



The Roshan Rahbari Scholarship

A scholarship fund of
Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Application Instructions Packet

**DEADLINE: 5 p.m. on the first Friday in June
of the current academic year**

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 per year

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 on a part-time or full-time basis
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0
- Demonstrated service to community or school
- Demonstrated financial need
- Character qualities such as integrity, compassion and generosity

Selection Criteria and Process

Students will be rated on the following:

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

Application Deadline

- All materials must **arrive** electronically to RoshanRahbariScholarship@yahoo.com by **5 p.m. on the first Friday in June of the current academic year**
- Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered.
- Date of postmark and faxed applications will **not** be considered.

Mail official transcripts to:

The Roshan Rahbari Scholarship Fund

P.O. Box 24481

San Jose, California 95154

Questions?

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

Read These Instructions Carefully and Thoroughly. In order for your application to be considered, all of the following must be received by the deadline. We recommend that you scan and send your application and all of the supporting documents in one electronic file.

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**.

- The letter can be from a teacher, academic advisor, volunteer, work supervisor or youth leader. Letters from work, school or volunteer supervisors must be on the organization's letterhead. Letter must include reference to your voluntary community service activities.

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 scanned and submitted with the rest of your application, or your recommender may mail the letter separately to: The Roshan Rahbari Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 24481, San Jose, CA 95154.

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 current academic year 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

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.

About Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Silicon Valley Community Foundation advances innovative philanthropic solutions to challenging problems. We engage donors and corporations from Silicon Valley, across the country and around the globe to make our region and world better for all. Our passion for helping people and organizations achieve their philanthropic dreams has created a global philanthropic enterprise committed to the belief that possibilities start here. Learn more at siliconvalleycf.org.

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 SVCF 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.



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