

## **Horizons for Youth High School Program**

### What:

Comprehensive financial, academic, and mentoring support for highly motivated students and parents who have been members of the Horizons for Youth elementary school program for at least two years. Both students and parents must be committed to the goal of graduating high school and attending college or trade school.

### Why:

- 1) Research indicates that there is an unmet need at the high school level for comprehensive support that includes financial aid, mentoring and academic assistance.
- 2) Over the past several years, the high school landscape has changed dramatically; with rising tuition costs and flat levels of financial assistance, making it harder for Horizons for Youth families to afford a quality education.
- 3) Horizons for Youth has an 18-year proven track record providing financial aid, mentoring and academic assistance at the K-8<sup>th</sup> grade level. We are confident we can extend our success and help our students graduate from high school and go on to college or trade school.

### Who:

Highly motivated parents & Horizons for Youth graduates

Student/Parent Criteria for Acceptance:

- At least two years of involvement with the Horizons for Youth elementary school program and good standing based on fulfillment of the elementary school contract
- Horizons for Youth freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in 2009-2010 who are enrolled at a partnership school
- Active involvement in Horizons for Youth and school
- Parents commit to co-payments
- Students commit to their personal best academic achievement
- Proof of seeking other outside qualifying scholarship assistance and a need for support

### When:

Summer 2009

### How:

- Last Dollar Scholarships
- Tutoring/ Academic Support
- One-on-one Mentoring
- Quarterly Outings
- Community service
- Family Support
- Contract agreements for students, parents, mentors, and high school partnership schools