



Following is the sample text of a letter that CFES schools **can use to alert colleges that a CFES Scholar is applying**, as well as when writing to a CFES college partner that offers an application-fee waiver. The purpose of this letter is to verify that a student is a CFES Scholar and therefore eligible for the fee waiver. *(For a list of CFES college partners that offer the fee waiver, please visit the Partnering Colleges section of the CFES website at www.collegefes.org.)*

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Dear College Admissions Officer:

This is to inform you that this applicant is a CFES Scholar who has participated in a multifaceted program to inspire and prepare them for college. The CFES Scholars Program has given them a jumpstart that we believe will help them succeed in college. We ask that you recognize their participation in CFES as an indicator of college readiness. We also request a waiver of the application fee for this student.

College For Every Student (CFES) is a nonprofit organization committed to helping underserved youth prepare for, gain access to, and succeed in college. CFES grew out of a three-year study launched in 1983 and supported by the National Association for College Admission Counseling that identified practices that raised aspirations and increased educational opportunities for underserved students through school-college partnerships. Since its founding in 1991, CFES has helped thousands of underserved youth in 540 schools nationwide strengthen their academic performance, graduate from high school, and pursue college.

The essence of CFES is the engagement of each student in three high-impact practices that enable them to take steps toward college. The three core practices are: pathways to college, mentoring, and leadership through service. Over the last four years, for example, 97 percent of CFES high school seniors have gone on to college. You can learn more about CFES at www.collegefes.org.

All CFES Scholars participate in activities designed to expose them and their families to college, assist them with the admissions and financial aid process, and prepare them for success in college. Many CFES Scholars have spent extensive time on college campuses, engaged college students and faculty online, and positioned themselves for college success. They are eager to attend college and ready to tap campus resources.

I urge you to consider these experiences in your application review. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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