Make East Lincoln County a Better Place to Live

What is the Application Deadline:

- Completed applications (including recommendations) must be postmarked by April 1, 2008
- Completed Applications should be mailed to:
ELBA
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO BOX 922
Denver NC, 28037

What is the Selection Process:

- Scholarship Awards are based on information provided on the application form (all sections including recommendation must be received by deadline)
- Each Applicant is judged based on the information provided on the application
- An area of focus is the essay that details what each applicant has done to “Make East Lincoln County a Better Place to Live”
- Each applicant will be judged on a recommendation made by a teacher, school administrator or community leader.
- Each applicant must provide a copy of their official Lincoln County Schools transcript.
- All applicants will be judged by a scholarship committee of 3 – 5 ELBA members, with not less than two current ELBA Board members
- No member of the selection committee will be a relative of an applicant that is being considered for the ELBA Betterment Scholarship
- Two Finalist will be presented to the Board of Directors in the April 2008 Board Meeting, with a recommended award recipient.
- The ELBA Board of directors will vote on the recommendation of the selection committee.

Awarding of Scholarship:

- The scholarship will be awarded at the high school End of Year Awards Ceremony of the winning applicant.
- The winning applicant will be presented to the ELBA General Meeting during the Summer of 2008, and will be asked to present their essay.
- The Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the college or university the winning applicant will attend in the Fall of 2008.
- The scholarship monies are to be used for tuition, room and board or books.

Note: We use the term “Scholarship Awards” to refer to grants that pay for individuals to attend an educational institution – a school that has a faculty, a student body, a physical location and a curriculum. This could be a primary or secondary school, a public or private college or university or a vocational school. These are grants that are described in Section 4945(g)(1) of the Tax Code.

Supervision of Scholarship Grants:

- ELBA will make their scholarship checks payable to an educational institution.
- ELBA will delegate follow-up responsibility to the school, for securing evidence of the student’s attendance and for pursuing suspected diversions of funds.

Recordkeeping:

- The ELBA Board will keep and retain records of both successful and unsuccessful applications.
- These records are available for review by the ELBA Board of Directors upon request.

These procedures are designed to meet the requirements of The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (the “Act”) and help community foundations continue to make scholarship and other grants to individuals from funds with donor involvement.

The Act prohibits grants to individuals from funds that meet its fairly broad definition of donor-advised funds (more information is available at <http://www.cof.org/hr4>). However, the law also provides that funds that meet certain conditions will not be considered donor-advised funds and can therefore continue to make grants to individuals. This scholarship is not considered to be donor-advised funds under Section 4966 of the Tax Code.