

## Scholarship Awards Information

### **The Scholarships**

The amount to be awarded each year depends on the amount of royalties, sponsorships and other donations designated for The Welcome Home Scholarship Program.

Recipients must reapply to be considered.

Excepting extremely unusual circumstances, the awards cannot be deferred for future use; the awards must be used for educational expenses incurred during the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

The awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, national origin, rank or service of the sponsor.

### **The Selection Process**

Recipients are selected based on the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Participation in school, community and volunteer activities
- Work experience
- An Essay

### **The Notification Process**

Letters will be mailed to recipients on or about June 15th.

Scholarship Managers will mail a check to the recipient's home address on file on or about August 1st. The check is made payable to the college or university selected by the scholarship recipient. It is the recipient's responsibility to forward the check to the appropriate office at the college or university.

All applicants will be notified of their status.

It is the responsibility of the recipients to ensure that Scholarship Managers has their most current address on file.

### **How may the scholarships be used?**

Scholarship checks issued by Scholarship Managers are made payable to the school the recipients will attend, not to the student. IRS Publication 970 states that scholarships may be used to pay for qualified expenses, which include tuition, fees, lab fees and books. Other degree-related costs (like supplies or equipment required for specific classes) that are purchased from, and paid directly, to the school are also allowed.

IRS Publication 970 specifically states that scholarship money used to pay for room, board and travel is not tax exempt, and as such, is beyond the desired purpose of this program.

**Program Administration**

Scholarship Program will be independently managed by San Jacinto College.

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