



The Uplift and Empower Scholarship Application

In August 2020, Danielle Hawa Tarigha published her first book, Uplift and Empower: A Guide to Understanding Extreme Poverty and Poverty Alleviation.

Increasing access to higher education is a core pillar of poverty alleviation work at a community level and aligns with the ideas she shares in the book. To uplift and empower her community, Danielle launched a scholarship fund to support Vanguard High School seniors.

Thanks to the generosity of her support network, the fund will offer two (2) \$500 scholarships to high school seniors at Vanguard High School in its first year.

Applicants Must:

- Submit a completed application to the Public Education Foundation of Marion County
- Provide a copy of a resume detailing volunteer experience, extracurricular activities, honors and awards, and work experience (if applicable).
- Complete two (2) 250 - 500 word essays (see details below). If a hard-copy of the application is submitted, both essays must be printed, typed, and in 12-point Times New Roman or Garamond font.

Please submit an application online or mail a complete application packet (including this application form, a copy of your resume, and your typed essays) to the Public Education Foundation of Marion County Office at Thelma Parker Center, 1239 NW 4th St. Ocala, FL 34475 by the following deadline: **Friday, April 2nd, 2021.**

Please write two 500-word essays on the following topics:

- **How do you Uplift and Empower your community?**
- **What resources are you using to pay for college?**

The first essay is an opportunity for applicants to demonstrate their community engagement efforts. Money does not have to be the beginning and end of your engagement with poverty alleviation. Your time, your knowledge, and your skills are valuable too. Through your essay, please demonstrate how you dedicate your time, knowledge, and skills to improving your community.

The second essay is an opportunity for applicants to demonstrate their financial need to the selection committee, share any other scholarships they have won or applied for (along with their amounts), and highlight any special circumstances in their financial situation.

Failure to follow all of these requirements will result in your not being considered for a scholarship.

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Student's Name: _____

Address with zip code: _____

Telephone: _____ Last 4 digits of Social Security #: _____

High School: _____ Birthday: _____

College you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted to this college? Please circle your response: Yes / No

College address with zip code: _____

Have you applied for any other scholarships? Please circle your response: Yes / No

Please list the names and amounts.

To date, have you received any other scholarship funding? Please circle your response: Yes / No

If so, what scholarship(s) have you received?

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Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit your application, resume, and essays by **Friday, April 2nd, 2021** either by email to upliftandempowerscholarship@gmail.com or by mail to:

Public Education Foundation of Marion Co., Inc.

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