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**DEADLINE: Monday, February 4, 2019**

**COMMUNITY IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
Project Application 2018-2019**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_  
College or University Attending in the Fall of 2019 \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Goal \_\_\_\_\_

**\* NOTE: This scholarship consists of two parts: \***

- PART 1: Submit a proposal that will outline your community service project
- PART 2: IF YOU GET CHOSEN, you will work on your community service project for 8-10 weeks and create a final presentation about your project

**APPLICATION PACKET MUST INCLUDE:**

- Community Impact Scholarship Application (page 1)
- 300–350 words proposal for you community service project (type on separate sheet and attach to application) \*you will be coming in for an interview to talk about your project proposal
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation (academic or professional)

Please submit application by **Monday, February 4, 2019** via: email to [casacirculocultural@yahoo.com](mailto:casacirculocultural@yahoo.com) – Subject: Last Name, CISP 18-19, or Mail to– Casa Circulo Cultural, 1757 East Bayshore Road, Suite 23, Redwood City, CA 94063.

**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 Guidelines 2018-2019**

**CISP Application Deadline: Monday, February 4, 2019**

The Community Impact Scholarship (CISP) will be awarded based on the completion of the application, academic recommendation letters, and the execution, commitment, creativeness, originality, and presentation of the community service project in the final face-to-face jury evaluation.

### **SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND**

The scholarship is awarded by Casa Circulo Cultural in participation with the San Mateo County Sherriff's Office. Casa Circulo Cultural is a non-profit organization that provides youth and families with year-round, culturally based programs, as well as hosts and participates in various events Bay Area wide.

The purpose of this scholarship is to promote community service with high impact programs. **A total of \$10,000 will be distributed and awarded between THREE(3) finalists in a first, second, and third prize.**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Must live in San Mateo County, or attend a San Mateo County High School
- High School Senior, graduating 2019
- Have a minimum of 2.7 GPA
- Low-Income/ Financial need (Max. \$50,000 annual income per household)
- Plan to enroll Full-Time in an accredited 2-year college, 4-year college, university or graduate school during Fall of scholarship cycle year
- Must be available for all Deadlines (see Deadlines Page )

### **PART 1: APPLICATION/PROPOSAL**

**A completed application packet must include:**

1. Community Impact Scholarship Application (page 1)
2. 300–350 words proposal for your community service project (type on separate sheet and attach to application) \*you will be coming in for an interview to talk about your project proposal
3. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation (academic or professional)

### **Proposal Topic Examples**

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

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



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### **FOR YOUR PROPOSAL AND PROJECT:**

Select 1 area of community need previously mentioned. Outline a proposal for a service project that can:

- Realistically be achieved over an 8-10 week period (February 18<sup>th</sup>–May 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Identify goals and expected outcomes: who, what, when, where, why
- Propose objective evaluation criteria to measure impact/ how will you track your projects success?
- Identifies sustainability
- We do not fund projects, applicant must find ways to fundraise – if applicable

### **INTERVIEW & EVALUATION PROCESS**

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

1. they submit a completed application packet
2. they meet the minimum scholarship eligibility requirements

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

*Aside from the project itself, The INTERVIEW is the most important part!*

### **THE INTERVIEW**

Scholarship applicants will be invited to an INTERVIEW on the evening of **Wednesday, February 13, 2019**. An email will be sent in advance with the time of your interview. Applicants must make themselves available that evening. There are no make-up dates.

On the day of the interview, applicants will pitch their community service project proposal to a panel of judges chosen by the CISP Committee. Applicants may present their proposal verbally, with a short presentation, flyers, handouts, etc. The panel will then determine the 3 finalists.

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

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants are not expected to have a fully hatched service project for the interview.

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

### **EXAMPLES:**

- If a student proposed a project that dealt with the issue of diabetes/obesity, they might collaborate with Kaiser Permanente, Stanford Hospital, or similar health care expert to advise/ mentor them.
- If the project is on sustainability around energy, they might pair up with PG&E.
- If they choose recycling, illegal dumping or littering they can pair with Recology.
- If they choose a project around gangs, youth violence, etc. they might pair with the Sheriff's Office or a local police department.

The execution of the project should be guided and supported by a local organization that can ensure success of the project. Please contact the CISP Committee if you need help with this part.

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



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## **PART 2: THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

### **THE PROJECT**

**IF** you are chosen as one of the three finalists you must start working on your proposed project. Finalists will have a 8-10 week period from February 18th–May 6th to complete their project.

Projects will then be presented on **May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019** to a second panel of judges chosen by the CISP Committee.

### **DETERMINING THE WINNERS**

Three (3) scholarships will be awarded.

A total of \$10,000 will be distributed and awarded in scholarships between the final three (3) finalists in a first, second, and third place prize.

Scholarship awards will be determined by two criteria –1) their success in completing and turning in their community service project by **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**; and 2) presentation of the project findings to a jury on the evening of **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

The project finding can be presented in video form, slide show, pictures, flyers, handouts, etc. It is suggested that each finalist keep track of their project with pictures or videos.

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

### **FINALIST WINNER REQUIREMENTS**

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

1. Scholarships funds will be utilized for educational purposes only,
2. Project and all presentation materials turned in by **Tuesday, May 7, 2019**
3. Finalist presents the project findings to a jury on **Wednesday, May 8, 2019**
4. Finalist participate in the awards ceremony on either **Wednesday, May 15 or Friday, May 17, 2019**. (final date will be announce soon)

For questions please contact Maritza Diaz, scholarship coordinator at at: [casacirculocultural@yahoo.com](mailto:casacirculocultural@yahoo.com) or call Casa Circulo Cultural at (650) 362-3844.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR 2018-2019 COMMUNITY IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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