

The KEYS mentor program is offered to children on the brink of success who qualify because of grades, absences, discipline referrals or, in most cases, life circumstances.

KEYS mentors make a promise to their students to spend one hour per week with them, during the school day, during the school year. We promise these students that if they stay in the program through their senior year they will be eligible to apply

for a KEYS Scholarship....**For the majority of our KEYS kids**, the thought of continuing their education beyond high school has never been a possibility. But because of generous community support it's not just a possibility: it's a reality.

In six years we have awarded \$77,000. And in May 2012 we will have four times as many KEYS seniors as we did in May 2011. Because these students continue to stay in the program—and because their

mentors have remained faithful — the opportunity to award KEYS scholarships will continue to grow in the coming years.

As a corporate sponsor you will be recognized on March 1st at Ties & Tiaras, the annual KEYS celebration that supports the scholarship program. If you would like to help us keep the promise we've made to our students, please consider supporting the KEYS Scholarship Program.

What you should know about KEYS Scholarships

KEYS offers scholarships to graduating students who plan to attend any accredited institution for the "13th grade." The scholarship fund is solely supported by corporate sponsorships and private donations.

The KEYS Scholarship application is accompanied by an essay outlining personal goals and academic plans, a copy of the student's transcript, letters of recommendation from school administrators, teachers, the student's mentor and individuals who know the student (pastor,

youth leader, employer, etc.). Applications are reviewed by Katy ISD administrators and community leaders who give each a numerical score. Scoring criteria evaluates the:

- presentation
- student essay
- academic goals
- letters of recommendation
- GPA
- student's financial need

KEYS Scholarships are administered through Partners in Education and the Katy ISD Business Office.

Payment is made directly to the institution where the student is enrolled. If tuition is less than the total of the scholarship, only that amount is sent to the school. The remaining balance may be used the following semester. Students have two years from the date of graduation to utilize their KEYS scholarship award.

