



2014 Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. Scholarship Application

The Sacramento Business Service Center, a subsidiary of the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, maintains as one of its core values, the need to provide financial support through scholarships for qualified students in the Sacramento region. Since its inception we have awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to first and second year college students through the Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. Scholarship program.

The purpose of the Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to eligible graduating high school seniors who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. Students are selected and awards are distributed based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. Students must be majoring in studies leading to a degree in business, computer science, engineering, health services or a vocational program leading to a professional career. Students must be of Hispanic origin. The Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. Scholarships are available on a competitive basis. Applicants must live in the Sacramento Six-County Regional area: Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba counties and their cities. Applicants must apply for enrollment in a minimum of twelve units per semester. The scholarship recipient must request that the college provide the SHCC with proof of enrollment in order to receive their funds. Applicants will be notified of scholarship award status in **May – June, 2014**.

Applications will be sent to area high schools and may be picked up at the counselor's offices. They will also be available in the SHCC office, on the Sacramento Business Services Center site at www.sacbsc.org.

NOTE: All applications will be reviewed by the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee members.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS May 15th 2014

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

High School Attended		
School Name:		
City:		
Graduating High School Student		
Male(<input type="checkbox"/>) Female(<input type="checkbox"/>)		
Name		
Last:	First:	MI:



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Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Telephone:	Email:	Birth Date: / /
SSN or ITIN:		Year Graduating:
Father's Name:		Occupation:
Mother's Name:		Occupation:
Name of college you plan to attend – Fall of 2014:		
Major:		No. of units:
Do you speak a second language? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If so, what language(s)?		
Financial Resources		
The Education Committee can evaluate your financial need only if it knows your financial resources. Complete this section with the anticipated financial support for your college education. List the sources and explain in your personal statement.		
Family Assistance (parents or spouse) \$		Employment Income \$
Other Scholarships \$		Other \$
Explain:		
<p>Scholarships will be awarded at a reception in June 2014. If you are unable to attend this function due to circumstances beyond your control, you must submit a letter in writing to the Education Committee citing the reason for your absence one week prior to the reception, or your funds will be forfeited.</p>		
<p>Personal Statement: Your typed personal statement is equivalent to an interview. Include a two-page well thought-out personal statement, 1) giving a brief history of your cultural background, 2) achievements, 3) financial support needed, 4) current education status, 5) career goals, 6) school involvement, 7) significant hobbies or interests.</p>		



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Community Involvement:

Your typed personal statement is required, describing your level of community activism, what you have learned from this experience, and how you plan to be involved in your community in the future.

References:

Two letters of recommendation are required, preferably from an employer, teacher, counselor, business or community person. The letters should comment on your academic potential, public service, financial need, leadership qualities, and other factors indicating your potential for future success.

Chamber Member:

Is your employer, or parent's employer, a member of the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce? Please provide name and company of Chamber member.

Transcript(s):

An official transcript of your high school work and any college work must accompany this application or be sent by the school to the Education Committee **no later than May 15th 2014.**

BEFORE MAILING, REVIEW THESE IMPORTANT POINTS:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are sent on time. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- All candidates will be notified, by email, of their application status by the end of June 2014. **NO PRIOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ARE MADE TO APPLICANTS AND ALL NOTIFICATIONS ARE FINAL.**

APPLICATION PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Application Form
- Personal Statement
- Community Involvement Statement
- Transcript(s)
- Letters of Recommendation
- SHCC Member contact information (if applicable)

Mail or hand deliver your completed application to:

Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
1491 River Park Drive Ste 101
Sacramento, CA 95816



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Community Service Hours

All scholarship recipients will be required to complete 30 community hours during Scholastic Year 2013-2014. By signing and accepting the Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. Scholarship, students commit to fulfilling this requirement.

Certification

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission to the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Education Committee to share this information for the purpose of recruitment, public relations and possible employment. I further certify that I am in the process of enrolling as a full-time college student for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Return completed applications to:

Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
1491 River Park Drive, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95815

Please feel free to contact the SHCC office at (916) 486-7700 or email info@sachcc.org for any questions you may have regarding the Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. Scholarship