



Information and Guidelines

The Chelsea's Light Foundation's Sunflower Scholarship Fund Academic Scholarship is a unique funding opportunity offered to academically successful students who are passionate about inspiring positive change in their communities. Since its inception in 2011, we have awarded more than \$390,000 in scholarships to outstanding college-bound San Diego high school students. Scholarships have ranged from \$1,000 – \$5,000 and are intended to be used for tuition, books, fees, room & board and moving expenses.

ELIGIBILITY:

- ☐ Must be a high school senior
- ☐ Must reside in San Diego County
- ☐ Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- ☐ Will be attending a four-year college or university in the Fall of 2018 as a full-time student
- ☐ Is actively involved in extra-curricular activities
- ☐ Is actively involved in community service and/or civic involvement
- ☐ **Must submit a completed application postmarked no later than Monday, March 12, 2018. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Application materials MUST also be submitted in one envelope.**

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Two Letters of Recommendation

- ☐ Two letters from people not related to you
- ☐ The letters of recommendation are a very important component of our decision-making process so be sure to select someone who can comment on your overall character, achievement and promise. Teachers, counselors, religious leaders, coaches and employers are all good choices.
- ☐ Letters must be on official letterhead. All letters must be signed by the person recommending you and sealed in an envelope with their signature across the seal.

Resume

- ☐ This document is an opportunity to showcase who you are and no specific format is required. We value creativity and innovation. Please include your extra-curricular activities for the past four years. This may be volunteer service in school and the community, athletics, clubs, civic involvement and/or paid work history. Please do not use abbreviations. Explain your involvement in each activity and how many years you have participated.

Transcripts

- ☐ High school unofficial or official transcripts grades 9-12 MUST accompany your scholarship application.

Personal Essay

- ☐ **You have just reached your one millionth hit on your YouTube video.** Explain why this video represents who you are. Be thoughtful and creative, and let your personality shine!
- ☐ **Your response should be no longer than two unstapled pages.**



SECTION ONE: Applicant Information (please type or print legibly)

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
(No P.O. Boxes unless you are a fire victim or you live in a rural area)

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Parent Cell Number _____

E-mail address _____

Gender _____ Date of Birth _____ Parent(s) name(s) _____

Are you (check one) U.S. Citizen _____ or Legal resident of the U.S. _____

Have you EVER been charged or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? (Check one) Yes _____ No _____

(If YES, on a separate sheet of paper give all details along with any contact information of people we may contact)

Name of school currently attending _____

Address of school currently attending _____

College Guidance Counselor _____

Unweighted GPA _____ Weighted GPA _____ Date of High School Graduation _____

What colleges have you applied to? _____

Please list the name(s) and amount(s) of any scholarships/grants/financial aid packages you have already received for your college Academic Year 2018-2019. This is a merit-based scholarship. Financial need MAY be considered but it will not affect your eligibility.

How did you hear about our scholarship program? _____



SECTION TWO: REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND RELEASE

Applicant Certification: I certify the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application. I agree to inform Chelsea's Light Foundation of any negative situation that might affect my enrollment into college. I understand that the selection process is a blind selection; the selection committee will only see my first name and date of birth. I certify that I am not related to or employed by any individual who serves on a scholarship committee of, or sits on the Board of Chelsea's Light Foundation.

Agreement of Terms: I certify that I have carefully read the Sunflower Academic Scholarship Fund criteria to which I am applying. I understand if I do not meet the criteria, do not submit the required information, or the application arrives late, is faxed, or the materials are not submitted together, my application is incomplete and will not be considered. I agree to adhere to all of the terms and conditions of my scholarship.

Release of Information (*must be signed*): By signing this application, I hereby (i) formally authorize any individual of any portion of this document to provide information of any kind requested by Chelsea's Light Foundation or any of its employees or representatives, and (ii) forever release any of the entities or individuals seeking or providing any such information from any and all claims or damages that I may or actually do sustain as a result of seeking or providing such information.

Press and Marketing Release: If selected to receive a scholarship, I authorize Chelsea's Light Foundation to use my name, school, photograph and scholarship(s) awarded for marketing purposes.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Applicant's Social Security Number (required) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
(Parental/guardian signature REQUIRED if applicant is under age 18 or a dependent)

***All application materials MUST be submitted in one envelope and
postmarked by the deadline – no exceptions!
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**Solutions
c/o 13708 Freeport Road
San Diego, CA 92129**

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Postmarked no later than
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