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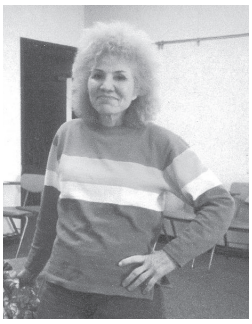

The Marie A. Calderilla Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship for Female Community College Students

Administered by
Silicon Valley Community Foundation
2012 Application Packet

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012 BY 5 P.M.

The Marie A. Calderilla Scholarship

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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.

Recipients are eligible for up to three 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 four years of funding.

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 County 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, persuing first undergraduate degree or certificate
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Serious about improving their life through education
- United States citizen OR legal resident

Finalists will be asked to interview with the selection committee.

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, March 7, 2012.**

- 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 our Scholarship Hotline at 650.450.5487 or scholarships@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. Attachments do not replace any part of the application. Each section must be completed. Additional sheets for activities, awards and honors, and employment sections must follow the application format.

2. Letter of Reference

Provide **two** letters of reference **only.**

- One letter from a teacher or academic advisor* on school letterhead.
- One letter from a volunteer or work supervisor, youth leader or personal acquaintance. (Letters from work or volunteer supervisors must be on the organization's letterhead. Personal acquaintance letters can not come from parents or relatives.)

All letters must be signed and dated. Photocopies of letters of reference that were written for other scholarships or college applications for the **current academic year,** are acceptable; however, keep in mind that these will not speak to how you are the best candidate for the scholarship for which you are currently applying. Letters may be sealed in their own envelopes.

*If you are not currently enrolled in school, both letters can be from a work or volunteer supervisor; however, both references can not be from a personal acquaintance.

3. Transcripts of Grades

Students currently enrolled in college must provide **official transcripts** for all college coursework completed.

High school seniors must provide **official high school transcripts** and **official college transcripts,** if you completed any college courses.

Applicants who have been out of school ten years or more are not required to submit 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 and what you learned from 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 2012-2013 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.) Copy of driver's license or social security card will not be accepted.

About Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Silicon Valley Community Foundation is a catalyst and leader for innovative solutions to our region's most challenging problems. Serving all of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, the community foundation has $2 billion in assets under management and 1,500 philanthropic funds. The community foundation provides grants through donor advised and corporate funds in addition to its own endowment funds. The community foundation serves as a regional center for philanthropy, providing donors simple and effective ways to give locally and around the world. Find out more at www.siliconvalleycf.org.

The vision of Silicon Valley Community Foundation is to be a comprehensive center for philanthropy that inspires greater civic participation throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. The mission of Silicon Valley Community Foundation 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, contact donate@siliconvalleycf.org or 650.450.5444.

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

Scholarship recipients from 2011 and more information about 2012 scholarship programs are at www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships.

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