

# Sun Valley High School Scholarship Program



2012-2013 Application

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 26, 2013

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship Description

Each \$1,000.00 scholarship for Sun Valley High School Graduates is an award applied toward student tuition or books at any college, university, or vocational post-secondary school. We are proud to promote the opportunity for continuing education for our graduates, and hope that this helps many students reach their fullest potential in life.

## Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

A limited number of scholarships are available each year, and are granted based on attendance, academic performance, citizenship, letters of recommendation, and the essay submission. Students who wish to earn this award must meet the following minimal requirements:

- Applicants must have attended S.V.H.S. for **at least four sequential blocks** as an **attending student**.
- Applicants must be a **S.V.H.S. graduate**
- Applicants must successfully **attend and complete** a minimum of **two classes per block**, all year long, at S.V.H.S. (E.V.I.T. exceptions will be considered).
- Applicants must maintain a **3.0 G.P.A. at S.V.H.S** for their final eight academic credits.
- Applicants must maintain **90% attendance** (with make-up time) while at S.V.H.S.
- Applicants must have a **clean behavior record**, free from suspensions or expulsions at S.V.H.S.
- Applicants must **complete and submit this application by Friday, April 26, 2013** and must attach letters of recommendation and the personal essay.
- Applicants must complete and submit a **F.A.F.S.A.** form
- Applicants must be under the age of 22.
- Applicants must pass AIMS or augment their scores.

Fill in the appropriate information completely and accurately.

### I. General Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt# City Zip Code

Home Phone ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_.

Enrollment Date at Sun Valley: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

### II. Post Secondary Placement for 2012-2013

College/University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Area(s) of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. Essay**

**You must write a typed, 750 word essay that communicates who you are as a person and as a student. The essay will be one guide by which the scholarship committee evaluates your application, and it should contain *three sections*:**

#### **Section 1**

Discuss where you have been. What have been your accomplishments as a student? As a member of the work force? As a person? What obstacles have you overcome?

#### **Section 2**

This section explores the present. Who are you currently? Where do you work? What are you planning to study? How do you spend your time? Do you volunteer? How do you view the importance of education in your life?

#### **Section 3**

What hopes do you have for your future? What are your academic and professional plans? What role will education play in your future? What advice would you give to high school freshmen beginning their secondary academic career?

### **IV. Letters of Recommendation**

Applicants must collect and submit **two to three** letters of recommendation that endorse their merits. Letters may be written by teachers, administrators, coaches, employers, church officials, and/or community leaders. Two letters may be written by a S.V.H.S. staff member, but the other letter must come from the outside community. Letters should be a maximum of one page in length, and must be submitted on letterhead.

**Submit these letters with this application and your essay.**

### **V. Exemption Essay (optional)**

If you believe you are an excellent candidate for this scholarship, but do not meet ONE of the necessary requirements, you may submit a 350 word essay explaining your special situation. For example, if your attendance was only 85% the semester you had a documented family emergency, this essay will allow you to explain your deficiency, and may earn you special consideration during the evaluation process. This essay should explore not only your situation, but why you believe you are more deserving of this award than other applicants who meet all necessary criteria.

**The scholarship committee reserves the right to request documentation for exemption applicants, and may refuse exemption status to any applicant.**

Scholarship applications will not be reviewed until ALL MATERIALS (including essay and letters of recommendation) have been submitted. **Please submit all materials together**, to ensure consideration.

**Submit your materials to Mrs. Coats in the College & Career Center.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Scholarship Essay Rubric

5=excellent; 4=above average; 3=average; 2=below average; 1=poor

## *Content*

<input type="checkbox"/> All three sections of the essay are adequately developed	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Specific examples of personal experiences are offered to illustrate main points	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Thoughtful, reflective voice is used that utilizes college appropriate language and tone	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Originality/creativity	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Content is logically organized	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> A powerful introduction & reflective conclusion are used	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Emotional power (honesty, humor, inspiration, grief)	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Fluid transitions	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Writer presents material in a formal manner	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Community service is evident	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Strong quality of character is presented	5	4	3	2	1

## *Mechanics*

<input type="checkbox"/> Spelling	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Usage (homophones, verb tense agreement, etc)	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Punctuation	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Uses a variety of complete sentence structures	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Paragraph Unity (paragraphs have topic sentences and contain germane information)	5	4	3	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation	5	4	3	2	1

**Overall Point Total:** \_\_\_\_\_