



# The Roshan Rahbari Scholarship

A scholarship fund of  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
2013 Application Packet

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013 BY 5 P.M.**

## Silicon Valley Community Foundation announces the **The Roshan Rahbari Scholarship.**

**Scholarship Amount:** Up to \$5,000 (paid over two years, provided renewal eligibility requirements are met)

**Number of Awards:** Up to four

### **Background**

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Roshan Rahbari, a former student of West Valley Community College and a graduate of Leland High School in San Jose, California. In his 18 years of life Roshan touched the lives of many. He believed in harmony among people of different backgrounds and had a rainbow of friends. He was sensitive to the plight of people in need of help and saw everyone as an individual worthy of respect. His dream was to become a psychologist for young people, and it is in his kind spirit that his parents established this scholarship fund to help young people realize their dreams.

The Roshan Rahbari Scholarship Fund seeks to support outstanding community college students with financial need to transfer to and complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges and universities.

### **Eligibility**

Students must meet the following to be considered for a scholarship:

- Current resident of California
- Current community college student transferring to a four-year college or university
- Cumulative community college grade point average (GPA) between 3.0 and 3.7
- Demonstrated service to community or school
- Demonstrated financial need

### **Selection Criteria and Process**

Students will be rated on the following:

- Financial need
- Academics
- Activities (community or school)
- Character qualities such as, integrity, compassion, and generosity

### **Application Deadline**

- All materials must arrive at the address provided below by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2013.**
- Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered.
- Date of postmark and faxed applications will **not** be considered.

Mail completed application to:

**The Roshan Rahbari Scholarship Fund**  
P.O. Box 24481  
San Jose, California 95154

### **Questions?**

**Contact Cyrus Rahbari at [RoshanRahbariScholarship@yahoo.com](mailto:RoshanRahbariScholarship@yahoo.com)**

**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 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 **one letter** 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.

**Current college applicants** must include an **official college 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.

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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)).

**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. Remove staples from all application attachments

## About Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Silicon Valley Community Foundation makes all forms of philanthropy more powerful. We serve as a catalyst and leader for innovative solutions to our region's most challenging problems. The community foundation has \$2.9 billion in assets under management and more than 1,650 philanthropic funds. As Silicon Valley's center of philanthropy, we provide individuals, families and corporations with 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 advance innovative philanthropic solutions to challenging problems, engaging donors to make our region and world a better place for all. The mission of Silicon Valley Community Foundation is to be a comprehensive center of philanthropy. Through visionary leadership, strategic grantmaking and world-class experiences, we partner with donors to strengthen the common good locally and throughout the world.

## 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)



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