

JOBS FOR YOUTH



SAN MATEO COUNTY

Al Teglia Jobs for Youth Endowment Fund Scholarships

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: Friday, January 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Applicants will be notified of their application status via email no later than March 20, 2015.

Scholarship Information

The Al Teglia Jobs for Youth Endowment Fund is a component of the Jobs for Youth program, which provides vocational and college scholarships. Each year, the program awards scholarships to deserving youth who would like to pursue their college/vocational education.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the annual Jobs for Youth Fundraising Breakfast on Thursday, May 28th at 7:30am at Foster City Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Drive.

If awarded, scholarship recipients must submit additional documentation at time of scholarship offer **and attend the event in order to receive their scholarship. No exceptions will be allowed.*

Applicant eligibility

Applicants **must** be:

- a) A San Mateo County resident
- b) A current or past Jobs for Youth participant (between the ages 16-21)
- c) At least a current high school junior (11th grade) **NOTE:** semester being funded through the scholarship should immediately follow the May, 2015 award
- d) Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA

Scholarship Application: Submit application packet via email:

1. Cover page with name, phone number, address, birth date, school, graduation date, and email address.

2. Typed Essay that clearly addresses:

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| a) A clear vocational or educational focus | d) Accomplishments (school, job/volunteer, etc) |
| b) Hardships faced | e) Planned use of scholarship |
| c) Need for financial assistance | |

3. Two Letters of Recommendation

**Scholarship essays will be evaluated based on the criteria above, 5 pts each section. Submitting a similar essay from previous years will not be accepted.*

Students with Individual Educational Plans (IEP) have the option of submitting a 2 ½ minute **video application essay on a USB flash drive. IEP's and reference letters must be emailed by the deadline date.*

Essay requirements:

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| • 12-point font on Word document | • Minimum 500 words. |
| • Double-spaced and typed. | • Maximum 750 words. |

Please email your completed essay and reference letters to one of the following offices:

PeninsulaWorks-Daly City/San Mateo
Marilyn Macario
Email: mmacario@smcgov.org
650-301-8434

PeninsulaWorks-Belmont/Redwood City
Bill Toth
Email: Wtoth@smcgov.org
650-802-6534

Reference letter guidelines:

All scholarship applicants must submit two professional reference letters. One of the two reference letters must be from a teacher from your previous or current school. Letters from family members and/or friends will not be accepted. Please email letter to the offices listed (see back side). Reference letters should address the following questions:

1. Include Name of student
2. What qualities best describe this applicant?
3. To your knowledge, does this applicant have a historically disadvantaged background/barriers (i.e., low income for several years, first generation college student, inner-city or migrant family)?
4. Please discuss applicant's achievements.