



Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Valley of San Diego • Orient of California



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San Diego Scottish Rite Community Foundation Scholarship

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

Requirements

- Completed application
- Recommendation letters
- Certified copy of your school transcript
- Deliver to the General Secretary of the San Diego Scottish Rite Bodies at:

1561 Camino del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108

Deadline: Prior to the close of business on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Application packets that are incomplete (missing required documents or information) or are submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Eligibility

- The program is open to all students who are graduating seniors from high schools in San Diego or Imperial Counties.
- Applicants must enroll in an accredited four-year college or university, two-year community college, or professional school after high school graduation.
- No masonic relationship is required. However, each Applicant must be sponsored by a member of the San Diego or Imperial Valley Scottish Rite Bodies. If you do not know a Scottish Rite Mason, please call the General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies (619-293-4888) for assistance at least 2 weeks prior to the deadline.

Judging Criteria

Scholarship recipients are chosen by 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. Applicants are advised that certain factors may be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee including the following:

Achievement: High school scholastic record and the ACT and/or SAT score(s) of the Applicant.

Leadership: Leadership qualities displayed in school, community, other activities, and organizations.

Character: Moral character and integrity of the Applicant.

Capability: Those factors that indicate a student's ability to handle college level studies successfully.

Citizenship: Participation in civic, charitable, community, work, and school activities.



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Financial Need: The ability of the Applicant and family to assist in funding the Applicant's education, either independently through family financial resources or with scholarships, grants, or other financial aid from other providers.

Application and Recommendation Letters

The enclosed application must be completed in its entirety. Each Applicant must submit at least two, but not more than three, recommendation letters. At least one of the mandatory recommendation letters must be from a teacher or other school official. At least one of the mandatory recommendation letters must be from a San Diego or Imperial Valley Scottish Rite member. The third recommendation letter may be from anyone who knows the Applicant personally. It is recommended that it be by an employer, minister, adult family friend, coach, scout, or other youth activity leader. Recommendation letters should address the criteria used by the Committee to choose recipients.

The Scottish Rite is not responsible for the disqualification of a candidate because of an incomplete application packet, or if required documents are delivered to Scottish Rite at separate times. Make sure your application packet is complete and delivered on time.

Selection and Receipt of Award

Selection of recipients will be by the Scholarship Committee at its discretion. Winners may be requested to attend the stated meeting dinner of the San Diego Scottish Rite Bodies in August. If so, parents and the Scottish Rite Masonic sponsor may also be invited to attend with each winner.

The Committee may choose to present one-half of the initial scholarship award to the recipient at the stated meeting dinner or by other method of delivery in August. Under such circumstances, the remaining one-half of the initial scholarship award will be granted during the month of February of the following year, provided that the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA and completes twelve units of college study in the first semester. Scholarships may be renewed (a "Renewal or Carryover Scholarship") in subsequent academic years at the absolute discretion of the Scholarship Committee and subject to the completion of academic and other requirements established by the Scholarship Committee.

Receipt of an initial scholarship does not guarantee eligibility for a Renewal Scholarship.

Please complete the attached application and submit all required documents no later than May 31, 2024. Thank you for your application and best wishes to you as you pursue your college education and this scholarship.

Good luck to all applicants.

Keith Meeker