

## Handout 1: Scenarios

1. You are an unemployed single mother working hard to graduate from an alternative high school in downtown Minneapolis. You do not own a car, and rely on your mother for babysitting. You live in a predominantly African American neighborhood.
2. You are a young Somali woman living with your parents and siblings. You attend an under-funded school in downtown Minneapolis. You take two different buses to get to school.
3. You are the daughter of the local bank manager from Edina where you go to school. Your school is predominantly white.
4. You are the son of a Mexican immigrant living in a rural area. Your family's only truck is needed on the farm, so you frequently miss school. You and your siblings have to help on the farm after school.
5. You were born and raised in Minnesota. Both of your parents work for the St. Paul School district. You are the best student in your class. Your school has some students of color, but is still predominantly white.
6. You are a young woman with a disability who can only move in a wheelchair. You are supported by your father who is a successful businessman. Your mother does not work and spends all of her time taking care of your house and you.
7. You are the son of Hmong refugees. You attend a suburban school where no one else looks like you. You live in the city and have to carpool with 3 other students.
8. You are the only son of a prominent lawyer and a real estate agent. You attend a private school.

9. You are the second son of a white middle class family from South Minneapolis, where you attend school.
10. You are the son of a Chinese immigrant who runs a successful fast food business. You do well at school and plan to go to college.
11. You are homeless. You go to school when you can, but because you and your family often move you have to change schools.
12. You are a young African American man. You spent some time in a juvenile institution and had some problems with police in the past. You are trying to graduate from high school and keep your evening job to help your parents with younger siblings.
13. You are the best student in your class, and an aspiring athlete. Your parents are very supportive and spend a lot of time and money to help you with your school projects. Your school has very few students of color, and you are not one of them.
14. Your parents immigrated from Russia, and work as scientists for the government. You do well in science too, and plan to go to the University of Minnesota to study. You live in the suburbs and go to school there.
15. You live in a trailer with your parents and two siblings. You get to school by school bus in which you are only allowed to sit in the two front rows. Your parents' only car does not always work.
16. You attend a language immersion school. You are a good student. Every summer you and your parents travel abroad so you can practice your foreign languages. You live in a wealthy suburb.
17. You are a Native American teenager living and studying in Minneapolis. You live with your grandmother. You have to support

both of you working after school. There are only three Native American students in your entire school.