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DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009 AT 5 P.M.



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SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: Up to \$2,000 for Community College students and up to \$4,000 when students transfer to a four-year institution.

NUMBER OF AWARDS: Up to 15

BACKGROUND

This program was established in 2004 through the Trust of Margrit Kumin. It was her desire to dedicate part of her estate to help young people pursue higher education. The purpose of this scholarship, established in her memory, is to support current community college students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution. This scholarship recognizes and honors the family and work responsibilities of many community college students. The selection committee looks for students who demonstrate academic promise, hard work and the personal characteristics of honesty and good judgment. Special consideration will be given to students who work while attending school. Students on public assistance are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY

Each applicant must meet all of the following ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduate from a high school in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County or be a resident of San Mateo County or Santa Clara County and complete a GED with a California High School Equivalency certificate;
- Current enrollment (part-time or full-time) in a community college;
- Completion of at least 20 graded semester or quarter units before the application deadline;
- Minimum GPA of 2.5;
- Plan to transfer to a four-year college or university in 2009 or later;
- Demonstrated financial need;
- United States citizen or legal resident.

Students are eligible for up to 3 years of funding at the community college level and up to 3 years of funding at the four-year institution level. However, students must meet renewal requirements to continue to receive the award.

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, June 17, 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**

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 plan for transferring to a university;
- 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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