



The Marie A. Calderilla Scholarship Fund A Scholarship for Female Community College Students

Administered by
Silicon Valley Community Foundation
2009 Application Packet

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009 AT 5 P.M.

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SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: Up to \$5,000

NUMBER OF AWARDS: Up to 10

BACKGROUND

This program was established in 2007 through a generous gift from Marie A. Calderilla who believed deeply in the importance of education. The purpose of this scholarship is to enable women to pursue courses of study that they would otherwise be unable to follow due to limited financial means. Students may be graduating high school seniors or current residents of San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties planning to attend a college in the San Mateo County Community College District (Canada College, San Mateo Community College, and Skyline Community College). The selection committee looks for academic promise, women who have demonstrated that they are committed to obtaining an education, and personal characteristics such as honesty, good judgment and perseverance. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years (provided students maintain part-time or full-time enrollment status, a 2.5 GPA and have established an education plan).

ELIGIBILITY

Each applicant must meet all of the following ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- San Mateo or Santa Clara County graduating high school senior or current San Mateo or Santa Clara resident planning to attend a college in the San Mateo County Community College District (Canada College, San Mateo Community College, and Skyline Community College)
- Female student
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Serious about improving their life through education
- United States citizen or legal resident

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Silicon Valley Community Foundation must receive the **completed** application packet and **all** supporting materials (personal statement, letters of reference, transcripts, proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency and financial statements) by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.**

- Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered.
- Date of postmark and faxed applications will **not** be considered.

Students are eligible for up to 3 years of funding; however, students must meet renewal requirements to continue to receive the award. Students enrolled in a four-year degree program at a San Mateo County Community College District college are eligible for up to 4 years of funding.

Mail or deliver completed application to:

Silicon Valley Community Foundation
2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300
Mountain View, CA 94040

QUESTIONS?

**Contact Lisa Alvarez, scholarship officer
at 650.450.5530 or lmalvarez@siliconvalleycf.org**

Application Instructions

Silicon Valley Community Foundation
2009 Scholarship Program

Read These Instructions Carefully And Thoroughly.

We recommend you send your application and all of the supporting documents to us in one envelope.

1. APPLICATION FORM

Applications must be complete to be considered. Attach additional pages if necessary.

2. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Provide two letters of reference only.

- One letter from a teacher or academic advisor;
- One letter from a work or volunteer supervisor, a youth leader or personal acquaintance.

Letters from teachers, advisors and employers must be on school or company letterhead. All letters must be **signed and dated**. Photocopies are acceptable. Letters may be sealed in their own envelopes.

3. TRANSCRIPTS OF GRADES (Request your transcripts early as it may take 4-6 weeks)

All applications must include a copy of your high school transcript or California High School Equivalency Certificate. An **official** community college transcript must also be included for all work completed. **Photocopies and copies from the Internet are unacceptable for community college transcripts.**

4. SIGNED AND DATED PERSONAL STATEMENT

Include a typed statement of at least 500 words, but no longer than 850 words (approximately 2-3 pages, double-spaced). In the statement, you should:

- Describe why you want to go to college and three personal attributes you think will help you succeed in college;
- Describe your academic plan (are you working towards a certificate, two- or four-year degree, or planning to transfer to a four-year institution);
- Discuss your career goals
- Comment on an accomplishment of which you are proud or activities in which you have been involved;
- Reflect upon any challenges you have faced and how you responded to them.
- **Sign and date your Personal Statement.**

5. FINANCIAL NEED

Evidence of financial need must be submitted with all application packets.

If you submitted your Free Application for Federal Financial Aid or FAFSA, enclose a copy of all pages of your 2009-2010 Student Aid Report or SAR (updated information regarding your FAFSA application can be found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/).

OR

If you did not apply for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of the first two pages of your parent's or guardian's most recent Tax Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent).

6. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL RESIDENCY

Provide proof of United States citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate, passport or naturalization paper) or documentation of legal residency (photocopy of visa or permanent residency card.)

ABOUT SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Silicon Valley Community Foundation is among the largest community foundations in the country, with more than \$1.9 billion in assets under management and 1,500 philanthropic funds. Serving all of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, Silicon Valley Community Foundation is a partner and resource to nonprofits and citizens committed to improving the quality of life in our region.

Our vision is to be a comprehensive center for philanthropy that inspires greater civic participation throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Our mission is to strengthen the common good, improve quality of life and address the most challenging problems. We do this through visionary community leadership, world-class donor services and effective grantmaking.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AT SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

For many individuals and organizations, providing scholarships for students to support their educational pursuits is a rewarding and effective way to meet their charitable objectives. Silicon Valley Community Foundation's scholarship program is committed to providing opportunities for those interested in helping talented young people to pursue their dreams through a quality education. Scholarship funds at the community foundation vary by size of endowment and in complexity of criteria; however, their common element is the charitable spirit of the donors who created them. In honoring loved ones or providing for a specific community, each scholarship expresses a deep belief in the power of education to help individuals achieve their dreams.

For more information about establishing a scholarship fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, read about scholarship funds under Ways to Give or contact donate@siliconvalleycf.org or 650.450.5444.

For additional information about applying for scholarships please contact scholarships@siliconvalleycf.org.

Scholarship recipients from 2008 and more information about 2009 scholarship programs are at www.siliconvalleycf.org.

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