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COMMUNITY IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2017-2018

CISP Application Deadline: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

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

The purpose of this scholarship is to promote community service with high impact programs. **A total of \$10,000 will be distributed and awarded in scholarships between the final 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 2018
- 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)

STEP 1: APPLICATION

A completed application package must include:

- One (1) completed Application Form.
- Two (2) academic letters of recommendation.
- One (1) Community Service Project Proposal, 300 – 350 words in length to propose a high-impact community service project. (If chosen as a finalist after the interviews, you will have an 8-week period to execute your project, after the 8-weeks you will present your findings to a jury)

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

DEADLINE: Submit application by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018** by:

- Mail– Casa Circulo Cultural, 1757 East Bayshore Road, Suite 23, Redwood City, CA 94063.
- Or download the application below, and email it to casacirculocultural@yahoo.com – **Subject: Last Name, CISP 17-18**

THE PROPOSAL

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

Applicant must write a 300(min) – 400(max) words high-impact community service project proposal.

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
- diabetes/obesity

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

- realistically be achieved over an eight (8) week period (March 14th–May 15th)
- identify goals and expected outcomes
- proposes objective evaluation criteria to measure impact/ how will you track your projects success?

STEP 2: 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, March 7, 2018**. 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.

STEP 3: COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPACT PROJECT

THE PROJECT

IF you are chosen as one of the three finalists you must actually implement and execute your proposed project in your community. Finalists will have an eight (8) week period from March 14th to May 15th to complete their project.

Projects will then be presented on **May 16th, 2018** to a second panel of judges chosen by the CISP Committee. **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.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are not expected to have a fully hatched service project for the interview. The purpose of the screening from applicant to the final three finalists is merely to PITCH an idea for a project.

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, then they might collaborate with Kaiser Permanente, Stanford or Sequoia Hospital, or a 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.

STEP 4: 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.

Winners will be determined by two criteria –1) their success in completing and turning in their community service project by **Tuesday, May 15th, 2018**; and 2) presentation of the project findings to a jury on the evening of **Wednesday, May 16th, 2018**.

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:

- (a) the scholarship is payable upon demonstrated proof of enrollment,
- (b) the scholarships funds will be utilized for educational purposes only,
- (c) the project and all presentation materials turned in by **Tuesday, May 15, 2018,**
- (d) the finalist presents the project findings to a jury on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**
- (e) the finalist participate in the awards ceremony on **Saturday, May 19, 2018.**

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

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR 2017-2018 COMMUNITY IMPACT
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