2020 Mattress Lot Dream Big Scholarship - \$8000

This is a merit-based scholarship available to one (1) graduating senior who plans to enroll in an accredited 4-year university in Fall 2020. One (1) **\$8000 scholarship** will be awarded. Students from these PPS East-Side schools are invited to apply: **Grant, Madison, Franklin, Cleveland and Roosevelt**.

In order to qualify for this scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate from high school in June 2020
- Plan to attend an accredited 4-year college/university in the USA (Fall 2020).
- Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.5

Applications for this scholarship will be reviewed by faculty members from each high school and an independent committee of education and business leaders.

Scholarship payment of \$2000 per school year will be made directly to recipient's university. Total of 4 years. Renewable each year based on minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA in college.

Applications are due by Friday, February 28 @ 2pm. Turn into your school counseling office. Applications must be complete. We will not accept applications beyond that date/time.

On standard sheets of paper please type the following (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY):

- Your full name, high school name, home address, email address, university you plan to attend (if known)
- Essay responding to this prompt:

Martin Luther King "I have a dream today" - What is your dream to make Portland a better city? (250 words max)

- Brief statement summarizing your community leadership experience (100 words max)
- OPTIONAL brief statement explaining financial need (100 words max)
- Photocopy of your high school transcript (test scores optional)
- Entries must be typed. Hand-written entries will not be accepted
- By applying you allow Mattress Lot to use your name and photograph on our company website and potentially social media outlets.
- NOTE: We may elect to award additional scholarships of various amounts to top applicants.

About MATTRESS LOT: Mattress Lot is a neighborhood-owned retailer committed to providing economic and educational opportunities in the Portland neighborhoods we serve. Mattress Lot was founded in 2010 by Michael and Mary Ruth Hanna, long-time east-side Portland residents. Mattress Lot devotes a portion of its profits to organizations and causes in the Portland region.

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