

SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH RITE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

TO: HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS.

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for applying for this scholarship offered by the San Diego Scottish Rite Community Foundation ("The Foundation"). The Foundation plans to award a scholarship this year to one or more eligible seniors graduating from a high school in San Diego County or Imperial County.

Please complete the scholarship application as soon as possible and deliver the application, two recommendation letters, and a certified copy of your school transcript to the General Secretary of the San Diego Scottish Rite Bodies at 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108 prior to the close of business on Friday, May 25, 2018. Application packets that are incomplete (missing required documents or information) or are submitted after May 25 will not be considered.

Eligibility:

- The program is open to all students who are graduating seniors from high schools in San Diego or Imperial Counties.
- Applicants must enroll in an accredited four year college or university, two year community college, or professional school after high school graduation.
- No masonic relationship is required. However, each Applicant must be sponsored by a member of the San Diego or Imperial Valley Scottish Rite Bodies. If you do not know a Scottish Rite Mason, please call Randy Brill, General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies (619-293-4888) or Keith L. Meeker (619-461-2181) for assistance.

Judging Criteria:

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Scholarship Selection Committee of the San Diego Scottish Rite Community Foundation. Its decision will be based upon a review of the application and associated materials submitted to the committee, only. No Applicant interviews will be required or permitted. Applicants are advised that certain factors may be taken into account by the Scholarship Selection Committee including the following:

- **Achievement:** High school scholastic record and the ACT and/or SAT score(s) of the Applicant.
- **Leadership:** Leadership qualities displayed in school, community, other activities and organizations.
- **Character:** Moral character and integrity of the Applicant.
- **Capability:** Those factors indicating a student's ability to handle college level studies successfully.
- **Citizenship:** Participation in civic, charitable, community, work and school activities.
- **Financial Need:** The ability of the Applicant and family to assist in funding the Applicant's education, either independently through family financial resources, or with scholarships, grants, or other financial aid from other providers.

Application and Recommendation Letters:

The enclosed application must be completed in its entirety. Each Applicant must submit at least two, but not more than three, recommendation letters. At least one of the mandatory recommendation letters must be from a teacher or other school official. At least one of the mandatory recommendation letters must be from a San Diego or Imperial Valley Scottish Rite member. The third recommendation letter may be from anyone who knows the Applicant personally. It is recommended that it be from an employer, minister, adult family friend, coach, scout or other youth activity leader. Recommendation letters should address the criteria used by the Committee to choose recipients.

The Scottish Rite is not responsible for the disqualification of a candidate because of an incomplete application packet, or if required documents are delivered to Scottish Rite at different times. *Make sure your application packet is complete and delivered on time.*

Selection and Receipt of Award:

Selection of recipients will be by the Scholarship Committee at its discretion. Winners will be requested to attend the stated meeting dinner of the San Diego Scottish Rite Bodies in August. Parents and the Scottish Rite sponsor will be invited to attend with each winner.

The Committee may choose to present one-half of the initial scholarship award to the recipient at the stated meeting dinner in August. Under such circumstances, the remaining one-half of the initial scholarship award will be granted during the month of February of the following year, provided that the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA and completes 12 units of college study in the first semester. Scholarships may be renewed (a "Renewal Scholarship") in subsequent academic years at the absolute discretion of the Scholarship Committee and subject to the recipient's satisfaction of the academic and other requirements established by the Scholarship Committee from time to time. Receipt of an initial scholarship does not guarantee eligibility for a Renewal Scholarship.

Please complete the application and submit all required documents no later than May 25, 2018. Thank you for your application and best wishes to you as you pursue your college education and this scholarship.

Very truly yours,



Keith L. Meeker