Jan. 10, 2020

Dear Scholarship Advisor:

SAFE is pleased to announce its 2020 Scholarship Program. This year, SAFE will award $10,000 in scholarships to exceptional college-bound seniors from high schools across the Greater Sacramento region. SAFE will award 10 $1,000 scholarships.

Qualified applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above. All applications will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Completed application
2. Academic achievement
3. Financial need
4. Quality of composition
5. Letters of recommendation
6. Community involvement and/or employment

Enclosed is one copy of the scholarship application and an informational sheet. The application is also available for download at safecu.org/2020Scholarship. Please feel free to make additional copies for your students, and please note that all applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2020 to be considered.

Thank you in advance for sharing this information with your students. If you have any questions about our scholarship program, please contact me directly at Amanda.Merz@safecu.org or (916) 599-2078.

Sincerely,

Amanda Merz
Community and Advocacy Engagement Manager
SAFE Credit Union

Enclosures
SAFE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2020

ELIGIBILITY
- Applicant must be a college-bound, graduating senior from a high school in one of the following counties: Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Alameda, Amador, Butte, Contra Costa, Nevada, San Joaquin, Solano, or El Dorado.
- SAFE employees, volunteers, and immediate family members of employees or volunteers are ineligible to participate.
- High school GPA must be 3.0 or above.
- Application packets must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 20, 2020.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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For Survey Purposes Only (Optional): How were you informed about the SAFE Scholarship opportunity?

_______ School
_______ Family/Friend
_______ Newspaper
_______ Online/Social Media
_______ I'm a member of SAFE
_______ Other __________________
(or my parent/guardian is a member)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED HIGH SCHOOL GPA)

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT and EMPLOYMENT

Attach a separate sheet describing community service and/or employment. Include the names of the organizations or businesses, years of service or employment, and tasks you focused on.

Example entry: Loaves and Fishes, assisted in the preparation and serving of meals for the homeless, three years of service.
AWARDS RECEIVED
Describe awards received for academic achievement, community service, or other honors.
(Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)

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FINANCIAL NEED
Please rate your financial need (please circle one): 1  2  3  4  5

1 – This scholarship would provide supplemental support to an already funded college plan.
5 – My college education will be entirely financed through scholarships and student loans.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME
One criterion for selection is financial need. Please write the combined Adjusted Gross Income of your parent(s) or guardian(s) as reported to the IRS for the year 2019.

This information can be found on line 8b of Form 1040. If you are chosen as a scholarship recipient, a copy of your parents' or guardians' 2019 tax form (showing the line indicated) may be requested for verification.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT
Attach a separate sheet with a short personal composition (up to 500 words) on how your educational goals will help you positively impact your community.

FUTURE EDUCATIONAL PLANS
I have been accepted at:

NAME/ADDRESS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:

OR

I have not yet received my letter of acceptance but have applied to:

NAME/ADDRESS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: 
YOUR APPLICATION PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Completed application.
- Description of community service and/or employment.
- Two letters of recommendation (one personal and one academic).
- A personal statement up to 500 words describing how your educational goals will positively impact your community.
- Official high school transcript.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION PACKET

Please return this application, along with your financial need, community service description, your two letters of recommendation, your composition, and an official transcript to:

SAFE Credit Union
SAFE Scholarship Committee
2295 Iron Point Road, Suite 100
Folsom CA 95630-8765

NOTE: Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 20, 2020.

A. Eligibility:
The applicant must be a college-bound, graduating senior with a cumulative, weighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above and attend a high school in one of the following counties: Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Alameda, Amador, Butte, Contra Costa, Nevada, San Joaquin, Solano, or El Dorado. SAFE employees, volunteers, and immediate family members of employees or volunteers are ineligible to participate.

B. Amount of Award:
SAFE Credit Union is awarding ten (10) $1,000 scholarships.

C. Application Information:
1. Applications are available in all SAFE branches, by mail or fax by calling (916) 979-7233, and online at safecu.org.
2. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 20, 2020, and mailed to SAFE Credit Union (see address below).

D. Basis of Selection:
Scholarship finalists are chosen based on the following criteria:
1. Academic achievement
2. Financial need
3. Composition
4. Two letters of recommendation — one personal and one academic
5. Community involvement and/or employment

E. Completing the Application:
Please submit the completed application, a separate sheet describing your community involvement and/or employment, two letters of recommendation (one personal and one academic) written by individuals aware and supportive of your academic and leadership capabilities, a personal statement describing how your educational goals will positively impact your community, and an official high school transcript.

Please send your completed application and supporting documents to:

SAFE Credit Union
SAFE Scholarship Committee
2295 Iron Point Road, Suite 100
Folsom CA 95630-8765
Please do not include photos or items beyond those requested for basis of selection, as application packages will not be returned.

All applications received are treated in a confidential manner, and the personal information provided will be used only for scholarship consideration purposes.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 20, 2020. Selected applicants will be notified no later than Friday, June 12, 2020.