



## **Scholarship Application and Eligibility Requirements**

### **What are the SUCA Scholarships?**

The first place SUCA Scholarship is a \$8,000 scholarship payable at \$2,000 per year for four years. A runner-up SUCA Scholarship may be awarded at the committee's discretion in the amount of \$2,000 payable in one lump sum.

### **Who may apply?**

Any senior high school student who is a child of a SUCA member and who will be enrolling in an accredited college or university for the year beginning in September may apply. The enrollment may be in a curriculum of any number of years, but the scholarship will not exceed four years. (Applicant must be affiliated with a SUCA member in good standing with dues paid at time of application. Applicant must be affiliated with the firm that is the actual SUCA member. Out of area or branch offices of member firms are not eligible.)

### **How and when do I apply?**

Complete the application in accordance with the instructions and email it to the provided address. All applications must be received no later than **May 15, 2024, by 3:00 PM.** –

Email Address: [tmannix@suca.org](mailto:tmannix@suca.org) (Please make sure you receive a reply “received” otherwise contact to confirm. 727-600-7158)

### **What must accompany the application?**

The application **MUST** be returned along with a transcript of high school grades through the latest period prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> and a letter of recommendation from a member of the high school faculty. That letter shall include the number of students in the graduating class and the applicant's standing in the class.

**How will the application be judged?**

The scholarship recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee based on the general worthiness of the application. The SUCA Scholarship Committee will consider (1) scholastic standing, (2) ACT and/or SAT scores, (3) extracurricular activities, (4) career goals, (5) past employment, (6) essay and (7) thoroughness of the completed application. This is a merit based scholarship, it is not based on applicant's needs.

If selected as a finalist by the committee, there will be a pre-selection in-person interview on either **May 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>**. (Date selected by Committee). If selected as one of the scholarship recipients, you **MUST** attend the Scholarship Luncheon Membership Meeting to receive your award. Scholarship Award Ceremony will be held on **June 12, 2024 at The Columbia, Ybor City**.

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**If selected, must I maintain eligibility?**

To receive annual scholarship checks you must remain enrolled in an accredited college or university and you must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. You are required to send a transcript to the SUCA office no later than June 1st of each year. You must attend the Scholarship Membership Meeting each year or submit a 2 minute video clip with an update of your achievements to receive your annual check.

**How will the confidentiality of the application be protected?**

When the application has been received by SUCA each application is given a number and an acknowledgment is sent to the applicant. The application is handled only by the staff of the association. Once this has been done, the first page of the application will be placed in a sealed envelope marked only with the application number. Staff then reviews the application in detail and removes any and all words or references that provide information relating to the applicant's identity or affiliated SUCA Member Company. The Scholarship Committee will meet at a predetermined time to review only redacted copies of the application. Should any committee member recognize the applicant through the remaining information, that member will disqualify themselves from consideration of that application and the remaining committee members will make the determinations regarding that application. Only winning envelopes are opened and the others are destroyed.

**How can I obtain further information?**

If you have any questions or need clarification of any details you can check [www.suca.org](http://www.suca.org) or contact Theresa Mannix at the SUCA office at 727-600-7158 or via e-mail at [TMannix@SUCA.org](mailto:TMannix@SUCA.org).

## Scholarship Application

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Appl.#: \_\_\_\_\_  
(office use only)

The applicant must complete this form. Sign this sheet and have a parent or guardian approve the application. Answer all questions. If a question does not apply, write "none" in the space provided.

NAME OF APPLICANT (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

SUCA MEMBER FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which parent or guardian is an employee of the SUCA member firm?  
\_\_\_\_\_

After the application is received and acknowledged this sheet will be placed in a sealed envelope and not opened until after the selection has been made. The Scholarship Committee will not have any knowledge of this information during the selection process.

I certify that the information herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I approve the submission of this application.

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Appl.#: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. General Information**

Name and address of high school: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a copy of your transcript to this application. This is a requirement in applying.

Name and address of the school you intend to enroll in for the next academic year:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

How long is the course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to complete your degree? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the course of study: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans for the summer? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are your career plans? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**II. Academic and Extra Curricular Information**

What course of study have you followed in high school (e.g., college preparatory, business, industrial, etc.)?:

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\_\_\_\_\_

GPA: Weighted: \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the College Board Examinations? \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes" specify which ones (i.e. ACT, SAT) and list all scores:

**SAT:**

**ACT:**

Reading & Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Mathematics: \_\_\_\_\_

Mathematics: \_\_\_\_\_

English: \_\_\_\_\_

Science: \_\_\_\_\_

List honors, awards, prizes or distinctions and dates received:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what school activities have you participated? List any offices you have held.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List all volunteer hours you performed (briefly describe duties), please indicate which hours were used to meet school, scholarship (i.e. Bright Futures) or any other academic requirement.

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Describe any other individual or group activities in the community in which you have participated and list any offices held in organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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List and describe your hobbies and outside interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe all responsibilities you have at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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What work experience have you had? \_\_\_\_\_

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- III. Submit an essay of 500 words or less on why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship. Please be reminded this is a merit based scholarship, not need based.
- IV. Should you be selected to receive the SUCA Scholarship, we would like your permission to include portions of your application and your essay in our scholarship book. This book is available for members to review. We may also print portions of your essay and application in various other association communications and publications. Your signature below will indicate your approval.
- V. If selected as a finalist by the committee, I will do a pre-selection interview.
- VI. If selected as a scholarship recipient, I will attend the Scholarship meeting to receive my award the first year and either attend or send my transcripts along with an update in consecutive years.

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Signature of Applicant