



# 2009 Common Scholarship Application

Scholarship Opportunities  
for Higher Education

**DEADLINE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009, 5 P.M.**

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## **WHAT IS SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?**

Silicon Valley Community Foundation was created in January 2007 from the landmark merger of Peninsula Community Foundation and Community Foundation Silicon Valley, both of which had served San Mateo and Santa Clara counties for more than 40 years. The community foundation is among the largest in the nation, with more than \$1.9 billion in assets under management and 1,500 philanthropic funds.

In a region known for innovation in business and technology as well as philanthropy, Silicon Valley Community Foundation is addressing local needs and supporting Silicon Valley’s charitable giving to causes locally, nationally and around the globe.

## **WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP FUND?**

Scholarship funds are charitable accounts established at Silicon Valley Community Foundation by generous individuals, organizations or corporations for the purpose of assisting students in continuing their education. Some funds are specific to residents of a city or county, others are directed to students interested in a specific field of study. In honoring loved ones or providing for a specific community, each scholarship expresses a deep belief in the power of education to help young people achieve their dreams. Scholarships do not need to be repaid.

## **HOW ARE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS DETERMINED?**

Scholarships are available through Silicon Valley Community Foundation thanks to the generosity of donors who have established scholarship funds with us. Each donor determines the eligibility criteria of his or her scholarship. Although all scholarships are based upon financial need, some scholarships also focus on academic achievement, academic potential or community service. Please read the specific requirements for each scholarship to determine if you are eligible.

## **WHAT IF I AM NOT A “STRAIGHT A” STUDENT?**

Silicon Valley Community Foundation offers scholarships for a variety of students, including the Ruppert Educational Grant Program, which awards students who show academic promise and improvement during the high school years and are likely to not receive other scholarships because of their grades.

## **MAY I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?**

Yes, so long as you meet the criteria for each scholarship to which you are applying. If you are using the Common Application, simply check off all of the scholarships for which you qualify on page 8.

## **WILL MY PERSONAL INFORMATION BE SHARED?**

No, your application information will not be shared with anyone except community foundation staff and the selection committees. For security reasons, we no longer require your social security number on your application. Please mark out your social security number if it appears on any of the documents you submit with your application.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**ELIGIBILITY:** Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria which were defined by the donor when the fund was established. These criteria are described in detail under each of the funds listed inside. Most of the scholarships require that applicants:

- Graduate from a public or private high school in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County
- Demonstrate financial need
- Plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university (Finegold recipient must attend a four-year university. Eustace-Kwan and Ruppert recipients can attend a vocational / career / trade school that focuses on providing formal preparation for skilled, technical, or professional occupations such as dental hygienist, x-ray technician, court reporting, emergency medical technicians, etc.)
- Be a full-time student
- Be a United States citizen or legal resident

## REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Completed application form (pages 5-8)
- Personal statement
- Transcripts of grades
- Two letters of recommendation
- Proof of citizenship or legal residency
- A copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report or Tax Form 1040

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

All materials must arrive in the office of Silicon Valley Community Foundation by

**5 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009**

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Date of postmark and faxed applications will not be considered.

Mail or deliver completed applications to:

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

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

You may contact Lisa Alvarez, scholarship officer, at 650.450.5530 or [lmalvarez@siliconvalleycf.org](mailto:lmalvarez@siliconvalleycf.org)

## 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 an official high school transcript. If you have taken college courses, an official college transcript must also be included for all work completed. Photocopies and copies from the Internet are unacceptable.

## 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 long-range goals and how furthering your education will assist you in reaching those 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 applied for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of all pages of your 2009-2010 Student Aid Report (SAR). This includes the summary of your answers to the FAFSA and your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) (updated information regarding your FAFSA application can be found online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://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 Federal Tax Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent).

## 6. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL RESIDENCY

Refer to the eligibility requirement of each scholarship and provide the requested documentation for either proof of United States citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate, passport or naturalization papers) or documentation of legal residency (photocopy of visa or green card).

## 7. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Refer to each scholarship description for additional required material.

## SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS



Hazel Reed Baumeister

### HAZEL REED BAUMEISTER

**Scholarship Amount:**

**Up to \$5,000 per award**

**Number of Awards: Up to 15**

**Previous recipients may reapply**

This program was established in 2001 through the Trust of Mrs. Hazel Reed Baumeister, a longtime resident of Burlingame. Mrs. Baumeister attended business school and later worked from 1933 to 1939 as confidential executive secretary to United States Senator Pat McCarran from Nevada. The purpose of the scholarship, established in her memory, is to support high school graduates of high academic achievement who would be unable to pursue higher education without financial assistance. The selection committee looks for academic promise, documented perseverance in activities outside the classroom, the quality of the personal statement and personal characteristics such as honesty, good judgment and commitment to serving the community. Finalists will be asked to interview with the scholarship selection committee. Students may apply to both the Crain Educational Grant Program and the Hazel Reed Baumeister Scholarship Program, but may receive only one of these scholarships.

- Current graduating senior or graduate of a public or private high school in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County
- United States citizen
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrated community involvement over a period of several years

### CRAIN EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

**Scholarship Amount:**

**Up to \$5,000 per award**

**Number of Awards: Up to 10**

**Previous recipients may reapply**

This program was established in 1987 in memory of Dr. R. Carter Crain and Mildred E. Crain, through Mrs. Crain's will. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable high school graduates to pursue courses of study that they would otherwise be unable to follow due to limited financial means. The selection committee looks for academic promise, documented perseverance in activities outside the classroom, the quality of the personal statement and personal characteristics such as honesty, good judgment and commitment to serving the community. Students may apply to both the Crain Educational Grant Program and the Hazel Reed Baumeister Scholarship Program, but may receive only one of these scholarships.

- Current graduating senior or graduate of a public or private high school in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County
- United States citizen
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrated community involvement over a period of several years



Eleanor Williams Curry

### CURRY AWARD FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

**Scholarship Amount: \$1,000 per award**

**Number of Awards: Up to 10**

**Previous recipients may reapply**

This fund was established by Eleanor Williams Curry, an active civic leader on the Peninsula. The award is for young women who are self-motivated, need financial support and attempt to achieve

despite tremendous obstacles. Young women who have dropped out of school for reasons beyond their control, or have undergone unusual hardships to remain in school are encouraged to apply. The selection committee considers additional circumstances related to possible ethnic or racial discrimination, physical disability or the choice of a nontraditional area of study.

- Young woman aged 16 to 26
- Current resident of San Mateo County
- United States citizen or legal resident
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Current graduating senior, a high school graduate or have a G.E.D.

### THE EUSTACE-KWAN FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Amount: Up to \$5,000 per award**

**Number of Awards: Up to 15**

**Previous recipients may reapply**

This scholarship was established in 2006 through a gift from the Eustace-Kwan Family Foundation. This program is designed to enhance scholarship opportunities for promising high school and junior college students pursuing higher education at an accredited two- or four-year college or vocational school. The selection committee looks for students who are focused, able to articulate clear goals, determined to succeed in their chosen field of study and career, and whose educational opportunities will be increased by financial assistance. In addition, the selection committee will take into consideration the overall quality of the personal statement and whether students activities align with stated goals.

- Current resident of San Mateo County or northern Santa Clara County Mountain View
- Current graduating high school senior planning to attend an accredited two- or four-year college or vocational school OR current community college student planning to transfer to a four-year college
- Cumulative grade point average between 2.8 and 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrated school and / or extra-curricular activities (volunteer or jobs)
- Demonstrated financial need
- United States citizen or legal resident



*Dr. Mary Finegold*

## **DR. MARY FINEGOLD SCHOLARSHIP**

**Scholarship Amount: Up to \$3,000**

**Number of Awards: One**

**One time only**

A caring physician and loving mother, Dr. Mary Finegold was an inspiration to all who knew her. She always put other people's feelings above her own. She brought creativity and curiosity to her many life experiences. During World War II, she worked in a refinery to save money for medical school. After completing her studies, she elected to stay at home until her youngest child was in high school before beginning her medical practice. Dr. Finegold was a school physician because she loved helping children. She enjoyed tennis, literature, language, games and spending time with her family. This scholarship was established in her honor in 1998. Special consideration will be given to girls who have demonstrated a "pioneering" spirit in that they have not been constrained by stereotypical female roles.

- Senior female graduating from a public or private high school in San Mateo County or northern Santa Clara County (Daly City through Mountain View)
- United States citizen
- Intends to complete a four-year degree in the sciences
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Active in athletics



*Nellie Hale Ruppert, Amanda Miller Edwards*

## **RUPPERT EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM**

**Scholarship Amount: Up to \$2,000**

**Number of Awards: Up to 30**

**One time only**

Ruppert Educational Grant Program  
The Ruppert Educational Grant Program was established through a trust and bequest agreement by Ralph Hale Ruppert and Lenore Martha Ruppert in memory of their mothers, Nellie Hale Ruppert and Amanda Miller Edwards. The program is designed to give aid to young people who have financial need and are willing to help themselves. Scholarships are awarded to "late-bloomers"—those students who show academic promise and improvement during the high school years, but are unlikely to receive other scholarships because of their low GPAs. Scholarships are awarded for full-time enrollment in accredited two- or four-year colleges, universities or vocational schools.

- Applicant is a "late bloomer" who demonstrates academic promise and GPA improvement during high school years
- Maximum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- United States citizen
- Current graduating senior attending high school in San Mateo County or northern Santa Clara County (Daly City through Mountain View)
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Applicant must provide evidence of partial self-support (e.g., savings from jobs)
- Applicant must demonstrate community



*Tom and Susan Ford*

## **SAND HILL SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000 (paid over four years)**

**Number of Awards: Up to 2**

**Scholarship is renewable for 4 years provided renewal requirements are met.**

The Sand Hill Scholars Program was created by Thomas W. Ford and Susan B. Ford, and is underwritten by the Sand Hill Foundation. This program, which provides scholarships for promising students who graduated from the Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto, is the successor of the Ronald McNair Scholars Fund. Preference is given to students who have shown motivation and leadership, have overcome hardships to remain in school or have been involved in educational, job-related or community activities outside the school environment.

- Eighth-grade graduate of the Ravenswood City School District (documentation must accompany the application)
- Current graduating senior attending a high school in San Mateo County or northern Santa Clara County (Daly City through Mountain View)
- United States citizen or legal resident

## 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

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](mailto:donate@siliconvalleycf.org) or 650.450.5444.*

*For additional information about applying for scholarships please contact [scholarships@siliconvalleycf.org](mailto:scholarships@siliconvalleycf.org).*

*Scholarship recipients from 2008 and more information about 2009 scholarship programs are at [www.siliconvalleycf.org](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org).*

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