

# Spanish American Institute (SAI) Scholarship Process for UMC Latino Youth

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to deserving Latino students pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree or attending a vocational program who are active members of a local CalPac United Methodist Church (UMC) in Southern California.

## **Calendar of Scholarship Process**

The 2021 scholarship dates include the following:

Applications available	Feb 13, 2021
Deadline for submitting applications	April 10, 2021
Scholarship award recipients selected	April 26, 2021
Scholarship award recipients notified	May 15, 2021
Award presentation at CalPac Conference	TBA

## **Eligibility Requirements**

In order to apply for the UMC Latino Youth SAI Scholarship, applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Be a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race
  2. Be an active member of a CalPac local UMC for a minimum of one year
  3. Submit at least one letter of recommendation from the Pastor or church leader
  4. Attending or will attend an accredited 2-year community college, 4 year college or university or vocational program in the next academic school year.
  5. Full-time enrollment (minimum 12 units per semester) in a regular degree program is required.
  6. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 in high school and/or college is preferred.
  7. Complete the SAI application process
- Scholarship applicants do not need to be US citizens. Permanent residents or undocumented students will to be considered.
  - Graduate and PhD candidates are not eligible for SAI scholarships.
  - An individual may receive only one SAI scholarship.
  - Scholarship recipients give SAI permission to publish their name and photo for the purpose of promoting the SAI scholarship program.

## **Required Documents**

Complete and submit the SAI application, write a 500-word essay, and submit two letters of recommendation (one must be from applicant's pastor or church leader). All these required documents must be emailed by deadline date.

The following documents must be available upon request:

- Copies of official high school and/or college transcripts
- A FAFSA report or Income Tax documents

## **Guidance on Documents Requested**

### Essay

Applicant must complete a 500-word essay on such topics as background, life obstacles, role models, interests, short and long term goals, need for award, and indicate how he/she identifies with the Latino culture.

### Letters of Recommendation

At least one letter of recommendation must come from the Pastor or Church Leader. Other letters of recommendations can be from teachers, coaches, community members, employers, and even family members who will attest to the applicant's character, passion, drive, potential and accomplishments to date.

### Transcripts

If the applicant is a high school student, applicant should have all available school transcripts starting with the ninth grade. If the high school student has taken college courses, then it is recommended that s/he obtain transcripts for the college work, also.

### Financial information

If unable to file FAFSA application, please have income tax documents available to submit upon request.

### Submitted Applications

A completed application and required documents must be received by the deadline date.

### Notifying Applicants

An email will be sent to those who will receive a scholarship giving them the amount and informing them of the next steps to receive the scholarship. Recipients will have 12 months to provide proof of enrollment or the scholarship award will be withdrawn. The scholarship withdrawal date can be extended an additional 6 months for extenuating circumstances if a written request is received one month before the withdrawal date.

Sending the Checks

Once proof of college enrollment for the fall semester is received by SAI, a check will be sent to the school where the student is attending.

Database

A database of all recipients will be kept to include name, contact information (address, cell, home phone, email address), date scholarship received, school attended, and amount of scholarship, in order for SAI to follow up in the future.



# Spanish American Institute

United Methodist Church  
Latino Youth  
Scholarship Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING IN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

## Personal Information

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH (include country): \_\_\_\_\_

CITIZENSHIP: U.S. Citizen  Permanent Resident  Undocumented

HISPANIC ETHNICITY TO WHICH YOU IDENTIFY:

Mexican  Cuban  Puerto Rican  Central American  South American

Other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS:

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

MAILING ADDRESS (if different):

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

HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Education**

## **High school attending or attended**

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE STARTED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE GRADUATED: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCUMULATIVE GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Colleges you are attending or have attended (if more than one, include others at end of application)**

NAME OF INSTITUTION (College or Vocational): \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE STARTED: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS YEAR: Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_

GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCUMULATIVE GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE/CERTIFICATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **List colleges you have applied to, in order of preference**

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## **Family Information**

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S AGE (Enter zero if deceased): \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S AGE (Enter zero if deceased): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS MARTIAL STATUS: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S COMBINED ADJUSTED YEARLY GROSS INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S ADJUSTED YEARLY GROSS INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

IS APPLICANT A DEPENDENT ON PARENT'S INCOME TAX FORM: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPENDENT SIBLING'S NAME AND AGE:

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS LIVING IN APPLICANTS HOUSEHOLD (INCLUDE APPLICANT, PARENTS, DEPENDENT SIBLINGS, AND OTHER ADULTS AND CHILDREN): \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY DEPENDENT SIBLINGS ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN COLLEGE? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Expected Financial Contribution (EFC)**

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS TO DETERMINE THE FAMILY'S EXPECTED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION (EFC) TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

WHAT IS THE APPLICANT'S FAMILY FAFSA EFC? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU CANNOT OBTAIN A FAFSA REPORT, THEN GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE TO DETERMINE YOUR FAMILY'S EFC:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/paying-your-share/expected-family-contribution-calculator>

WHAT IS THE APPLICANT'S FAMILY EFC FROM BIGFUTURE WEBSITE? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Community Service/Volunteer Activities/Employment**

LIST SERVICE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED WITHIN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS/ROLE/POSITION(S) HELD, DATES TO AND FROM HELD (MM/YY), AND HOURS PER WEEK. INCLUDE OTHER ACTIVITIES AT END OF APPLICATION, IF NECESSARY:

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DO YOU PLAN TO WORK DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR? YES: \_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_

IF YES, WHERE AND HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DO YOU PLAN TO WORK?

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## **500 Word Essay**

APPLICANT MUST ATTACH A 500 WORD, SELF-PROFILE ESSAY ON SUCH TOPICS AS BACKGROUND, LIFE OBSTACLES, ROLE MODELS, INTERESTS, SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS, NEED FOR AWARD, AND INDICATE HOW YOU IDENTIFY WITH THE LATINO CULTURE.

## **Any Additional Information**

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## **Required Certification and Release**

BY SUBMITTING THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO SPANISH AMERICAN INSTITUTE, THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES AND AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

- I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
- I CERTIFY THAT I MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS SPECIFIED IN THIS APPLICATION AND THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT APPLICATION MATERIALS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF SAI AND WILL NOT BE BE RETURNED.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST NOTIFY SAI OF ANY CHANGE IN MY ENROLLMENT STATUS OR CONTACT INFORMATION. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT A CHANGE IN MY ENROLLMENT STATUS MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.
- I GIVE SAI PERMISSION TO PUBLISH MY NAME AND PHOTOS OF MYSELF FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROMOTING THE UMC LATINO YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.