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2012 Application Packet

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012 BY 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 who completed a GED Program and received 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 2013 or later
- Demonstrated financial need
- United States citizen OR legal resident

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

**Finalists will be asked to interview with the scholarship 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, June 6, 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](mailto: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.

## 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

- Describe your short- and long-range goals and how furthering your education will assist you in reaching those goals.
- Comment on the personal characteristics, educational and extracurricular activities that you have been involved while in community college that have helped prepare you for transferring to a four-year college.
- Reflect on your personal journey (significant accomplishments, challenges and / or hardships) and any life lessons that you think will help you succeed in a four-year college.
- Indicate why you believe 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 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](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 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](http://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](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 2011 and more information about 2012 scholarship programs are at [www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships).



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