



# REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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To: Redwood Seniors

The Redwood Scholarship Fund is delighted that you are interested in applying for our scholarships. Before you fill out the application forms, we strongly encourage you to take the time to read the following information.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Redwood Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to qualifying seniors who are continuing their education after graduation from Redwood High School.

## **Awards**

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- The James Pierce Award for Academic Excellence (1-2 awards available/year)
  - Recognizing students who demonstrate intellectual acumen and promise;
  - Up to \$15,000 for a multi-year award (based on available endowment funds, and the awardee's reapplication and demonstration that they have met established criteria)
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  - Recognizing students in a sport at any level (one girl and one boy)
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  - Recognizing students who excel in the visual arts
- The Chelini Award
  - Recognizing students who have overcome significant obstacles and demonstrated character and leadership.

## **Criteria**

- Financial need
- Good citizenship
- Perseverance and determination
- Good moral character
- Academic achievement
- Criteria specific to the endowed awards

**Applications must be completed by each student applicant personally.** The decision of the Committee is final. Please be assured that the Redwood Scholarship Committee members who will be reviewing the scholarship application have all signed a confidentiality agreement. Any information you submit will be treated as confidential; however, if you are a scholarship recipient, we reserve the right to release your name and the name of your university/college to the media subject to parental approval.

#### **DEADLINE**

The completed application must be submitted to the **College & Career Center (rm. 111), no later than 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 29, 2012.** LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE IN ORDER FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED:**

- Completed Application Form** (pages 3-5)
- Essay**  
*Please type your response to **one** of the options below. Your response should be **no more than two pages.***

#### **ESSAY OPTION 1**

- What achievements or contributions have you made to your school, community, or family that demonstrates your determination and perseverance?
- What obstacles did you overcome to achieve your goals?

**OR**

#### **ESSAY OPTION 2**

- Why are you deserving of this scholarship? Include a paragraph describing your best attributes that post-high-school education will further develop.

- Checklist for Teacher Reference** (page 6) in a sealed envelope with your name written on the back and the words "Teacher's Checklist" on the front.
- Letter of Recommendation from Reference 2** (page 7) in sealed envelope with your name written on the back and the word "Recommendation" on the front.
- FAFSA Student Aid Report**
- High School Transcripts**

#### **Important Notes:**

- Plan carefully to meet the application deadline.
- Do not wait until the last minute to fill out the application.
- Incomplete applications or late applications will NOT be accepted.



## THE REDWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

The selection committee uses this application to understand who you are, what you want to do after graduation, and why you are deserving of a Redwood Scholarship. Completeness, neatness, and legibility will ensure that your submission will be reviewed properly.

*Please type or print in black ink.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/ZIP

The information in this application is subject to verification. I understand and agree that if any statement is found to be false or misleading, your application is subject to disqualification.

I HAVE WRITTEN THIS APPLICATION. ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

### REFERENCES

*As part of your applicant, you must provide two references who can speak to your character.*

- **REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER REFERENCE 1**  
*Give the teacher the TEACHER REFERENCE CHECKLIST to complete and return*

\_\_\_\_\_  
TEACHER NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER

- **REFERENCE 2** (another teacher, an employer, member of the clergy, coach or another adult)  
**IMPORTANT:** Members of your family or fellow students cannot serve as a reference.

*Give this Reference the INSTRUCTIONS for a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION*

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF REFERENCE 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER

**FAMILY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**NAME OF PARENT(S), STEP PARENTS OR GUARDIAN(S)**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** (if different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** (if different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE**

Financial aid received or already awarded from other sources:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total awards/loans for all years)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total awards/loans for first year)

Please estimate how you will pay for your college education (percentage should total 100):

\_\_\_\_\_ % Parents/Stepparent/Grandparents  
\_\_\_\_\_ % Your savings  
\_\_\_\_\_ % Financial aid (scholarships, grants)  
\_\_\_\_\_ % Loans  
\_\_\_\_\_ % Work/study  
\_\_\_\_\_ % Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
100 % TOTAL

**SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION**

SAT score \_\_\_\_\_ or ACT score \_\_\_\_\_

List the colleges or schools to which you have applied and place a check mark in the boxes next to those schools to which you have been accepted.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What school will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

List major school activities (including sports, leadership, drama, art, clubs, etc.) in which you have participated. Indicate when you participated.

Grade Level (check all that apply)

Activity or Organization	9	10	11	12	Positions Held

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

List major community activities and community services in which you have been actively involved and note any major accomplishments in each. Indicate when you participated.

Grade Level (check all that apply)

Activity or Organization	9	10	11	12	Dates Involved		Approx. hrs/month
					From	To	

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

List your work experience. Indicate when you worked in the position.

Grade Level (check all that apply)

Organization/Position Held	9	10	11	12	Dates Worked		Approx. hrs/month
					From	To	

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS**

List awards you have received both in and out of school

Grade Level (check all that apply)

Name of Recognition or Award- Organization	9	10	11	12	Reason for Recognition or Award



**REDWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
TEACHER REFERENCE  
CHECKLIST**

**Instructions**

*The applicant is required to submit this reference from a **Redwood High School teacher** who is familiar with her/his character. Please place the completed checklist in a sealed envelope with the student's name written clearly on the back and the words "Teacher Reference" on the front. The completed list should be returned to the applicant so that she/he can submit all the required documents together in one package.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**STUDENT'S NAME**  
**(TO BE COMPLETED BY REDWOOD TEACHERS ONLY)**

Below Average      Average      Good      Excellent      Outstanding      Not Applicable

**Good citizenship**

**Perseverance and determination**

**Good moral character**

**Academic achievement**

What areas does student excel in academically? \_\_\_\_\_

**Active in sports?**

What sports are you aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

**Active in the arts?**

In what areas of the arts does the student participate or excel? \_\_\_\_\_

No need      Moderate Need      Great Need      No Knowledge

**Financial need**

*We welcome any additional comments you think might be helpful to us.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**TEACHER'S NAME (please print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**TEACHER'S SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**



## REDWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

### Instructions

*The applicant is required to submit a reference in the form of a Letter of Recommendation from an adult who is familiar with her or his character. Please place the completed letter in a sealed envelope with the student's name written clearly on the envelope and the words "Letter of Recommendation" on the front. The letter of recommendation should be returned to the applicant so that she/he can submit all the required documents together in one package.*

*In your typed letter, please cite specific examples, which demonstrate the criteria listed below and add any other items that may be of interest to the scholarship committee.*

- What makes this student most deserving of this scholarship?
- Please address qualities the student demonstrates in meeting the following criteria: financial need, good citizenship, perseverance and determination, good moral character, and academic achievement.

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***All awards are made possible through generous donations to the Redwood High School Foundation from our alum and the family and friends of our students, faculty and staff.***