



Southern California Mapua Alumni

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Gender: Words used in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter.

I. DEFINITION AND SCOPE

The Southern California Mapua Alumni (SCMA) Scholarship Program is designed to grant a one-time scholastic achievement award to a deserving child and/or grandchild of an active SCMA member. This award is also extended to an active SCMA member pursuing post-graduate studies (Item VII).

SCMA will award five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the first and second place winners and \$250 each will be given to the 3rd to the 6th placers. The maximum award that will be given each year will be \$2,000.00.

This program is subject to the availability of funds; therefore, the Executive Board may stop, cancel or temporarily suspend this program at any time.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this program are to:

1. Provide a monetary award to deserving High School graduates.
2. Provide an incentive to SCMA members' children and grandchildren to excel in school and aspire for a college education.
3. Provide an incentive to Mapua alumni to become active members of SCMA.
4. Educate members on the programs of SCMA and encourage them to participate and support all SCMA fundraising activities.

III. CRITERIA

A candidate for the Scholastic Achievement Award must be able to satisfy the following requirements:

1. Eligibility – He must be a child or grandchild (natural, adopted, foster) of an active member of SCMA.
An “active” member must meet the following requirements:
 - 1) Has been a member of SCMA for at least two years;

- 2) Membership fees have been paid up to the current year;
 - 3) Intends to be a paid member for at least two years after child or grandchild's acceptance of the SCMA Scholarship Program Award;
 - 4) Must attend or participate in at least two (2) annual SCMA events: Valentine's Dinner-Dance, Picnic, Golf Tournament and Christmas Party.
2. Grade Point Average (GPA) – He must have a GPA of 3.5 or better based on a 4.0 scale.
 3. College Acceptance – He must have applied and been accepted by an accredited college or university.
 4. At the discretion of the Executive Board, an applicant who is already in college may be considered if the program was suspended when the applicant was graduating from High School.

IV. APPLICATION PROCESS

Each candidate must complete a SCMA Scholarship Program application form and submit it to the SCMA Scholarship Committee with the following documents:

1. Verification of GPA – 11th and 12th Grade Report Cards (12th grade up to 3rd quarter will be accepted) or High School transcripts.
2. Verification of college acceptance – Proof of enrollment or acceptance letter from an accredited college or university.
3. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to applicant, e.g. teacher, counselor, employer, etc.
4. Essay – The essay must answer the following questions:
 1. Qualifications – Why do you think you are the best candidate for the scholastic achievement award?
 2. Educational Goal – What course will you pursue? Why did you choose this course?
 3. Plans for the future – What is your career goal?
 4. Giving back to SCMA and/or the community – How do you plan to give back to the community? How would you help SCMA expand its outreach to individuals like yourself?

5. Extra-curricular Activities – Are you an athlete, a choir member, church volunteer, Boys and Girls club mentor, etc.? How do you manage to juggle school work and extra-curricular activities? How important are your activities in your daily life?

Applications must be submitted with all required documents on or before June 30. Incomplete applications will mean automatic disqualification. Applications may be mailed to Glee Quiaot, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at 412 W. 231st Street, Carson, CA 90745 or e-mailed to gleeqq@yahoo.com.

V. SELECTION PROCESS

The members of the SCMA Scholarship Committee will review all applications for completeness and accuracy. Each member will give his score for each applicant based on the following guidelines:

1.	GPA	60%
2.	Essay	25%
3.	Extra-curricular Activities	15%
	Total	100%

The top two highest score getters will win. However, in case of a tie between 2nd and 3rd place finishers, the committee will review the scores and decide the winner. When a tie cannot be broken, the following rules will apply: 1) more than two first-place finishers: the award of \$500 each will be given to the top 3 placers. The remaining \$500 will be divided between the 4th and 5th placers.

VI. PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The awards will be presented to the winners at the SCMA Annual Picnic. The winners will be recognized at the Annual Dinner-Dance in February of the following year.

The winners may also be requested by SCMA to participate in future fundraising and/or other activities.

VII. POST-GRADUATE STUDIES

Active members must show proof of acceptance by an accredited college or university. Post-graduate studies must not be subsidized by his job. SCMA will award \$500 to one active member per year. If there is more than one applicant for any given year, \$500 will be divided among them.