

TRUNKS PROJECT



Application

Highest Degree is an educational organization that provides support programs that assist first and second generation college students with college access, admissions, persistence, retention and graduation up to the student's highest desired degree. Our initiatives are designed to address indirect costs that are not covered by financial aid therefore those expenses present challenges and roadblocks that prevent students from pursuing or reaching higher education. Our aim is to remove those obstacles (financial, academic or otherwise) to reduce educational gaps and generational poverty for our targeted population. The Trunks for College Project was implemented to help relieve some of the financial burdens associated with expenses required for students transitioning to on-campus housing. For many students, such indirect costs will impact their quality of living while residing in the dorms and may even be a major determining factor for students deciding not to attend school away from home.

Scholarship Information

Highest degree is proud to present our 1st annual Trunks for College Project. Summer 2021 we will present graduating seniors with dorm starter kits to aid in their transition from home to living on college campuses.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a first or second generation college student.
- Must attend a school in Houston or surrounding metro area.
- Must be a 2021 graduating senior from a public high school.
- Have proof of being accepted into a four year college or university
- Must plan to live on campus in residential housing and be able to produce proof.

Application Process

Students who meet the eligibility requirements must submit a completed application packet by May 15, 2021. The application consists of the following:

- A completed application
- A written or video essay address the following

1.(Written Essay) **What does it mean to be a first or second generation college student?**

OR

2. (Video Essay) **How does receiving the Trunks for College Award help you reach your educational goals/ What does receiving the Trunks for College Award mean to you.**

- High school Transcript
- Copy of your letter of acceptance
- Proof that you will be living on campus (Dorm contract or copy of paid deposit)
- A professional headshot photograph
- Completed and signed Media Release Form

Additional Requirement

Participants will be asked to submit a 2 minute video tour of your dorm room to reflect how you used the Trunk items to decorate your dorm!

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Application Available: April 15, 2021 Application Deadline: May 15, 2021