

**NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Kaplan4kids Closing the Digital Divide Scholarship**  
**DEADLINE: Received by: March 15, 2019 (5pm)**  
**Post Marked by: March 13, 2019**

**The Scholarship:**

This scholarship is dedicated to providing leadership and support for High School students in grades 9-12 interested in furthering their education. The mission of this scholarship is to give deserving students of the Natomas Unified School District the tools they need to be successful in both their personal and school lives. While students who overcome adversity have made significant gains in California, the efforts to achieve parity for all students must continue. The first step in encouraging students to be leaders begins at the local level and it starts with our students in school.

Natomas Unified School District, through Kaplan4kids scholarships is pleased to support the “*Closing the Digital Divide*” Scholarship. By honoring a deserving student with a chrome notebook, the Scholarship hopes to help close the digital divide by helping a deserving student achieve her/his academic and career objectives. Eligibility is restricted low-income students who qualify for free or reduced lunches, foster youth, and homeless students.

**Completed applications must be postmarked by March 13th, or stamped received (hand delivered) by the District Office, located at 1901 Arena Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95834 by 5pm, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible.**

**The Award:**

At a minimum Five (5) Scholarship Recipients will be selected to receive one chrome notebook each. The number of scholarships is dependent on the amount of donations received yearly.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Natomas High School, Discovery High School, Inderkum High School, or Leroy Greene Academy
- Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be a Student in Need: Defined as qualifying for free or reduced lunches, or as a foster youth, or homeless student.

**Selection:**

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and courage in overcoming adversity. A Natomas Unified District Official, along with B.G. Heiland and Lisa Kaplan will review applications and determine winners. The scholarship recipient will be notified of his/her award after Spring Break and during the week of **April 22, 2019**.

**How to Apply:**

- Complete and sign the attached application
- Answer two brief essay questions
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- Submit official transcript

**Hand Deliver/Mail Completed Applications to:**

Natomas Unified School District  
Kaplan4kids Closing the Digital Divide Scholarship  
1901 Arena Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95834

Questions? Please contact Lisa Kaplan ([kaplan4kids@gmail.com](mailto:kaplan4kids@gmail.com)) or call (916) 996-1474

**NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
***Kaplan4Kids: Closing the Digital Divide Scholarship***

To encourage and empower children to realize their full potential, Trustee Lisa Kaplan and her husband, B.G. Heiland are proud to present the Kaplan4kids “*Closing the Digital Divide*” scholarship to outstanding students overcoming adversity who are currently enrolled at Leroy Greene Academy, Natomas High School, Inderkum High School, or Discovery High School. Foster youth, homeless, and those who demonstrate financial need are strongly encouraged to apply. **Completed applications must be received by March 15, 2019 (5pm) to be eligible or postmarked by March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County of Residence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Aspiration after Graduating High School / Desired Field of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How did you hear about this scholarship?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:** I am a:  foster youth  homeless  on free/reduced lunch

**ACTIVITIES:** *(feel free to attach a separate page to answer questions below)*

**Extracurricular Activities/ Community Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Leadership Roles (through school activities or work experience):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Honors/Awards/Special Recognition:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Closing the Digital Divide Scholarship Application (continued)

**Work Experience (if Any) past two years:** (include position, start and end dates, name and address of company, name, phone number of supervisor and brief description of job duties) (attached a separate piece of paper if needed)

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### ESSAY:

On an attached sheet, please answer the following questions. Answers may be typed or handwritten in blue/black ink. (Typed answers should be double-spaced and in 11 pt. Times New Roman font)

- 1) Describe a time in your life in which you had to overcome adversity. How has your experience shaped who you are today? Word Limit: 500
  
- 2) Why do you hope to be awarded this scholarship? Word limit: 500

### ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

- **This completed and signed application form.**
- **Two letters of recommendation.** Teachers, counselors, pastors/religious leaders, and employers are acceptable sources. Letters from family members are discouraged.
- **Official transcript.**

### CHECKLIST:

- I have reviewed this application and have completed all sections, signed and have enclosed.
- I have enclosed two letters of recommendation.
- I have enclosed my official transcript.
- I have sufficient first-class postage on my envelope, and my envelope is addressed correctly.

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Natomas Unified School District  
Attn: Kaplan4Kids "Closing the Digital Divide Scholarship"  
1901 Arena Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95834

**I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**