



# Bobette Bibo Gugliotta Memorial Scholarship for Creative Writing

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Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
2009 Application Packet

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

Silicon Valley Community Foundation announces the Bobette Bibo Gugliotta Memorial Scholarship for Creative Writing. Two grants of \$1,000 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors or current college students.

### BACKGROUND

This scholarship was created in 1995 to honor the late Bobette Bibo Gugliotta, author of several books, including *Katzimo: Mysterious Mesa*; *Pigboat 39* about a World War II submarine, and *Women of Mexico: The Consecrated and the Commoners, 1519-1900*. In 1930, when she was 11 years old, Mrs. Gugliotta wrote a story about a mouse who later became Mickey! Mrs. Gugliotta married U.S. Navy Ensign Guy F. Gugliotta in 1940. They lived in several cities in the United States and Latin America before retiring to the Peninsula in 1962. Her family and friends remember her as wife, mother, hostess and one who was “never bored, never tired, always curious.”

### ELIGIBILITY

The Bobette Bibo Gugliotta Memorial Scholarship for Creative Writing is designated for the educational benefit of students planning to major in the field of creative writing and who have demonstrated creative writing ability.

Candidates must submit creative writing samples and demonstrate in a personal statement their commitment to creative writing. Applicants must be United States citizens and must attend, or have graduated from, high schools located in San Mateo County or northern Santa Clara County (Daly City through Mountain View). Scholarships will be awarded for full-time enrollment in an accredited two- or four-year college or university. Awards are for one year; recipients are not eligible to reapply.

### 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, creative writing samples and financial statements) in the office 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 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](mailto:lmalvarez@siliconvalleycf.org)

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# Applicant Instructions

## Silicon Valley Community Foundation 2009 Scholarship Program

**Read These Instructions Carefully And Thoroughly.** In order for your application to be considered, all of the following must be received at the community foundation by the deadline. We recommend that 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

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 your commitment to creative writing;
- **Sign and date your Personal Statement.**

### 5. FINANCIAL NEED

Need is not a primary consideration of the Bobette Bibo Gugliotta Memorial Scholarship Fund, but may be a factor in final selection. 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/](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 Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent).

### 6. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

Proof of United States citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate, passport or naturalization papers) must accompany your application.

### 7. CREATIVE WRITING SAMPLES

Please enclose two samples of work you completed either for school, formal publication or as an extracurricular activity.

### 8. REMOVE STAPLES FROM ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS

## 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](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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