

SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH RITE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

TO: HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS.

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for applying for this scholarship offered by the San Diego Scottish Rite Community Foundation ("Foundation"). The Foundation plans to award a scholarship this year to one or more eligible seniors of a high school in San Diego County or Imperial County.

Enclosed herewith is an Application for the scholarship. Please complete it as soon as possible and deliver the application, two recommendation letters and a certified copy of your school transcript to the Secretary of the San Diego Scottish Rite Bodies at 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108 prior to the close of business on **Friday, May 18, 2012**.

Application packages which are either not complete (i.e. do not contain a filled out application sponsored by a member of the San Diego or Imperial County Scottish Rite, two recommendation letters and a certified copy of school transcript) or which are submitted after May 18 will not be considered.

Eligibility:

1. The program is open to all students who have attained senior standing in and are graduating from high schools in San Diego or Imperial Counties.
2. Applicants must be planning to enter an accredited four year college or university, two year community college or professional school.
3. No masonic relationship is required. However, **each Applicant must be sponsored by a member of the San Diego or Imperial Valley Scottish Rite Bodies**. Should the Applicant be unaware of a member who may sponsor the Applicant, please call the undersigned or Randy Brill, General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies (at 619-293-4888) for assistance.

Judging Criteria:

1. The determination of the recipient of the scholarship will be within the sole discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee of the San Diego Scottish Rite Community Foundation. Its decision will be based upon a review of the application and associated materials submitted to the committee, only. No Applicant interviews will be required or permitted. Applicants are advised that certain factors may be taken into account by the Scholarship Selection Committee including, without limitation, the following:

- A. Achievement: The high school scholastic record of each Applicant.
- B. Leadership: The student's qualities of leadership as displayed in school, community and other activities and organizations.
- C. Character: The moral character and integrity of the Applicant.
- D. Capability: Those factors indicating a student's ability to handle college level studies successfully.
- E. Citizenship: The student's participatory role in civic, charitable, community, work and school activities.
- F. Need: The ability of the Applicant and his/her family to assist in the funding of the Applicant's education, either independently through family financial resources, or by way of third party scholarships, grants or other financial aid committed or paid by third party providers.

Application: The enclosed application must be completed in its entirety. Each Applicant shall submit with the application at least two recommendation letters ("mandatory recommendation letters"), but not more than three recommendation letters. At least one of the mandatory recommendation letters shall be from a teacher or other school official. At least one of the mandatory recommendation letters shall be from a San Diego or Imperial Valley Scottish Rite member. The remaining recommendation letter may be from any other person, although it is recommended that it be from an employer, minister, adult family friend, coach, scout or other youth activity leader or some other person who has known the Applicant personally. Recommendation letters may discuss the various criteria discussed hereinabove. **A certified school transcript and the required recommendation letters must be submitted with the application or the application will not be considered.** Scottish Rite shall not be responsible for the disqualification of a candidate for an incomplete package where its components, although delivered to Scottish Rite, were delivered to Scottish Rite at different times and lost or misplaced by reason thereof.

Selection and Receipt of Award: Selection of recipients will be by the Scholarship Committee at its discretion.

Upon selection of the recipient(s), he, she, or they will be required to attend the stated meeting dinner of the San Diego Scottish Rite Bodies held in the next August. Their parents and Scottish Rite sponsor will be invited to attend with them.

One-half of the scholarship award will be presented to the recipient at the said stated meeting dinner in August. The remaining one-half of the scholarship award will be made available to the recipient during the month of February of the following year, provided that recipient has met the grade and unit requirements noted below. In order to receive that sum, the recipient must provide the committee a letter of request and a certified copy

of the student's college transcript evidencing that the recipient has maintained a 3.0 average and not less than 12 units of study per each of the preceding college semesters not later than February 1 of the year following the initial awarding of the scholarship (i.e. February 1, 2013).

Continuing Scholarships: It is the current intention of the Foundation to make available to individuals who have previously received the high school senior scholarship, described above, an opportunity to secure similar scholarships for subsequent years of college (hereinafter "continuing scholarships"). The amount and awarding of continuing scholarships shall be within the absolute discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee of the Foundation based upon the following described minimum criteria:

In order to be eligible for a continuing scholarship, the following specific criteria will apply:

- A. The Applicant for the continuing scholarship must be a former recipient of the high school senior scholarship described hereinabove.
- B. A letter requesting consideration for a continuing scholarship must be submitted to the Foundation (care of the secretary of the San Diego Scottish Rite Bodies) at the address hereinabove set forth not later than January 15 and August 15 of each year to which carry over scholarships apply. (Thus, for example, the first installment of the carry over scholarship for year 2013 should be requested not later than August 15, 2013. The second installment of the carry over scholarship for year 2013 must be applied for not later than January 15, 2014.
- C. Each carry over scholarship request **must** contain the following information:
 - (1) An up-to-date certified copy of the student's college transcript indicating the Applicant's grades for all preceding semesters or quarters.
 - (2) An indication of exactly what classes the Applicant is currently enrolled in during the quarter/semester in which his/her request is made.
 - (3) If the Applicant is enrolled in a school which permits "pass/fail" rather than grades and presuming he/she is in a program that does not provide grades, then the Applicant must provide information from the school which indicates the grade equivalent in the classes that he/she is securing a pass/fail. (Thus, for example in each class where the Applicant receives a pass, he/she must provide the Committee, either by letter from the professor or from the school, an indication of what his/her grade would have been in that class had it been graded on an A through F standard.)

The Committee will notify the student of its decision with respect to the granting of the continuing scholarship within 60 days of receipt of the student's letter application and the above requisite materials, and will effect payment of the continuing scholarship thereafter.

- D. In order to qualify for a carry over scholarship, the Applicant must have maintained not less than a 3.0 average for the year immediately preceding his/her request and have had at least 12 units of academic work during each semester of that year. The 3.0 average is to be determined by averaging out the grades over the academic year immediately preceding the date of application for the carry over scholarship. Thus, for example, an application in July, 2013, would have to be supported by a grade average of 3.0 for the academic period commencing August/September, 2012, and ending at the conclusion of the academic year in May or June, 2013. Each semester must be supported by a work load of not less than 12 units. The Committee will not average out units over the course of the year. Thus, for example, having 10 units in one quarter and 14 units in another does not satisfy the requirement.
- E. The Committee appreciates receiving, in connection with the Applicant's request for a carry over scholarship, a letter setting forth an overview of the Applicant's scholastic year. It would, of course, appreciate hearing of any awards, commendations or other successes that the Applicant may have had, including any experiences that he/she might have had during his/her school year which he/she believes would be pertinent to its decision on whether the Applicant should receive a carry over scholarship.

Thank you for your application and best wishes to you as you pursue your college education and this scholarship.

Very truly yours,

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