



Casa Circulo Cultural

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DEADLINE: Monday, January 9, 2017

2016 Community Impact Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail _____

Parent Names _____ Parent Phones _____

High School Currently Attending _____ G.P.A. _____

Counselor Name _____ Phone Number _____

College or University Attending in the Fall of 2017 _____

Major _____ Professional Goal _____

Submit two letters of recommendation.

On a separate page, write a proposal for a high-impact, community service project. Your description should total 300 – 350 words.

Examples of areas of community need/ issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- homelessness
- parent and student engagement
- literacy
- litter, graffiti and dumping
- digital divide
- civic engagement
- gang violence
- financial literacy
- college preparedness
- high school completion
- animal abuse
- diabetes/Obesity
- disaster and emergency preparedness
- alternative modes of transportation
- underage drug and alcohol abuse

Select one area of community need and outline a proposal for a service project that can:

- realistically be achieved over a four to six week period
- identifies goals and expected outcomes
- proposes objective evaluation criteria to measure impact

Please return application by **Monday, January 9, 2017**. Fill out application online, mail or email, completed application to:

Casa Circulo Cultural, 1757 East Bayshore Road, Suite 23, Redwood City, CA 94063.

casacirculocultural@yahoo.com

www.cccisp.org

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Late applications will not be accepted. Applicants should take reasonable measures to ensure that the application is actually received.

I hereby state that all information given on this application is true and correct. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of this scholarship competition. I further agree to release Casa Circulo Cultural from any and all responsibility for loss, damage or injury to any person or property from my participation in this scholarship program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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COMMUNITY IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications for the Community Impact Scholarship are now available.

Community Impact Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of performance of a high-impact community service project and a face-to-face jury evaluation with the scholarship committee.

BACKGROUND

The scholarship is awarded by Casa Circulo Cultural in participation with the Sheriff's Youth Program Fund. Casa Circulo Cultural is a non-profit organization that provides county youth and families with year-round, culturally based programs.

This is the first year that the Community Impact Scholarship program is being offered. The purpose of this scholarship is to promote community service with high impact programs. **A total of \$23,000 - \$30,000 will be awarded in scholarships to up to five finalists.**

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a high school senior.
- Must intend to attend an accredited university, college or institution of higher learning.
- Recommended minimum GPA of 3.0
- Must either live or attend school in San Mateo County.
- Must turn in two letters of recommendation.

APPLICATIONS

- A completed application package must include:
- Application Form.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Proposal for a high-impact, community service project, 300 – 350 words in length.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Completed applications must be complete online, received by mail or email

Online: www.cccisp.org

Mail: Casa Circulo Cultural.

ATTENTION: Community Impact Scholarship Program, Maritza Diaz
1757 East Bayshore Road, Suite 23
Redwood City, CA 94063

Email: casacirculocultural@yahoo.com

EVALUATION PROCESS

Applicants are first “paper screened” to determine if they qualify. An Applicant is deemed qualified if:

1. they submit a completed application
2. they meet the minimum scholarship criteria

Applicants are then evaluated on the depth, extensiveness and commitment of their volunteer work, letters of recommendation and the quality of their proposal. The scholarship program committee will review the applications, check references and determine which applicants will be invited for interviews.

A panel of the scholarship program committee will interview the selected applicants and determine a total of five finalists for the scholarships.

Scholarship applicants will be invited to an interview on the evening of **Wednesday, January 18, 2017**. Applicants must make themselves available that evening. There are no make-up dates.

Applicants will be notified by phone and in writing if their application has qualified for an oral “shark tank” presentation with scholarship program committee.

Applicants will not be considered if they do not participate in an oral interview.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

The purpose of the scholarship competition is to identify, conceptualize, operationalize and execute a high impact community service project addressing a recognized community need.

Examples of areas of community need and issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- homelessness
- parent and student engagement
- literacy
- litter, graffiti and dumping
- digital divide
- civic engagement
- gang violence
- financial literacy
- college preparedness
- high school completion
- animal abuse
- disaster and emergency preparedness
- alternative modes of transportation
- underage drug and alcohol abuse

Applicants should select one area of community need. The essay should **broadly** outline a proposal for a service project that can:

- realistically be achieved over a four to six week period
- identifies goals and expected outcomes
- proposes objective evaluation criteria to measure impact

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are not expected to have a fully hatched service project. The purpose of the screening from applicant to the final five finalist (all finalists will receive a scholarship ranging from \$2,500 - \$10,000) is merely to PITCH an idea for a project.

Once an applicant is selected as a finalist, the student will work with advisors to fully flesh out and execute a project.

For example, if a student proposed a project that dealt with the issue of diabetes/ obesity, then they might be paired with Kaiser Permanente, Stanford or Sequoia Hospital or a similar health care expert to advise/ mentor them.

If they choose a sustainability project around energy, they might be paired with PG&E.

If they choose recycling, illegal dumping or littering they might be paired with Recology.

If they choose a project around gangs, youth violence, etc. they might be paired with the Sheriff's Office or a local police department.

So the execution of the project will be guided and supported by a local organization that can ensure success of the project. It will not be executed in a vacuum.

We are trying to identify and reward students who have a passion for community service and want to make a difference in their communities.

DETERMINING THE WINNERS

Up to five scholarships will be awarded.

One finalist can receive up to a \$10,000 scholarship.

The four remaining finalists will be awarded up to a \$5,000 scholarship.

Winners will be determined by two criteria –1) their success in completing a community service project by **Tuesday, April 18, 2017**; and 2) presentation of the project findings to a jury on the evening of **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**.

The community impact service project will be refined and advised by the scholarship program committee, composed of local business and community leaders.

Qualification periods will be in effect **January 18 – April 19**. Finalists will be required to demonstrate commitment to the scholarship program during this entire period and work with their assigned advisor.

Finalists who fail to meet the minimum requirements of this qualification period will be disqualified from further participation and their scholarship eligibility will be cancelled.

FINALIST WINNER REQUIREMENTS

The finalists for the scholarship must agree to the Community Impact Scholarship Program policies, including:

- (a) the scholarship must be utilized within two years after receiving the award,
- (b) the scholarship is payable to the accredited higher education institution, upon demonstrated proof of enrollment,
- (c) the scholarships funds will be utilized for educational purposes only,
- (d) the scholarship finalists adhere to a schedule of periodic check-ins with their program advisor(s),
- (e) the project is completed by **Tuesday, April 18, 2017**
- (e) the scholarship finalist presents the project findings to the jury on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**
- (h) the scholarship finalists participate in the awards ceremony on **Friday, April 28, 2017.**

For questions please contact Maritza Diaz from Casa Circulo Cultural at (650) 362-3844 or email us at: casacirculocultural@yahoo.com

APPLY ONLINE AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.cccisp.org