



The Harold Johnson Law Enforcement Scholarship

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Silicon Valley Community Foundation
2012 Application Packet

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

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Scholarship Amount: Up to \$3,000

Number of Awards: Up to 5

Background

The Harold Johnson Law Enforcement Scholarship was established in memory of Police Chief Harold Johnson to provide scholarship support to students who plan on pursuing a career in police work, corrections, or other criminal justice fields. These scholarships are designed to recognize students who demonstrate a passion for public service, academic potential, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility

Each applicant must meet all of the following ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have declared a program of study in law enforcement (or criminal justice, administration of justice or police science) and plan on pursuing a career in police work, corrections or other criminal justice fields. This scholarship does not apply to law school students.
- Must have completed at least one year of college work in required major
- Current resident of San Mateo or Santa Clara counties
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5

Awards will be for one year. Recipients seeking to renew their awards are required to reapply for subsequent funding in competition with other applicants.

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.

Finalists will be asked to interview with the selection committee.

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. Letters 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.

3. Transcripts of Grades

Request your transcripts early as it may take 4-6 weeks.

Applicants must include an **official college transcript** and must also include an official or unofficial high school transcript.

Photocopies or Internet generated transcripts 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, unstapled). In the statement, you should:

- Describe your short- and long-range goals for a career in law enforcement/criminal justice and how furthering your education will assist you in reaching those goals.
- Comment on the personal characteristics, educational and extracurricular activities that have helped prepare you for college and a career in law enforcement/criminal justice.
- Reflect on your personal journey (significant accomplishments, challenges and/or hardships) and any life lessons that you think will help you succeed in college and a career in law enforcement/criminal justice.
- Indicate why you think you are a good candidate for this scholarship.
- 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 2012-2013 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/).

OR

If you did not apply for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of the first **two pages** of your or 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

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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