



**THE BIG PICTURE  
COLLEGE EMERGENCY FUND  
2011 - 2012 APPLICATION**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2011, TO AUGUST 15, 2012**

*A Message from the Founders*

Dear Big Picture Alumnus:

Big Picture Learning strives to help our Big Picture high school graduates realize their dreams of pursuing a college education. We understand that our students and parents are making tremendous financial sacrifices toward this goal and are very pleased to announce the opening of The Big Picture College Emergency Fund for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The application cycle is open from September 15, 2011, to August 15, 2012. The program will help support Big Picture high school graduates who are currently enrolled in college and are in need of special assistance due to unforeseen financial hardship. In an effort to sustain this program in perpetuity for future generations of students like you, recipients of the program will be asked to contribute to the fund when they are financially able to do so.

If you wish to receive consideration for the current academic year, we ask that you please complete and submit an application during the available cycle. For more information about this program, please contact your respective Big Picture high school. We wish you continued success in your personal and educational aspirations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Littky".

**Dennis Littky  
Co-Founder**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliot Washor".

**Elliot Washor  
Co-Founder**

# The Big Picture College Emergency Fund

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## INTRODUCTION

As a Big Picture high school graduate currently enrolled in college, you are eligible to apply to The Big Picture College Emergency Fund. The application is available at [www.bigpicture.org](http://www.bigpicture.org) for your convenience.

## AWARD AMOUNTS

Award amounts are based on a review of your application and request, your current enrollment status in college, and the eligibility requirements listed below.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Available to all Big Picture high school graduates regardless of U.S. residency status
- Be a Big Picture high school graduate
- Be enrolled at least half-time (as defined by your institution) in an undergraduate degree or certificate-seeking program at an accredited 2 or 4 YR U.S. college or university during the 2011-2012 fall/winter/spring/summer term
- Commit to using funds as designated
- Commit to contributing to The Big Picture College Emergency Fund when you are financially able to do so
- Have applied and utilized all federal, state, and institutional financial aid
- Have a FINANCIAL EMERGENCY related to your studies

## WHAT IS A FINANCIAL EMERGENCY?

The Big Picture College Emergency Fund is intended to assist Big Picture high school graduates who are enrolled in college and are facing financial emergencies such as, but not limited to, car repairs, groceries, winter clothing, housing, medical emergencies, etc. that preclude a student from continuing his or her studies. The program is not intended to provide students with financial aid toward regular tuition payments or replace other forms of financial aid such as student loans, institutional or private scholarships, etc.

For information about federal aid, institutional scholarships, or private scholarships, please visit the financial aid office on your campus. You may also research private scholarships at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Please type or print in black ink.
- Please read the application in its entirety and complete all items and questions.
- Applications will be considered on a rolling basis during the application cycle.
- Please allow up to three weeks from the date of your submission for processing.
- Applications submitted incomplete or outside of the application cycle will not be considered.

## CHECK LIST

To apply for consideration, please submit ALL of the following documents:

- Pages 3 – 6 of The Big Picture College Emergency Fund Application
- Supporting documents based on your request
- A copy of your 2011-2012 College Financial Aid Award Letter – issued to you by your financial aid office
- An official Enrollment Verification (EV) – see your school's registrar's office

## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit your application via mail to Big Picture Learning, College Emergency Fund Review Committee, 30 Mason Street, #202, San Francisco, CA 94102, e-mail to [scholarships@bigpicturelearning.org](mailto:scholarships@bigpicturelearning.org), or fax to 415.621.4063. If you submit your application via e-mail, please ensure that all required documents are submitted in a timely manner.

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## SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:	Last	First	Middle Initial
Last 4 digits of Soc. Sec. No.	_____	Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
<b>Permanent Mailing Address</b>			
Address:	_____		
City:	_____		
State:	_____	Zip Code:	_____ - _____
Home Telephone:	_( ) - _____		
Student E-mail Address:	_____		
Name of Big Picture High School Attended:	_____		
Year of High School Graduation:	_____		
Predominant Racial/Ethnic Background:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black (African American)	<input type="checkbox"/> White		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian Native			

## SECTION 2: INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Name of College or University where you are currently enrolled:	_____		
City & State:	_____		
Major:	_____	Expected Degree:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's
Class Level:	<input type="checkbox"/> First-Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore/2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior/3 <sup>rd</sup> Year <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/4 <sup>th</sup> Year <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup> Year
Desired Career:	_____		
Term (mark only one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Winter	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2012
Number of units for which you are currently enrolled:	_____		

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## SECTION 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Former or Current Foster Care Recipient:  Yes  No

Father's type of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's type of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Do your parents provide you with financial support for college?  Yes  No

If Yes, please specify amount of monthly support: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Total Cost of Education (including tuition, room/board, books, fees, personal, travel, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of financial aid that you are receiving (including student loans, scholarships, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as reported on your Student Aid Report (SAR)\*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are ineligible to apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), please submit a list of your parents' and your income resources in lieu of an EFC.

## SECTION 4: FUNDING INFORMATION

Please specify the items that you will finance with The Big Picture College Emergency Fund if you are selected as a recipient:

Description of Item	Dollar Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## SECTION 5: DOCUMENTATION

Please list supporting documents that you are including with your application\*:

Type of Documentation
_____
_____
_____
_____

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## SECTION 6: QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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1. Please explain your financial emergency for applying to this fund. What steps are you are taking to rectify your situation in addition to applying to The Big Picture College Emergency Fund?

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2. Big Picture Learning would like to ensure that The Big Picture College Emergency Fund is available in perpetuity to help future generations of Big Picture high school graduates, like you, successfully complete college. We would like to ask that all Big Picture high school graduates, particularly those who directly benefit from the fund, help keep this resource active for the Big Picture community. Please explain how you plan to contribute to The Big Picture College Emergency Fund once you are financially able to do so.

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## SECTION 7: STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN MY APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND HONEST.

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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