San Jose Police Department Chief’s Scholarship Program
Sponsored by the San Jose Police Foundation

The San Jose Police Foundation and San Jose Police Department in 2018 established a scholarship program to assist qualified San Jose students in their pursuit of higher education.

The program will provide a $5,000 annual scholarship to one graduating senior from a San Jose high school to attend a four-year college or university. Pending performance – measured by academic achievement and good character – the student will receive $5,000 toward their college or university tuition and/or books, for four years, for a total of $20,000.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- San Jose resident
- Must be graduating high school with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Applicants must have a record of good character and leadership.
- Applicants must have a history of engaging in community service and a clear commitment to improving the world.
- Applicants must have a demonstrated financial need.

How to apply:

Applicants must send their completed application form and additional materials by email to sjpfscholarship@gmail.com by 5 pm on Friday, Mar. 22, 2019 to be considered. The email subject line should read: Chief's Scholarship Program Application. In addition to the application form, please include the following:
- Unofficial high school transcript
- Letter of recommendation (teacher, counselor, supervisor)
- Copy of college acceptance letter (when available)
- Proof of financial need (Student Aid Report, tax return or other documentation)

Questions may be sent via email at anytime. Please note in the subject line that you are submitting a question.

Timeline:

- March 22, 2019: Application materials due
- April 10, 2019: Finalists announced
- April 19, 2019: Interviews with finalists conducted
- April 24, 2019: Awardee notified
APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the following application form and submit it with all required attachments by 5 pm on March 22, 2019. Responses should be typed and the full application form, (not including attachments), should be no more than five pages.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Home Address: _________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s):
____________________________________________________________________

Home phone: __________________________________________________________

Cell phone: ____________________________________________________________

Email address: _________________________________________________________

Name of high school: ____________________________________________________

Number of years attending school: _________________________________

Previous high school(s), if any: __________________________________________

Are you employed: _______ If yes, where? _________________________________

How many hours do you work each week? _________________________________

1. Please list all colleges or universities you have applied to, and note if you’ve been accepted.

2. Please list your most important extracurricular, school and community activities and give a brief description of each activity/program. Include the approximate amount of time you commit to each activity/program.

3. This scholarship award is based in large part on good character and citizenship. Please describe the ways in which you have contributed to your school or community through volunteer service or other activities. Detail how that work has been meaningful to you and the ways in which it has helped others.
4. This scholarship award is based in part on financial need. Please describe any circumstances that indicate why you need financial assistance.

5. We understand that your interests will change throughout college, but what do you currently think you want to major in? What do you hope to do in your career?

6. Describe a time when you faced a difficult challenge in your life. How did you handle it? What did you do to overcome that challenge?

7. Is there anything else you’d like us to know about you?