



The Odette Moren Scholarship

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2012 Application Packet

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012 BY 5 P.M.

Silicon Valley Community Foundation announces the **The Odette Moren Scholarship.**

Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000

Number of Awards: Up to eight

Background

The Odette Moren Scholarship program was established through a generous gift from the Odette R. Moren Living Trust. It was her desire to dedicate part of her estate to provide scholarship opportunities to students from East Palo Alto.

Eligibility

Each applicant must meet all of the following ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a current resident of East Palo Alto OR have resided in East Palo Alto while in high school
- Must be planning to enroll OR currently enrolled on a full-time basis at a four-year college or university
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, if a current graduating high school senior OR a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, if a current college student
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen (eligible non-citizens include United States legal residents and AB 540* students)

* To be considered AB 540 students must have completed three years of high school in California, graduated with a high school diploma or attained equivalent and filed AB 540 affidavit at the college or university where they are enrolled.

Application Deadline

- All materials must arrive in the office of Silicon Valley Community Foundation by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 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

Applicant Instructions

Silicon Valley Community Foundation 2012 Scholarship Program

Read These Instructions Carefully and Thoroughly. In order for your application to be considered, all of the following must be received at the community foundation by the deadline. We recommend that 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.

Graduating high school applicants must include an **official high school transcript**. If you have taken college courses, an **official college transcript** must also be included for all work completed.

Current college 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 personal statement of at least 500 words, but no longer than 850 words (approximately 2-3 pages, double-spaced).

In the statement, you must address the following prompts:

- 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 have helped prepare you for college.
- Reflect on your personal journey (significant accomplishments, challenges and/or hardships) and any life lessons that you think will help you succeed in college.
- Indicate why you believe you are a good candidate for the specific scholarship(s) for which you are applying.
- **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 2011-2012 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 parent's or guardian's most recent Federal Tax Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent).

OR If your parents do not file tax returns, provide a copy of their last two pay stubs for the current year

OR Enclose a copy of the Financial Aid Award Letter that was provided to you by the educational institution you plan to attend in the fall.

6. Proof of Citizenship or Legal Residency

Provide proof of United States citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate, passport or naturalization papers) OR legal residency (photocopy of visa or green card) OR AB 540 status (photocopy of the affidavit from the college or university where you are enrolled or proof of having completed three years of high school in California).

7. Remove staples from all application attachments

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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