

San Diego Education Fund
FY '20 Scholarship Application Form

STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Students selected for this stipend scholarship will receive financial assistance two times during the academic year. The scholarship is renewable annually contingent on full-time enrollment in a college curriculum with sufficient progress toward a degree. Students must attend college in San Diego County.

Award Amount:

\$1,000 per year with fulltime enrollment at a Community College (two payments of \$500)

\$2,500 per year with fulltime enrollment at a four-year college/university (two payments of \$1,250)

To qualify for the scholarship stipend the student must meet all of the following criteria:

1. A SDUSD high school or charter school senior graduating in spring 2020.
2. Plan to pursue a career in STEM.
3. Plan to attend Community College or a four-year college in San Diego County.
4. Demonstrate financial need.

This Application includes the following:

- ___ **Scholarship Application Form:** Complete and sign all indicated pages (type or print legibly).
- ___ **Application Essay:** Following directions, complete the essay using your own words.
- ___ **Two Blank Reference Forms:** Application must include two signed references.
- ___ **Application Checklist:** Before submitting your application, use the checklist at the end of the application to ensure you have completed all the necessary paperwork. (You do not need to include the checklist in your submittal.)

You are responsible for providing the following attachments with this Application:

- ___ **Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA):** Include a completed copy of the FAFSA showing family income to demonstrate financial need.
- ___ Two completed Reference Forms: One reference must be from a science teacher. The second reference may be from a principal, teacher, counselor, employer, religious leader, etc. Provide a blank reference form to each of your two chosen references and ask the completed form be returned to you in a sealed envelope with their signature on the flap. Include these two envelopes in your submittal.
- ___ A copy of your most recent high school transcript.

DEADLINE: Applications must be received at the SDEF Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2020. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Delay in mail service is not an acceptable excuse for lateness. See checklist for mailing address.

NOTICE: A copy of this application may be downloaded and printed from the website: www.sdef.org
For questions or more information, please see your school counselor, or contact Mary Castleberry at mcastleberry@sandi.net

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Date _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print legibly)

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Street Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION List the name of the high school or charter school you will graduate from in 2020

List your weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) for grades 10-12: _____

(Note: your application must include your most recent grade transcript)

List any extracurricular school activities you have been involved in and indicate your role (i.e., class officer, sports, and clubs, after school programs)

List any volunteer community service activities in which you have participated (i.e., non-profit organization, church, etc.) and your role

List the names of Colleges/Universities you have applied to or plan to apply:

List your intended Major/Course of Study _____

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WORK EXPERIENCE List any past or current employment, including unpaid summer internship

Company Name *Dates Employed* *Hours* *Duties*

Please share anything in your personal, family, school, or other situation that has not been revealed in the above questions.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

List the number of family members currently living at home including yourself: _____

Number of family members living at home currently attending college: _____

Total Family Income (check one)

Under \$20,000 \$21,000-35,000 \$36,000-\$50,000
 \$51,000-\$65,000 \$65,000 - \$80,000 Over \$81,000

(Note: your application must include a copy of the FASFA)

Parent Education Level (check the highest level of education achieved)

Raised by Other than Parent

MOTHER None 1-8th Grade Some high school High School Graduate
 Some College College Graduate

FATHER None 1-8th Grade Some high school High School Graduate
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SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Name _____

Provide a one-page description of why you want to attend college to pursue a degree in a STEM field. Describe the importance of how the scholarship would help achieve this goal. This essay should provide evidence of a serious interest in studying Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math. Describe a teacher or incident in your schooling that inspired you to pursue this career.

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CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION

By marking YES below, I certify that all information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I intend to attend a college or university in San Diego County. I plan to pursue a course of study leading to an undergraduate degree in Teaching. If awarded a scholarship I agree to keep in contact with the San Diego Education Fund on a regular basis throughout my academic studies, and upon employment I agree to maintain contact with the SDEF for a minimum of three years afterwards.

_____ YES

_____ NO

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

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STUDENT NAME _____

YOUR NAME/TITLE _____

YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN STUDENT _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION: Excellent Potential Good Potential Fair Potential

Please describe in your own words why/why not the student deserves a scholarship award. Your observations should be focused on those qualities necessary to achieve the academic success necessary to graduate with a college degree.

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CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to be sure you have completed all parts of the application according to the instructions provided. A late or incomplete application will not be considered. Delay in mail service is not an acceptable excuse for lateness. Applications may be dropped off in person at the address below.

To be accepted for review, your application packet must include the following:

- ___ Scholarship Application Form, all pages completed and signed where indicated
- ___ A one page typed or legibly hand written essay describing why you want the scholarship
- ___ Attachment 1: **FASFA** – Free Application for Federal Financial Aid verifying family income
- ___ Attachment 2: Two signed and dated reference statements. Must be in sealed envelope with the reference person signature on the envelope flap
- ___ Attachment 3: Official school copy of your most recent high school transcript

Mail or hand-deliver the application packet including attachments to:

Mary Castleberry, SDEF
San Diego Unified School District
4100 Normal Street, Room 3251
San Diego, CA 92103-2682

DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2020