



2009 Common Scholarship Application

Scholarship Funds for Higher Education

Administered by the Mountain View Los Altos Community Roundtable

Rotary Club of Los Altos

Rotary Club of Los Altos Community Service Scholarship

Students showing community service, academic excellence, and financial need. Students may elect to attend any college.

Rotary Club of Mountain View

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Students with community service, financial need, and academic achievement. Students may elect to attend any college.

Mountain View Kiwanis Club

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Students who have community service, are enrolling in community college, are pursuing a public service career, have financial need, or show academic achievement.

Richard G. Bell Memorial Scholarship

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Students with financial need showing a likelihood to succeed and obtain a four-year degree.

MVLA Community Scholars

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Mountain View High School, Los Altos High School, or Alta Vista High School students showing financial need, academic achievement, personal perseverance, and a goal of earning a four-year college degree.

Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos

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High school students who are deaf or hearing impaired, and/or pursuing a field of study pertaining to the deaf and/or hearing impaired are eligible for this scholarship. Financial need along with strong academic work and community service is preferred.

Deadline: Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 5:00 p.m.



Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE?

The Mountain View Los Altos Community Roundtable was formed in 2003 and it is composed of several community organizations including the Rotary Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs of Los Altos and Mountain View as well as the Los Altos Community Foundation. The Mountain View Los Altos Community Roundtable allows these community organizations to combine their efforts to sponsor various projects and events.

WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

Scholarship funds are charitable accounts established by the community organizations which make up the Mountain View Los Altos Community Roundtable for the purpose of assisting graduating high school students in continuing their education in college. Some scholarships are specific to students at particular high schools and other scholarships are for students to attend certain colleges.

HOW ARE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS DETERMINED?

Scholarships are available from several community organizations as noted below. Each organization determines the eligibility criteria of the scholarship which they offer. Although all scholarships are based upon financial need, some scholarships also focus on academic achievement, academic potential or community service. Please read the specific requirements for each scholarship to determine if you are eligible.

WHAT IF I AM NOT A “STRAIGHT A” STUDENT?

You do not have to be a “Straight A” student. The community organizations which compose the Mountain View Los Altos Community Roundtable offer a variety of scholarships for graduating high school students. While most of the scholarships consider academic achievement, many focus more on the student’s likelihood of being successful in college. Read the eligibility criteria of each scholarship carefully to see if you fulfill the requirements.

MAY I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes, so long as you meet the criteria for each scholarship to which you are applying. Use the Common Application and simply check off all of the scholarships for which you qualify.

DO I NEED TO WRITE A SEPARATE PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

You do not need to write a separate personal statement for each application. However, you must be certain to include the emphasis requested for each individual scholarship in the statement.



Important Information

ELIGIBILITY

Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria which are defined by the scholarship provider. These criteria are described in detail under each of the scholarships listed below. Most of the scholarships require that applicants:

- Graduate from a public or private high school in Mountain View, Los Altos, or Los Altos Hills
- Plan to attend an accredited two or four-year college or university as a full-time student
- Have shown academic achievement which indicates a likelihood of success in college
- Demonstrate financial need

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Completed application form (pages 8-11)
- Personal Statement (see individual scholarships for emphasis on pages 5-7)
- Official transcript of grades
- Two letters of recommendation
- A copy of your Student Aid Report (from FAFSA) or, if ineligible for financial aid, Form 1040 (**for the Rotary Club of Los Altos, Richard G. Bell Memorial Scholarship, and MVLA Community Scholars applicants only**)
- Financial Aid Award Letter, if eligible for aid, from the college you plan to attend (MVLA Community Scholars applicants only)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All materials must arrive in the office of the Los Altos Community Foundation by

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
Date of postmark and faxed applications will not be considered.

Mail or deliver completed applications to: Los Altos Community Foundation
Community House
183 Hillview Avenue
Los Altos, California 94022

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

You may contact your school counselor for questions about individual scholarships or the application procedure.



Application Instructions

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY

1. APPLICATION FORM

Applications must be complete to be considered. Attach additional pages if necessary.

2. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Provide two letters of reference only.

- One letter from a teacher or academic advisor;
- One letter from a work or volunteer supervisor, a youth leader or personal acquaintance.

Letters from teachers, advisors and employers must be on school or company letterhead. All letters must be **signed** and **dated**. Photocopies are acceptable. Letters may be sealed in their own envelopes.

3. TRANSCRIPTS OF GRADES

All applications must include an **official** high school transcript. If you have taken college courses, an **official** college transcript must also be included for all work completed. **Photocopies and copies from the Internet are NOT acceptable.**

4. SIGNED AND DATED PERSONAL STATEMENT

Include a typed statement of at least 500 words, but no longer than 850 words (approximately 2-3 pages, double-spaced). In the statement, you should:

- Describe why you want to go to college and three personal attributes you think will help you succeed in college;
- Describe your long-range goals and how furthering your education will assist you in reaching those goals;
- Comment on an accomplishment of which you are proud or activities in which you have been involved;
- Reflect upon any challenges you have faced and how you responded to them.
- MVLA Community Scholars applicants add a paragraph describing how you would see a mentor helping you.

Sign and date your Personal Statement.

5. FINANCIAL NEED

Evidence of financial need must be submitted with the application packet for the Rotary Club of Los Altos, Richard G. Bell Memorial Scholarship, and MVLA Community Scholars only.

If you applied for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of all pages of your 2009-2010 Student Aid Report (SAR) (updated information regarding your FAFSA application can be found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov).

OR

If you did not apply for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of the first two pages of your parent's or guardian's most recent Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent).

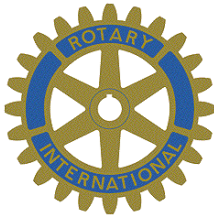
MVLA Community Scholars applicants must also submit a copy of their Financial Aid Award Letter (if eligible for financial aid) from the college they plan to attend.

6. COPIES

You **must submit one complete copy** of all required materials.

7. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Refer to each scholarship description for **additional required materials.**



Rotary Club of Los Altos Scholarship Program

Rotary Club of Los Altos Community Service Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Los Altos provides annual Community Service Scholarships to local high school seniors and Foothill Community College students who plan to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary school or college. In regard to applicants from high schools, high school seniors from Alta Vista High School, Los Altos High School, Mountain View Academy, Mountain View High School, Mountain View/Los Altos Adult Education, Pinewood School, and Saint Francis High School are eligible to apply for Community Service Scholarships.

A primary mission of Rotary is to promote “Service Above Self.” The purpose of these awards is to encourage student participation in community service, reward intellectual excellence, and provide needed financial assistance for further education. In order of importance, the criteria for these scholarships are:

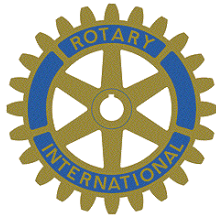
1. Significant community service
2. Minimum grade point average of 3.0
3. Financial need

Scholarships range from \$800 for community college-bound applicants to \$2,500 for students at four-year institutions, with possible alternative amounts. In addition, a bonus grant of \$1000 is available as the Charles Cowan Scholarship for Science and Technology. Los Altos Rotary scholarships are not available to families of Rotarians.

Please contact Kathy Berry (ph: 408-730-7467; email: kberry@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us)



Scholarship Descriptions



Rotary Club of Mountain View Scholarship Program

Rotary Club of Mountain View

- Graduating seniors may apply who attend Saint Francis, Mountain View, Los Altos, Alta Vista, Mountain View Academy, or Mountain View Los Altos Adult Education
- Up to seven scholarships will be awarded each year
- Scholarship awards are from \$1,000 to \$2,000
- The emphasis for this scholarship is on active participation in community service, demonstrated financial need, and academic achievement which indicates a likelihood of success in college
- This scholarship is a one time award

This scholarship was established by the Rotary Club of Mountain View to assist graduating high school students with their upcoming college costs. Applicants for this scholarship should include details of their community service in their personal statement. Qualified candidates will be invited for an interview with a committee of club members.

Mountain View Kiwanis Club



Mountain View Kiwanis Club Scholarship Program

The Mountain View Kiwanis Club is soliciting scholarship applications from those graduating high school seniors from Mountain View, Los Altos, Alta Vista, Saint Francis, Mountain View Academy, and MV/LA Adult Education high school programs, and fulfill **two or more** of the following five areas:

- 1) Community service during their high school years
- 2) Enrolling in a Community College
- 3) Are seeking employment in one of the following public service career fields:
 - a. Law Enforcement
 - b. Firefighting
 - c. Registered Nursing
 - d. Emergency Medical Technician
 - e. Paramedic
- 4) Need for financial assistance
- 5) Grade point average of 3.0 or above

Applications will be weighted towards the highest number and quality of above areas they meet. Applicant's "Personal Statement" should include how they fulfill the above areas. Preference will be given to Mountain View residents.



Richard G. Bell Memorial Scholarship

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Rick Bell was a graduate of Los Altos High School who attended Foothill College, Stanford University, and Hastings College of Law. He practiced law for many years in the Palo Alto-Los Altos area and was an active member of his church and community. He served two terms as a Trustee of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District. Rick died in a tragic accident in 2003, and his friends and co-workers established a scholarship in his name.

Graduating seniors who attended one of the MVLAUHS District schools may apply. Individual grants of up to \$3,000 may be awarded. The emphasis of this scholarship is financial need and academic achievement which indicates a likelihood of success in college.

MVLA Community Scholars



Founded eight years ago, MVLA Community Scholars annually offers need-based four-year college scholarships and one-on-one mentoring to up to 15 graduating seniors of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District. Scholarships range from \$1000-\$5000 per year, depending on the college the student is attending and financial need. Grants may be used for tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and/or living expenses. Grants are renewable annually, based on academic progress and performance.

Students are selected based on the following four criteria:

- 1) Financial need (average household income is < \$50,000)
- 2) Academic readiness and performance (average GPA is 3.0)
- 3) Life-changing potential of the program (e.g. first generation in family to attend college)
- 4) Personal characteristics (e.g. perseverance, initiative, responsibility)

Please include a paragraph in your personal statement about how a mentor might help you achieve your goals.

Questions? Please contact Nancy Lippe at 650-949-5908, ext. 7, or by email at nancy.lippe@gmail.com



Scholarship Descriptions



Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos Scholarship Program

Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos

Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos provides an annual scholarship of \$1,000 to local deaf/hearing impaired high school seniors who plan to continue their education at a Technical, Community, College or University or any hearing student who plans to study in any field of Speech and Hearing. This is a one time scholarship.

Quota International's motto is "We Share" and we are dedicated to serving hearing impaired infants and children.

Applicants for this scholarship must answer the speech/hearing impaired question on the bottom of the first page of the application.

For more information please contact Sarah Perez (sarahperez01@yahoo.com)

Applicant Name: _____

AWARDS AND HONORS

List awards and honors you have received and briefly explain their significance. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Award/Honors	Significance	Date Received

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Please list school-related activities in which you have participated. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Honors and/or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list the principal community activities in which you have been involved. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Honors and/or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month

EMPLOYMENT

Beginning with your present or most recent job, list your employment history.

Employer	Position	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week

To what use have you put your earnings?

Applicant Name: _____

HOUSEHOLD/ FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It is strongly recommended that you fill out this section with a parent(s)/ guardian(s) if you are a dependent. Round all figures to the nearest dollar; do not enter cent amounts. Use the most recent income tax information or estimated current year values. Do not leave lines blank.

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom you reside:

\$	Cost of attendance (including tuition, fees, room & board, transportation, etc.) at college of choice (If you do not yet know the college you will be attending, please estimate)
\$	Head(s) of household's total gross income
\$	Head(s) of household's total cash assets (cash, checking/savings account, stocks, home equity)
\$	Student's income (if not head of household)
\$	Student's total cash assets (if not head of household)
	Number in household your parent(s)/guardian(s) currently supports financially (including applicant)
\$	Number in household in a college degree/certificate program in 2009-2010 (including applicant)

Please list any Grants/Scholarships already received for upcoming academic year.

Please describe any special circumstance that may affect your family's ability to pay for college (medical, divorce, unemployment, child support, other):

Applicant Name: _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES :

All of the information I have provided in this application is accurate and is subject to verification by scholarship provider at its discretion.

Student: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____

This student is in good standing and on track to graduate in June 2009. The official transcript provides accurate academic information.

School Counselor: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I have read the scholarship descriptions on pages 5-7 and I am ELIGIBLE to apply for the following scholarship(s):

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Students showing community service, academic excellence, and financial need
- Rotary Club of Mountain View**
Students with community service, financial need, and academic achievement
- Mountain View Kiwanis Club**
Students with community service, financial need and academic achievement who will be attending a Community College and may pursue a career in Public Safety or Nursing
- Richard G. Bell Memorial Scholarship**
Students with financial need showing a likelihood to succeed and obtain a four-year degree
- MVLA Community Scholars**
Mountain View High School, Los Altos High School, or Alta Vista High School students showing financial need, academic achievement, personal perseverance, and a goal of earning a four-year college degree.
- Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos**
High students who are deaf or hearing impaired, and/or pursuing a field of study pertaining to the deaf and/or hearing impaired are eligible for this scholarship. Financial need along with strong academic work and community service is preferred.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Did you remember to...

- Indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for?
- Complete and sign the enclosed application form (pages 8-11)?
- Include 2 letters of reference?
- Include an OFFICIAL copy of the required transcripts?
- Include a SIGNED and DATED personal statement?
- Include financial statements (FAFSA Student Aid Report or tax returns) for the Rotary Club of Los Altos, Richard G. Bell Memorial Scholarship, and MVLA Community Scholars applicants only?
- Include your Financial Aid Award Letter, if eligible, from the college you plan to attend? (MVLA Community Scholars applicants only)
- Remove staples from the application?
- Submit one complete copy of all required materials?