

January 9, 2017

Dear Scholarship Advisor:

SAFE is pleased to announce its 2017 Scholarship Program. This year, SAFE will award \$10,000 in scholarships to exceptional college-bound seniors from high schools across the Greater Sacramento region. Ten \$1,000 scholarships will be rewarded.

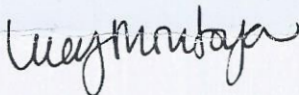
Qualified applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above. All applications will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Completed application
2. Academic achievement
3. Financial need
4. Quality of composition
5. Letters of recommendation
6. Community involvement

Enclosed, is one copy of the scholarship application and an informational sheet. The application is also available digitally at [safecu.org](http://safecu.org). Please feel free to make additional copies for your students, and please note that all applications must be postmarked by **Monday, March 6, 2017** to be considered.

Thank you in advance for sharing this information with your students. If you have any questions about our scholarship program, please contact me directly at [lucy.montoya@safecu.org](mailto:lucy.montoya@safecu.org) or **(916) 971-8744**.

Sincerely,



Lucy Montoya  
Senior e-Communications Specialist  
SAFE Credit Union

Enclosures



**SAFE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
2017**

<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant must be a college-bound, graduating senior from a high school located within one of the following counties: Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Amador, Butte, Contra Costa, Nevada, San Joaquin, Solano, or El Dorado.</li> <li>• SAFE employees, volunteers, and immediate family members of employees or volunteers are ineligible to participate</li> <li>• High School GPA must be 3.0 or above.</li> <li>• Application packets must be postmarked <b>no later than Monday, March 6, 2017.</b></li> </ul>			

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK**

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP
PHONE NUMBER ( )		E-MAIL ADDRESS	

<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) INFORMATION</b>			
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	
STREET		CITY	STATE ZIP
PHONE NUMBER ( )			

**For Survey Purposes Only (Optional):** How were you informed about the SAFE Scholarship opportunity?

School                     
  Family/Friend                     
  Newspaper

Online/Social Media                     
  I'm a member of SAFE                     
  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or my parent/guardian is a member)

<b>ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED HIGH SCHOOL GPA)</b>		
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL	GPA (Must be 3.0 or above)	DATE OF GRADUATION

<b>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>
<p>Attach a separate sheet describing community service or volunteer activities (outside of high school), including the names of the organizations, how you participated, the number of years of service, and total volunteered hours in <b>2016</b>.</p> <p><u>Example entry:</u> <i>Loaves and Fishes, assisted in the preparation and serving of meals for the homeless, three years of service, 60 total volunteered hours in 2016.</i></p> <p>(Please list the top five entries.)</p>

<b>AWARDS RECEIVED</b>
<p>Describe awards received for academic achievement, community service, or other honors. (Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)</p> <hr/> <hr/>

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**FINANCIAL NEED**

Please rate your financial need (please circle one): 1 2 3 4 5

- 1 – This scholarship would provide supplemental support to an already funded college plan.  
5 – My college education will be entirely financed through scholarships and student loans.

Financial Need Statement:

Attach a separate sheet of paper with an explanation (approximately 150 words) of how this scholarship will help you, your family, and your future educational goals.

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

One criterion for selection is financial need. Please write the combined Gross Annual Household Income of your parent(s) or guardian(s) as reported to the IRS for the year 2016.

This information can be found on line 37 of form 1040, or on line 4 on form 1040EZ. If you are chosen as a scholarship recipient, a copy of your parent(s) or guardian(s) 2016 tax form (showing the line indicated) may be requested for verification.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

Do you have a job?  Yes  No – If yes, how many years of employment? \_\_\_\_\_  
Hours per week? \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPOSITION**

Attach a separate sheet with a short personal composition (approximately 250 words) on how your educational goals will help you positively impact you and your community.

**FUTURE EDUCATIONAL PLANS**

I have been accepted at:

**NAME/ADDRESS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I have not yet received my letter of acceptance, but have applied to:

**NAME/ADDRESS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR APPLICATION PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Completed application
- A 150-word explanation of financial need
- Description of community service or volunteer activities
- Two letters of recommendation (one personal and one academic)
- A 250-word composition describing how your educational goals will positively impact you and your community
- Official transcript

## SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION PACKET

Please return this application, along with your financial need community service description, your two letters of recommendation, your 250-word composition, and an official transcript to:

**SAFE Credit Union  
SAFE Scholarship Committee  
2295 Iron Point Road, Suite 100  
Folsom CA 95630-8765**

**NOTE: Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 6, 2017.**

**A. Eligibility:**

The applicant must be a college-bound, graduating senior with a cumulative weighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above and attend a high school located within one of the following counties: Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Amador, Butte, Contra Costa, Nevada, San Joaquin, Solano, or El Dorado. SAFE employees, volunteers, and immediate family members of employees or volunteers are ineligible to participate.

**B. Amount of Award:**

SAFE Credit Union is awarding 10 – \$1,000 scholarships.

**C. Application Information:**

1. Applications are available in all SAFE branches, as well as by mail or fax by calling **(916) 979-7233**, and online at **safecu.org**.
2. Completed applications must be postmarked **no later than Monday, March 6, 2017**, and mailed to SAFE Credit Union (see address below).

**D. Basis of Selection:**

Scholarship finalists will be chosen based on the following criteria:

1. Academic achievement
2. Financial need
3. 250-word composition
4. Two letters of recommendation – one personal and one academic
5. Community involvement

**E. Completing the Application:**

Please submit the completed application, a separate sheet describing your volunteerism or community involvement, a 150-word explanation of your financial need, two letters of recommendation (one personal and one academic) written by individuals who are aware and supportive of your academic and leadership capabilities, a 250-word composition describing how your educational goals will positively impact your community, and an official transcript.

Please send your completed application and supporting documents to:

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SAFE Scholarship Committee  
2295 Iron Point Road, Suite 100  
Folsom CA 95630-8765**

Please do not include photos or items beyond those requested for basis of selection, as application packages will not be returned.

All applications received will be treated in a confidential manner and the personal information included will be used for scholarship purposes only.

Completed applications must be postmarked **no later than Monday, March 6, 2017**. Selected applicants will be notified no later than Monday, May 8, 2017.