2019-2020 SAHE Scholarship Application

Application Due Date: Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2019. Applications postmarked after the due date will not be accepted.

Scholarship Amount: Amounts may vary from $500 - $1,000.

The mission of Student Advocates for Higher Education (SAHE) at San Jose State University is to promote higher education among immigrant students regardless of legal status, through activism, advocacy, community involvement, peer support, and leadership development. SAHE has created this scholarship to reward students who are highly motivated to reach their educational goals and give back to their community.

Selection Criteria

1. The scholarship is open to Bay Area students and students who will be attending a school in the Bay Area (Santa Cruz included).
2. Recipient must be enrolled or planning to enroll next Fall quarter or semester at a Community College (CC), California State University (CSU), University of California (UC) or private University in California, as Undergrad, Graduate student, or enrolling in a Credential Program.
3. Applicant must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
4. An applicant will be interviewed by the SAHE Scholarship Committee in person.
5. Recipients must be present at the Scholarship Ceremony to receive the award in early August (Recipients will be notified in advance).
6. The scholarship is available for renewal every year.

Applicants must submit the following documents as one package: (In order as listed below)

1. The scholarship application must be typed or printed clearly in black or blue ink.
2. Essay questions must be typed double-spaced, 12 point font, and 5 pages maximum (numbered and labeled).
3. An autobiographical statement (one paragraph), to be included in a separate page from essays.
4. Current school transcript (official or unofficial).
5. Provide proof of enrollment to a college or university for Fall 2019:
   - Current High School Seniors: A Letter of Acceptance (must be provided, upon request).
   - Current college students: transcripts of the current semester should suffice.
Essay Questions

Answer the following questions in essay format: Title each question with the corresponding number.

1. Describe an obstacle in your life that you have overcome and how it has helped you become a better person.

2. Describe your financial difficulties and how this scholarship would help you with your higher education goals.

3. Select one of the following scenarios and answer the questions given. Identify your selection in your essay.
   a. Upon his/her high school graduation, one of your friends mentions that they cannot attend college because of their undocumented status. Provide suggestions as to how you might help them overcome this obstacle.
   b. You have recently been informed of a hate crime that occurred on campus, administrators have ignored the incident and have not taken action. What would you do to address the matter to make sure students’ voices are heard and their rights are respected?
   c. You are asked to create a community organization on a cause you are passionate about. Create a mission statement and three goals you wish to achieve through this organization and provide suggestions to how you might achieve these goals.

4. Describe how you are currently giving back to your community or how you plan on doing so in the future.

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ESSAY MATERIAL(S) OR AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT.

Applications must be submitted to:
SAHE Student Scholarship 2019-2020
Student Advocates for Higher Education
San José State University
Student Involvement Box #54
San José, CA 95192

For more information, contact: Leslie Magaña at sahescholarshipsjsu@gmail.com
You may also visit our website: http://sahesjsu.org
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Please type or complete the following in blue or black ink. All information is required.
All information is confidential. This information will not be used in the selection process.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________________________________________

First  MI  Last

Birthday: _______________________     Phone Number:_________________

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Email: _________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________

Street  City  State  Zip Code

Ethnicity (optional): _____________________________________

Place of Birth: __________________________________________________________

State  Country  Entered the USA: ________

Year (if applicable)

Citizenship: □ U.S. Citizen □ Permanent Resident □ AB540 Student □ Other: __________

EDUCATION INFORMATION:

High School Attended/ing: __________________________ High School Class of:_________

Name  City  Year

College/University plan on attending Fall 2019: __________________________________________________________

Transfer Student: □ No     □ If Yes, transferred from:

Current Major or Anticipated Major: __________________________________________________________

Career Objective: _________________________________________________________________

I have Applied or will be applying for FAFSA: □ No  □ Yes

Complete this application and submit with all required documents.

By signing below, I certify that all the information provided by me is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information in this application will be used for the Fall 2019 – 2020 Student Advocates for Higher Education at SJSU Student Scholarship. Information provided may be utilized to promote SAHE’s mission.

Signature____________________________________________________    Date_______________________