



Simon Scholars

A Program of the Simon Family Foundation

From Adversity to Accomplishment

In Partnership with the Escondido Union High School District



Simon Scholars General Info

- 125 scholarships awarded each year
- Chapters in San Diego and Orange County
- Recipients will be selected at each certified Simon Scholar high school
 - *There are only 6 Simon Scholar high schools in all of SD!*
- Simon Scholars have graduated from notable schools such as: **UC Berkeley, UCLA, Harvard, Princeton & Georgetown**



Our Mission

- Creating pathways for students facing adversity by offering support and opportunities for life-changing personal growth
- Ultimate goal of developing college-educated leaders who impact the world in positive ways

Who Is a Simon Scholar?

- A Simon Scholar is one who has overcome significant barriers to achieve his/her goals
- Displays courage, commitment and integrity
- Is an inspiration to others





Qualities of a Simon Scholar

- ▣ Positive role model
- ▣ Hard working
- ▣ Self-motivated
- ▣ Willing to give back to the community
- ▣ Willing to be involved in an intensive program
- ▣ Seeking a 4-year college degree
- ▣ Desire to be a leader



Simon Scholar Qualifications

- ▣ In the graduating class of 2020 with a GPA of 3.0+
- ▣ A-G eligible upon graduation
- ▣ Planning to graduate from a certified Simon Scholar high school
- ▣ Facing difficult life and economic circumstances
- ▣ Demonstrated financial need
- ▣ Must complete an online application



Scholarship Components

- ▣ Laptop computer
- ▣ Cash stipend
- ▣ Annual community gala
- ▣ SAT prep courses
- ▣ Etiquette class
- ▣ Financial literacy training
- ▣ Exposure to the arts
- ▣ Academic support
- ▣ College coaching
- ▣ College tour (junior year)
- ▣ Life skills and leadership training
- ▣ Being part of a “Family of Scholars”
- ▣ Weekly events and activities



Weekly Curriculum

- ▣ Beginning Fall 2018
- ▣ Focusing on whole-person development
 - ▣ Leadership & resiliency
- ▣ College access support



Academic Requirements

Junior Year

- ▣ 3.25 – academic weighted GPA for 1st semester
- ▣ 3.5 – academic weighted GPA for 2nd semester

Senior Year

- ▣ 3.5 - academic weighted GPA for entire academic year

College Scholarship

- ▣ \$16,000 (max. \$4,000 per year) needs-based scholarship
- ▣ Ongoing foundation support
- ▣ Alumni Association for college graduates
- ▣ Annual leadership conference





Important Dates

- ▣ June 2018 – College Symposium
- ▣ July/August 2018 – Summer Conference
- ▣ July/August 2018 – Laptop Distribution
- ▣ November/December 2018 – Leadership Retreat
- ▣ Fall and Spring 2019 – Ropes Course, Holiday Events,
College Tour



New Application Process

WE'RE ONLINE!

www.simonscholars.org (*top right corner, "Application"*)

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Round #1 – General Application

Round #2 – Additional Information

Round #3 – Interview



Application Available Now!

Round #1 – General Application (simonscholars.org)

- ▣ Profile
- ▣ Essay (5 short answer questions - 200 words or less each)
- ▣ Counselor confirmation of GPA
- ▣ 2 teacher recommenders (email addresses only)

Due Feb. 9th at midnight



Application

Round #2 – Additional Information

- ▣ Additional questions
- ▣ Income verification (taxes)
- ▣ Teachers submit letters of recommendation
- ▣ Counselors provide updated grades

Due March 16th



Application

Round #3 – Interview

- ▣ In-person interview

Interview Dates: April 21st and 22nd

Announcement of Class of 2020 – May





Recap of Application Dates

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