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# WISHBONE

## 2011 - 2012

### Student Application

**Have a passion? We want to help you realize it.**

Welcome to Wishbone! We are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping high school students pursue their independent passions by attending after school and summer programs.

The enclosed materials cover every detail of our student application process, but please visit our website at <http://www.wishbone.org> to learn more. Have any questions? Please feel free to contact us at [info@wishbone.org](mailto:info@wishbone.org) anytime.



**We can't wait to hear from you.**

**Due Date:** All completed Wishbone applications must be submitted, postmarked no later than November 1, 2011 to be considered for this year's scholarship cycle. Late applications will not be considered.

## What is Wishbone?

Wishbone is a new non-profit organization connecting at risk high school students to donors online to fund after school or summer programs. We help students like you pursue their independent passions in local out of school programs.



## Applying to Wishbone (in 4 Simple Steps)

This year we have partnered with your high school to reserve space for students like you. Want to apply? **Here's how it works:**

- 1** Find an after school or summer program you want to attend. Think carefully about the things that excite you. What are you most interested in? What do you wish you could learn more about? Who do you want to be when you grow up? Pick a program which you believe will help you pursue your greatest passion. Work with a teacher or counselor if you need help.
- 2** Before applying to Wishbone you must verify that the program you selected meets the requirements listed in the "Program Qualifications" section of this packet. Also, please ensure that you meet all requirements listed by your program. (Are you old enough? Do you have the GPA they require?)
- 3** Complete this application and return it to Wishbone no later than November 1, 2011. Your application will help us learn about you, your passion, the program you've chosen, and why you "wish" to attend it.
- 4** Once we receive your completed application our staff will review it and consider you for acceptance! We will notify you of our decision by phone or email as soon as we can.

## **Student Selection:**

### **What we're looking for**

We seek students who demonstrate a strong and independent passion that can best be pursued in an out of school program. Your passion should be clear and specific, and you should choose an out of school program that will expand your skill set and increase your confidence.

We have high expectations of our students. We require that all participating students commit themselves to excellence throughout their program application and attendance process.

Specifically we seek students who:

- Demonstrate a clear and independent passion
- Select a relevant and inspiring out of school program
- Complete their application thoughtfully and on time
- Write compelling application essays and have a superb teacher recommendation
- Have no record of behavioral problems or disciplinary action
- Will comply with all rules and maintain perfect attendance during program matriculation

### **Sponsor Teacher / Counselor**

We also require that you have a sponsor teacher or counselor who has agreed to support you throughout the Wishbone experience. Your sponsor teacher will need to assist you in selecting a program, completing application materials, and providing support throughout the program experience. Wishbone actively works with sponsor teachers in supporting students.

In order to complete this application you will need to provide the contact information for your sponsor teacher. Please be sure to ask your sponsor teacher for help as soon as possible.

Note: Relatives of officers, directors or staff members of Wishbone or of substantial contributors to Wishbone are not eligible to participate in Wishbone's programs. Non-Discriminatory Policy: Wishbone does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, or any other protected category or characteristic in accepting applicants.

## Choosing an Out of School Program

Before you apply to Wishbone, you will need to work with your sponsor teacher to select an after school or summer program that will help you pursue your passion. While we do not recommend / endorse any specific programs, we suggest students begin their search by looking at community centers and local colleges or universities. If you have any questions about choosing a program, please contact us at [info@wishbone.org](mailto:info@wishbone.org).

## Program Qualifications

### Official Program Provider

Your program must be formally operated by an official / accredited out of school program provider. At this time we do not support students who wish to create their own programs, or attend programs provided independently by an individual.

### A Good Location

Wishbone does not provide transportation, so you must live near the program you've selected, and/or be able to find your own means of safe transportation (including public transportation) to and from the program.

### No Materials Required

Wishbone does not cover travel costs or any material costs, such as books, musical instruments, or sports equipment.

### Cost of Program

Although there is no limit to the program cost that you may select, you are more likely to be funded online through our crowd-sourced funding model when program costs are kept lower. We encourage students to select programs which cost around \$1,000 or less.

## Choosing an Out of School Program (continued)

### Student Checklist ✓

When searching for a program to attend, please consider the following checklist to help guide you.

- Your G.P.A. is appropriate for program acceptance
- You are a valid candidate for program enrollment—ie. your age, grade, academic pre-requisites
- Program does not require extra materials such as special books...etc to attend; if it does require extra materials, you can afford them on your own
- Program dates are appropriate with your school's end and start dates
- Program daily start and finish time is appropriate for your summer schedule
- Program location is appropriate for you to commute
- Program's application deadline has not passed and will not pass within 60 days after your application submission to Wishbone

### Other Important Information

You must submit a separate application to the program of your choice and must be admitted. Although Wishbone and the sponsor teacher will assist with this process, it is your responsibility to successfully complete all of the paperwork required to participate in the program that Wishbone will fund through donors.

If you fail to fill out the appropriate paperwork or to meet the appropriate requirements for the program of your choice, you will not be admitted to this program and risk losing all of your funding through Wishbone.

If you fail to follow the program rules while participating in a sponsored program, you will not be permitted to reapply to Wishbone in the future, you will lose any current or future funding on projects, and you will be forced to forfeit your current program participation.



## Wishbone Student Application

Please mail completed application to the following address. Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2011 to be considered.

### Wishbone

**Attn: Application Committee**

**2144 Leavenworth Street**

**San Francisco, CA 94133**

### Student Information:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male / Female (Circle One)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student email \_\_\_\_\_

### High School Information:

Name of Current School \_\_\_\_\_

School type \_\_\_\_\_ (ie. Public, charter)

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_



## Parent information:

Title \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent, guardian, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, sibling)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone number \_\_\_\_\_

This number is a \_\_\_\_\_ (cell, work, home)

Secondary phone number \_\_\_\_\_

This number is a \_\_\_\_\_ (cell, work, home)

## Program Selection

1. What is the name of the program you have selected?
2. What are the dates of the session offered that you would like to attend?
3. What is the location of the program you have selected?
4. How do you plan on getting to the program of your choice?
5. How much will this transportation cost you for the program's length?
6. What is the deadline listed for your program's application?
7. What is the total cost of the program you would like to attend?

This price should match the price listed on the program's official website.

Tuition Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Room and board \_\_\_\_\_

Application fee \_\_\_\_\_

Other fees \_\_\_\_\_ (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

8. Circle the category that best matches your program selection:

**Music**

**Science and technology**

**Fine arts**

**Liberal arts**

**Design**

**Leadership**

**Athletics**

**Environmental Studies**

9. If the program for which you are applying is filled, please indicate a second program choice that you would also like to attend.



## Short Essays

1. Briefly describe your passion by completing the following sentence:

My passion is\_\_\_\_\_.

*Example: My passion is to learn about the law.*

2. Describe the world you come from – for example, your family, community or school – and explain how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations. (200 words or less).

**3.** Tell us why you want to attend the program you have selected and how doing so will impact your future goals? (130 words of less)

*Example:*

*I have had an interest in law since the beginning of the 3rd grade when I was sent to live with a foster family. Since this time, I have lived with seven foster families and have wanted to understand the law to eventually work in advocating for foster students' rights. I want to better the foster care system, and I feel that the most effective way to do this is to become a lawyer. The Law and Trial Conference at Stanford Law School is the best program in my region, which exposes me to real trials and real lawyers. We will be living on Stanford's campus and working everyday, full-time to learn what a day in the life of a lawyer looks like.*

**Student Video** (Optional but HIGHLY Encouraged)

All students are HIGHLY encouraged to submit a one-minute video with their application. In one minute, you should tell the world what program you want to pursue and why you want to pursue it. If selected to be a Wishbone student, you will have your video created for you by someone who will come to your school.

If you choose to create your own video, please email your one-minute video to [applications@wishbone.org](mailto:applications@wishbone.org), clearly labeling your name in the message.

## Teacher / Counselor Recommendation

Please provide the following information for the teacher/counselor who has agreed to write a recommendation for you to apply to Wishbone. This person will be your sponsor teacher and has agreed to support you throughout the application process.

Please note that Wishbone will be contacting this teacher for his/her recommendation. Your application will not be complete until one recommendation has been submitted.

### Teacher/Counselor:

Title \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_ (type of teacher, counselor)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Re-enter Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone number \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

This number is a \_\_\_\_\_ (cell, work, home)

YES\_\_\_ This teacher/ counselor knows about my application to Wishbone and knows that a Wishbone representative will be contacting him or her for a reference.

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Agreements / Consent

### Student Agreement

I have read all parts of the application and application description, including the student admittance details regarding behavioral expectations. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that I am not related to any officer, director or staff member of Wishbone or any substantial contributor to Wishbone.

If admitted, I understand that my wish will be posted online to a donor community and that my wish may not necessarily be funded. I give Wishbone the rights to represent me by summarizing my wish online when posted.

If admitted, I agree for my school and teachers to share any of my performance or achievement data with Wishbone via survey requests. Wishbone will be tracking student success and high school retention rates of their participating students.

By signing below, I indicate that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Wishbone's standards in order to remain enrolled as a Wishbone student.

I agree

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/ Guardian Agreement

I have read all parts of the application and application description, including the student admittance details regarding behavioral expectations for my student. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that my student is not related to any officer, director or staff member of Wishbone or any substantial contributor to Wishbone.

I understand that as a part of the application to Wishbone, my student will be asked to provide his or her full name, school location, a photo, and a one-minute video describing why he or she would like to attend the selected program. The student's video, photo, portions of his/her essays, and the student's first name and high school name will be published on our website, [www.wishbone.org](http://www.wishbone.org) for a donor community to view.

If my student is admitted, I understand that his or her wish will be posted online to a donor community and that his or her wish may not necessarily be funded. I give Wishbone the rights to represent my student in his or her wish by summarizing it online when posted.

If my student is admitted, I consent for my student's school and teachers to share any performance or achievement data for my student with Wishbone via survey requests. Wishbone will be tracking student success and high school retention rates of their participating students.

I agree

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_