

City of Santa Clara Youth Commission

COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Youth Commission has raised funds in an effort to acknowledge their peers who are committed to community service and seek positive solutions to critical issues facing today's young people. This scholarship is primarily based on service, not necessarily on need or academic achievement. The scholarship funds can be used toward test fees, application costs, tuition payments or book expenses.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Have significant, and verifiable, community service involvement.
- Must be a City of Santa Clara resident and a current high school Junior or Senior.
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- *Note: Current City of Santa Clara Youth Commissioners are not eligible for this scholarship.*

Application Process and Packet Information:

- **Monday, March 11, 2019 by 6:00 P.M.:** Deadline to submit completed application and responses to the supplemental questions to the Santa Clara Teen Center (located at 2446 Cabrillo Avenue).
- Complete the application using black or blue ink pen. You may also type into the PDF document.
- Submit a signed record of community service hours completed on organization or school letterhead.
- Submit a signed letter of recommendation to be attached to your application and essay.
- Write or type your response to each of the following supplemental questions. Responses should be kept to two, single-sided and double-spaced pages. Please include your full name on each page.
 - **Supplemental Question #1: Community service is mandatory at many schools. Do you feel students benefit from this requirement? Please provide reasoning for your answer.**
 - **Supplemental Question #2: What impact have you had on the organization that you have focused on with your service? What impact has this service had on you?**

Selection Process:

- **Saturday, March 23, 2019:** Interviews will take place in person at the Santa Clara Teen Center.
- **Monday, March 18, 2019:** Schedule an interview by this date. Time slots will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.
- Each applicant will be asked the same series of questions. City of Santa Clara Youth Commissioners and City staff may facilitate the panel interview.
- The application process will be ranked in the following manner:
 - Application and Essay: 50%
 - Oral Interview: 50%
- **April 2019:** City staff will notify the scholarship recipient(s). Specific date TBD.
- **May 2019:** Expected scholarship presentation at a City of Santa Clara City Council meeting (date TBA).

Please note there are limited funds available for scholarships. Not all applicants will receive a scholarship. Recipients may not receive scholarships of an equal dollar amount.

For questions regarding the Youth Commission sponsored scholarship, contact:
Jon Kawada at (408) 615-3740 or JKawada@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Keep this page for your reference.

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First and Last Name: _____

Street Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

High School _____ Grade in School _____ Graduation Year _____

Grade point average with advisor's signature or official transcript: _____

Please describe why or how you became involved in service: _____

Please describe your recent leadership, volunteer, self-initiated community service activities as well as school service activities you have participated in: _____

I, _____ (applicant name) verify that the information I have included on this application is accurate. All information provided on this form is subject to verification. False, inaccurate, or ineligible applications will be disqualified.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

- ☐ Contact information is complete and legible.
- ☐ City of Santa Clara address or SCUSD student (*please ask for assistance, if needed).
- ☐ Applicant signature.
- ☐ Supplemental questions/answers included.