

# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

## General Requirements for Scholarship Selection

Candidates for our scholarship must be U.S. citizens, senior students in Northern and Central California public high schools and must be recommended by a high school official such as the principal or a counselor. Recommended students must have financial need, high GPA and SAT or ACT scores, outstanding moral character, participate in extracurricular activities, be willing to earn a portion of their expenses while in college, have a clear idea of which college courses they intend to pursue and some idea of what they intend to do for their life work.

## Specific Foundation Requirements

In accordance with the Scaife Foundation requirements, the applicant and both parents must be U.S. Citizens. The Northern California Scholarship Foundation award is open to both men and women and is without limitation on areas of study or source of national origin. The student and both parents must be U.S. citizens. Only scholars who received an undergraduate scholarship from the Northern California Scholarship Foundations are eligible to apply for Alumni Association support.

## Application Process

In January of each year NCSF invites public high school principals and counselors to nominate a student from their school. Once recommended, NCSF will invite the nominated student to apply. It is the student's responsibility to complete the application process.

At the close of the application process in March, the Trustees invite applicants they wish to interview to meet with them in Oakland. Travel expenses are paid by the Foundation.

Final scholarship selections are made in May.

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## Requirements for Retaining Scholarships

NCSF scholarships are renewable annually throughout the four year college course. In order to continue to receive a scholarship, recipients must conform to the following:

1. Maintain a satisfactory academic record which is defined as a "B" average or better or an average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.
2. Make such financial, scholarship and other reports to the Trustees as they may require.
3. Furnish an official academic transcript to the foundation office at the end of each school year.
4. Furnish proof of full time enrollment at the beginning of each academic year.
5. Develop and maintain a fine type of citizenship and leadership.
6. Earn some portion of their expenses while in college.
7. Scholars are assigned an Advisor and are required to maintain bi-monthly communication year-round. The type of communication is decided by the Advisor (e-mail, letter, meeting, etc.).
8. Scholars are obligated to notify the Foundation office of any change of contact information including home address, school address, e-mail and telephone changes.
9. Letter grades: It is strongly suggested the scholars request "letter grades" from their college instructors.
10. Banquets: Scholars are required to attend the banquet if his/her school is within 150 miles of the banquet location. Unexcused absences result in a \$100.00 deduction from the next scholarship payment

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to terminate a scholarship award to any scholar who fails or refuses to conform to the requirements listed above or those implemented in the future.

## Responsibilities of Scholars

The Board of Trustees hopes the scholarship recipients, at a time when they become financially able, will willingly give financial assistance to the Alumni Association. In so doing, they will contribute to the aid of other scholars receiving scholarships from the various Foundations.

Scholarship recipients are under no obligation to repay any part of the funds received. They will have discharged in full any obligation to the Foundations by making an excellent record as a scholar, by becoming leaders in their chosen field and by entering actively into the affairs of the community in which they choose to live.

## INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING NCSF PROGRAMS

Gifts or bequests to any of the Foundations are subject to legal limitations, tax exempt, and may take any one of several forms.

1. The most common type of charitable contribution is an outright gift of cash, stocks, bonds, or real property.
2. Another form of charitable donation is the provision which may be made for such a gift by will.
3. A gift may be made in the form of a memorial for one who is deceased or in honor of a living person.
4. Substantial benefits may accrue to the Foundations through a gift of life insurance.

The suggestions given above are not to be considered as all-inclusive as there are other methods available by which contributions may be made.

## Your Support is Appreciated

This scholarship program began in 1927 with one scholar. Currently, more than 250 scholars from all over Northern and Central California receive scholarship assistance. Altogether, more than 2,000 worthy and well-qualified young men and women in financial need have received our assistance through this program. Your participation and support will permit the Trustees to assist more young people, the future leaders of our country. For further information regarding participation in a scholarship program and the advantages of making tax exempt lifetime gifts or bequests by will, please contact the Northern California Scholarship Foundations office.

**MAIN FOUNDATIONS AND  
AWARDS OF  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATIONS  
(NCSF)**

***The Scaife Foundation***

Established in 1927 by Walter B. Scaife, Ph.D., the Scaife Foundation is the oldest of the Northern California Scholarship Foundations. Dr. Scaife's motto was, "Only by work does man progress mentally, only by suffering does man progress morally, only by intelligent love does man truly serve humanity." He wished to assist worthy high school graduates whose parents were unable to provide the necessary funds for a college education.

***The Northern California  
Scholarship Foundation***

This foundation was established in 1962. The Foundation's chief source of funds has been derived from memorial donations. Prominent among such memorial funds have been the Shimonek Family, Milton E. Crowe, Dr. Forrest C. Michell, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd F. Scott, Thomas D. and Barbara Jones, William A. Kettlewell, James G. and Maude E. Williams, Walter C. and Thelma C. Lanthier, Roscoe W. and Grace Allen Littlefield.

Additional major gifts have come from Neil Falconer, S. Sidney Morton, Mr. and Mrs. John Gifford, The Berkeley Foundation, Ann Isabelle Knowles, Paul Brom, the Plugfelder Family, Clarence and Jean Benjamin and anonymous donors.

***The Helen Wegman Parmelee  
Educational Foundation***

In 1969 Mrs. Parmelee established a fund to "assist deserving young people with financial support toward their educational goals beyond high school".

Control of the Parmelee Foundation was transferred to the Northern California Scholarship Foundations Trustees in 1982.

***Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association, Inc.***

Scaife Alumni Donald Forbis, William Kent and Clarence Benjamin wrote the Articles of Incorporation for the Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association, Inc. in 1959. The purpose of the Association is to bring Alumni together as a group, to assist the Northern California Scholarship Foundations in interviewing scholar applicants, to act as Advisors to scholars, and to provide a channel through which Alumni may donate funds to "pass on" to other scholars the benefits they received. The Alumni Association may grant assistance to scholars having special needs, to those requiring fifth year undergraduate schooling, and to graduate students.

***Benjamin Award***

The Benjamin scholarships are due to the generosity of Clarence "Ben" Benjamin and his wife, Jean. In 1930, he was the recipient of the fourth Scaife scholarship and was one of the founders of the Alumni Association. In 1992, distribution of this award was granted to the Scaife Foundation and the Alumni Association.

***Herbert Frank & Bertha Maude Laird  
Memorial Foundation***

Mr. Kenneth V. Laird, in memory of his father and mother, established a scholarship program in 1962 to aid college students. He especially wished to help students planning a career in engineering. This Foundation is separate from the Northern California Scholarship Foundations and has its own Board of Trustees.

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**Northern  
California  
Scholarship  
Foundations**



The Northern California Scholarship Foundations is a nonprofit organization composed of several scholarship foundations and memorial funds.

The Trustees who administer these foundations, most of whom are members of the Masonic Fraternity, serve without compensation.

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