

## Overview & Requirements

### Requirements

- Students must complete an application online ([www.ecier.org](http://www.ecier.org)).
- Students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average (Counselor must verify).
- Participants must be High School Seniors.
- Students must provide and complete a monthly Community Service Assignment.
- Documentation should be submitted to ECIER Foundation.
- Read a book from a provided suggested list and write an essay.

**Essay** (two essays are required), due with final documentation

#### ***Outlining the following:***

- ✓ Reflect how the book has impacted your life.
- ✓ How the foundation has inspired you to meet your goals.
- ✓ One-two pages
- ✓ Typewritten, double-spaced, 8 ½ x 11 paper

**Letters of Recommendations** - provide two letters of recommendation due with final documentation.

- (1) Personal - (example) Mentor, Pastor, etc.
- (2) Educational (example) counselor, teacher or principal etc.

### **Career Workshops**

- Students are required to attend all career workshops, excused absences that are justifiable will be permitted.
- Students will meet with community leaders during workshops.

### **Community Service - (5 hours per month from March - May)**

- We encourage students to be active in the community by providing a community service project. This requirement is designed for students to utilize their educational skills and to illustrate their importance in the community.
- Community Service Suggestions
  - *Develop an after school or weekend program*
  - *Organize a cleanup crew for the neighborhood with adult supervision*
  - *Volunteer for City of Gary projects*