2020 Harry and Eleanor D. Nelson Scholarship
Eligibility & Application Instructions

Up to five $20,000 competitive “Nelson” scholarships will be awarded; each is renewable over four years, made in payments of $5,000 in the fall of each academic year. These generous scholarships are made possible through the Harry and Eleanor D. Nelson Vacaville Endowment Fund, a component fund of the Solano Community Foundation. The ‘Nelson’ Scholarship recognizes continued academic excellence and community service while attending high school. A verifiable record of involvement in school and community service activities is required for consideration.

Applicants must be a Vacaville resident and a graduating senior currently attending Vacaville High School, Will C. Wood High School, or Buckingham Charter Magnet High School. Applicants must have been enrolled at one of these schools for their entire junior and senior years. Applicants must have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 at the time their transcript is submitted. Financial need is a consideration and must be supported by submitting a copy of the first two pages of the most recently filed tax form 1040 by a parent/guardian. The degree of financial assistance needed is determined (in part) by parent/guardian Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) amounts, along with other information submitted by the applicant.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
1. Must be a Vacaville resident during entire junior and senior years.
2. Must be a graduating senior currently attending Vacaville High School, Will C. Wood H.S., or Buckingham Charter Magnet H.S.
3. Have a moderate to strong need for financial assistance, and able to provide proof of this need.
4. Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 at the time of applying.
5. Only those candidates who have already been accepted at a 4-year college or university in California are eligible to apply.
6. Must have a record of involvement in school activities and participation in community service, volunteer work, or paid employment for at least one year (junior, senior or both).
7. The top eight candidates will be selected for an interview with the SCF Scholarship Selection Committee. All interviews will be conducted on April 14 or 15, 2020 at the SCF offices in Fairfield. Candidates will be notified by email on or about April 7th and given the time of their interview appointment.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
1. Complete all sections of the Application Form and sign it. (Handwritten, incomplete, or applications submitted without all attachments will not be considered).
2. Attach a copy of the first two pages of the most recent Form 1040 filed by parent/guardian, or filed by student (If student is not claimed as a dependent). Black out SSNs to maintain privacy.
3. Attach one letter from community leader, teacher, or employer attesting to work/community service.
4. Attach a current, unopened Official High School Grade Transcript. No photocopies.
5. Return application form and all required attachments (your application “package”) by email to grants@solanocf.org Or, submit by regular mail or hand-deliver it directly to SCF.

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The deadline is 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020. No exceptions.
For more information about the application form or the process, please call SCF at 707-399-3846.