



Dear Applicant,

In 2006, my wife Ashley and I set out to create a tutoring program that would challenge the status quo. With a focus on instilling a sense of fun, creating a customized approach for different learning styles, and building a team of passionate and highly experienced mentors who focused on not only academic results but also life skills, BrainStorm Tutoring & Arts was the first of its kind in Bergen County. This September, with a client base that has grown from 40 families in 2006 to nearly 1000 in 2016, BrainStorm celebrated its 10th anniversary.

In celebration of these ten years we have introduced the scholarship program “TEN”—short for “**True Enthusiasm Never fails.**”

We’ve had a wonderful ten years of promoting the genius in our students and helping them “STORM the test!” In keeping with our mission, we have created massive life opportunities for thousands of great local kids; the “TEN” initiative is simply an extension of that continued mission, expressed as an outreach to those local students who strive valiantly but lack means to afford our services. It is a simple expression of gratitude to our local community for the opportunity to make a difference in our children’s lives for the past ten years.

During the 2016-2017 school year, BrainStorm will provide unlimited, free academic mentorship - via private sessions and/or membership in our unique BLAST small-group program in Franklin Lakes - to TEN students who live in or near Bergen County. Of the ten, five will be juniors, whom we will take through both schoolwork and SAT/ACT prep, and five will be from any other grade, K-College.

**To be eligible, you need only to demonstrate two things: financial need and academic enthusiasm.**

Applications are due by November 30th and winners will be announced shortly thereafter. Please take this opportunity to express your strengths and your challenges, your vision and your enthusiasm - we want to get to know you and equip you for “Dominance on Test Day, Confidence for Life.”

**Please email your application to:** [TEN@stormthetest.com](mailto:TEN@stormthetest.com). We can’t wait to hear from you!!

Sincerely,

*Scott Doty*

# TEN Scholarship Program

(Please print or type neatly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-Curricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Experiences or Paid Work Experiences:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Guidance Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Please include a copy of your high school transcript as of this application date.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

For what other scholarships have you applied?

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What other scholarships have you received?

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Estimated educational expenses per semester:

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Total income as reported on IRS 1040:\* Parents:

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Non-taxable income including social security payments, non-taxable interest and dividends, unemployment compensation and any other income not subject to tax:\*

Parents:

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\* attach a copy of most recent IRS Form.

Cash savings and checking account:

Parents:

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Self:

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House:

Rent

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Own

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House value:

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Amount of mortgage/rent :

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Current Residence?

House

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Apartment

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Parent's Occupation:

Mother:

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Father:

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List your reasons for requesting financial aid. Indicate any extenuating circumstances, financial or personal, that you or your family have, which would assist the scholarship committee in its selection:

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References: Please attach a letter from each of your references.

Teacher Reference:      Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reference:      Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ESSAY PROMPT

Please answer the following question: What do you perceive is your academic and personal weakness? For example, what life skill do you lack that would make learning better for you.

Applicants in grades 1-5: 150-250 word count.

Applicants in grades 6+: 250-500 word count.

#### VIDEO PROMPT

What excites you about learning? Also, if you have a vision or a goal please include that goal or vision and how BrainStorm can help you achieve that? Show self knowledge, enthusiasm, and vision. Maximum of 2 minutes.