



The Peninsula Regent Charitable Foundation Educational Grant Program

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2009 Application Packet

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





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BACKGROUND

Silicon Valley Community Foundation announces the Peninsula Regent Charitable Foundation Educational Grant Program. Educational grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each will be awarded in 2009. Peninsula Regent employees and/or their dependent(s) may use this scholarship to help with the costs of attending courses including, but not limited to, those offered at community colleges, adult schools, night schools, colleges and universities, as well as courses at recreation and community centers. Please carefully review the eligibility requirements before submitting your application.

ELIGIBILITY

- Current employee of the Peninsula Regent for at least 90 days as of February 26, 2009 or dependents of an employee who has worked at the Peninsula Regent for at least 90 days as of February 26, 2009.
- Preference will be given to applicants with strong educational motivation, perseverance, involvement outside the classroom and personal characteristics such as honesty and good judgment.
- The selection committee will also strongly consider applicants who have dropped out of school for reasons beyond their control or have undergone unusual hardships to remain in school.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- United States citizen or legal resident.

Awards are for one year and funds must be used within one year of the date of the award. The award is renewable, but recipients must reapply for subsequent funding in competition with other applicants.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Your completed application and all supporting materials (personal statement, letters of reference, transcripts and employment verification) must be submitted to the Peninsula Regent Reception desk by **5 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009.**
- Late, incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered

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.

For your application to be considered, all of the following must be submitted to the Peninsula Regent's Reception desk by **5 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009**. Date of postmark and faxed applications will **not** be considered. We recommend that you send your application and all of the supporting documents to us in one envelope.

1. APPLICATION FORM

Application packet must be complete to be considered.

2. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

- One letter from your manager at Peninsula Regent (only for employees);
- One letter from a teacher, volunteer supervisor or personal acquaintance.

Provide both letters of reference if you are a current employee and one letter of reference from a teacher or counselor if you are the dependent of an employee. Letters should be on company or school letterhead and must be **signed and dated**. Photocopies are acceptable.

3. EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

Please request a letter verifying your length of employment at Peninsula Regent from your supervisor. This documentation must be included in your completed application.

4. TRANSCRIPTS OF GRADES

Provide a copy of your high school transcript (if you graduated within the last 10 years). If you have taken college courses, a copy of college transcript must be included for all work completed.

5. SIGNED AND DATED PERSONAL STATEMENT

In addition to completing this application form, you must write a personal statement. In your personal statement, you should include:

- Your educational and career goals;
- What class(es) you would like to take if the scholarship money was awarded to you;
- **Sign and date your Personal Statement.**

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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