

SUMMERFEST 2016 RANCHO MURIETA

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SCOPE

Scholarships will be available to all students who are permanent residents of Rancho Murieta (95683) or Sloughhouse (95693)

TERMS OF ASSISTANCE

The scholarships will be available for both academic and vocational educational purposes.

ADMINISTRATION/AWARD NOTIFICATION

The Summerfest Committee will notify successful applicants, specifying the terms of the award. Recipients shall sign and return one copy of the award notice, acknowledging the terms and certifying that the funds will be used only for educational expenses. They will also advise which institution they plan to attend and provide the address for the institution's Financial Aid Office to which the funds will be dispersed. Scholarship funds will be administered to the Financial Aid Office of the eligible institution of attendance. Scholarship checks will be presented upon verification of registration as full-time student, as defined by the institution. Students must be enrolled and attend an eligible institution within one academic year following granting of the award, or the award will be forfeited. Refunds resulting from a student's failure to complete a full study period (one semester) shall be returned to the scholarship fund.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, applicants:

- Must be high school graduates (or equivalent)
- Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be permanent residents of the local community (permanent residents is defined as having lived in the 95683 or 95693 zip code area, a minimum of one year upon the date of the application for scholarship).
- Applicants cannot be a family member of any Board or Committee (this avoids conflict of interest)
- Applications must be postmarked no later than: May 15th 2016

Mail to: Rancho Murieta Summerfest Scholarship 2016
 PO Box 1170
 Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

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ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

1. *Academic Scholarship*: Eligible institutions include any four-year public or private college or university certified as an eligible institution for student aid programs under Title IV, Part B, of Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
2. *Vocational Scholarship*: Eligible institutions include any one or two year public or private college, junior college, or vocational school certified as an eligible institution for student aid programs under Title IV, Part B, of Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Summerfest Scholarship Selection Advisory Committee (SSSAC) will select students receiving scholarships. A record of who has served on this committee should be maintained in files, to encourage the widest possible participation by community members in the process.

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE/CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR THE SUMMERFEST SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Summerfest Scholarship Selection Advisory Committee shall consist of three community members who are not Summerfest Board Members.

- SSSAC members are often asked to serve because of their knowledge of the local community or connection to schools and colleges.
- The committee members may not be related to the applicants.
- Committee members cannot exert influence to select a recipient without considering objective criteria for scholarship.
- Members must evaluate the eligibility of all applicants without bias and make selection recommendations based on the established objective criteria.
- Members should avoid any situation where personal and business relationships are involved.
- In cases of potential conflict of interest, the member shall declare the conflict and refrain from influencing the discussion and decision making process.

COMMITTEE TASK

The three members of the Summerfest Scholarship Selection Advisory Committee will have the task of screening, evaluating, and ranking all applicants and recommending

selections for the available awards. **ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ANONYMOUS PRIOR TO BEING PRESENTED TO SSSAC MEMBERS FOR REVIEW.**

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Student Name: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Name of Current School: _____

GPA: _____ College Major: _____

Career Goal: _____

College of Choice: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name _____

List community activities in which you have participated, such as volunteering, community events, and outreach programs. (attach separate sheet if needed)
(Name of Organization or Event, Job Duties, Participation Dates, Total Hours)

Mail completed application, essay, and copies of recommendation letters to:

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DEADLINE: May 15th, 2016

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY:

Please include and mail the following items:

1. **Official school transcripts (sealed)**
2. **Two (2) Letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with applicant's community service involvement**
3. **Proof of residency of one year (SMUD, RMA bill)**
4. **Essay Requirements**

Essay must be double-spaced with a font size of 12 points. 1000 words maximum.

Attach an essay that describes something you have done that has made a difference in your community. (1000 word maximum)

WHO CAN APPLY?

Full-Time Student entering the first year of college

Or:

Full-time college student already attending a 4-year college or trade school who will be a sophomore in the fall

Or:

Transfer student currently attending a junior college full-time, but planning to enroll full-time in a 4 year college or trade school in the fall.

Required Participation in Community Activities? YES.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS AND ELIGIBILITY

Amount of Scholarship:

2 @\$1,500

Area of Eligibility for Scholarship:

Zip Codes 95863 and 95693

Post-Secondary Type of School

4-year college or university

Community college

Trade school

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