

The San Juan Diego Scholarship

The San Juan Diego Scholarship is a four-year full tuition scholarship to Santa Clara University. Established in 1998, the scholarship is awarded each year to a student who demonstrates leadership, and community service that reflect Christian values and social justice. **Priority is given to students who are active at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.** If there is no student from the parish who meets the SCU requirements for admission, second priority is given to active students from the Washington/Gardner Neighborhood. Priority will also be given to applicants who have the greatest financial need. **We encourage all who qualify to apply, regardless of the student's immigration status.**

Who Can Apply?

- High school seniors who will be entering as first year college students in the fall 2022-2023 year.
- Transfer students from a Community College entering SCU.

Criteria to Qualify for the Scholarship

- 1) Must apply and **be admitted to SCU** as a freshman or transfer student. (please refer to SCU website for key deadlines <https://www.scu.edu/admission/undergraduate>) **First year applicants should apply for REGULAR DECISION for the fall term.**

The Santa Clara University Undergraduate Admissions office takes a holistic approach in reviewing applications and does not have firm minimum requirements. However, it seeks to admit students who are likely to succeed at SCU based on academic performance and all information submitted through the Common Application.

SCU average numbers for admitted students in fall of 2021;

- Average Unweighted GPA: 3.67 (4.0 scale)
- SCU has adopted a two-year "test optional" policy beginning with Fall 2021 first-year applicants.

High School minimum course requirements:

- **History and Social Science:** 3 years
- **English:** 4 years
- **Mathematics:** 3 years required; 4 years recommended
- **Laboratory Science:** 2 years required; 3 years recommended
- **Language Other Than English:** 2 years required; 3 years recommended; 4 years preferred
- **Visual and Performing Arts:** 1 year recommended

Transfer course requirements vary by school and interest in major. Please visit (<http://www.scu.edu/ugrad/transfer/>) for a full list of transfer requirements. Incoming freshman should also visit Santa Clara's website for a full list of requirements.

Please note that matching these averages does not guarantee admission.

- 2) Serious Financial need, as determined by SCU Financial Aid Office.
 - Priority is given to families with an income below the Santa Clara County median income level.
- 3) Demonstrate leadership and community service that reflect Christian values, social justice and equal opportunity. Student receives priority as follows:
 - Youth who have been active at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.
 - Students active in the Washington/Gardner neighborhood.
 - Students serving in a Catholic parish of the Diocese of San Jose that has the same social needs as Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

If you have any questions, please email the scholarship committee at BecaSJD@gmail.com

What are the Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients while they are Attending SCU?

- o Must maintain a minimum of 2.5 GPA while at SCU
- o Be an active volunteer in the Sacred Heart Community (e.g. tutor at the homework center, be a catechist. . .)
- o Participate as an active member of the San Juan Diego Scholarship Committee
- o Be an educational ambassador by mentoring youth in the community to pursue higher education
- o Participate in SCU's LEAD Scholars program, if invited
- o Sign and fully comply with an agreement stipulated by the San Juan Diego Scholarship Committee

All scholars will be asked to sign a contract agreeing to these commitments and responsibilities set forth by the Scholarship Committee.

Application Information Session

An online presentation by current and past scholarship recipients will precede a Q & A about the scholarship.

*Tentative info sessions scheduled for:

Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

*****attending an info session is mandatory*****

Please email BecaSJD@gmail.com for meeting links.

DEADLINE: This completed application and a copy of your submitted Santa Clara Common Application and Supplement must be submitted via email to BecaSJD@gmail.com by **Friday, February 4th, 2022.**

Transfer Students: Although Santa Clara's transfer deadline is not due until April 15th, we need transfer students to submit their application **by February 4th** should you wish to be considered for this scholarship. **Applications submitted to Santa Clara after February 4th will not be considered for the scholarship.**

Respond to the following on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application. Please use the space you need to adequately respond to the questions. Generally, this is a minimum of three pages.

1. How have you participated in youth leadership activities at Sacred Heart Parish or in the Washington/Gardner neighborhood?
2. Discuss your community service accomplishments, employment experience, or extracurricular activities that reflect Christian values.
3. One of the goals of the scholarship is to promote higher education among the youth of Sacred Heart Parish. As a recipient how would you contribute towards this goal?
4. Why do you think you should receive the San Juan Diego Scholarship?
5. Discuss your intended field of study at Santa Clara University and why it interests you.
6. Please list in your own words your specific financial circumstances or hardships.

Checklist:

With this application, I am submitting

- Official High School Transcript
- Community College Transcript (if applicable)
- Two (optional, three) letters of recommendation
- Applicant's financial aid packet when received by SCU
- Copy of SCU Common Application and Supplement

NOTE: Please add that you are applying to the Juan Diego Scholarship in the "additional comments" section of the SCU common application.

Timeline:

Dec 1 st & Jan 8 th	Information Sessions (dates subject to change)
January 7 th	First year students: Applications due to SCU
February 4 th	Transfer students: Applications due to SCU
February 4 th	All Applicants: Scholarship apps due to Sacred Heart Parish Office
March	Scholarship committee to interview each applicant admitted to SCU by individual appointment (virtual)
April	Scholarship recipient notified

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Transfers should also submit their SCU application by February 4th to be considered for this scholarship

Personal Data

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Alternate Number _____

Email _____

Current High School/ Community College _____

Family Information

Mother

Father

Full Name: _____

Occupation: _____

My family includes _____ people at home. Our annual income is \$_____

Has anyone in your family ever attended college? If so, where? _____

Academic Information

Current cumulative unweighted GPA _____ (Please include an official transcript from your high school)

Transfer Student only - number of units completed: _____

Please attach a list of academic excellence, community leadership, honors, awards, which you would like us to know about. You may include a resume.

Letters of Recommendation

You must submit at least two of the three letters of recommendation. Each one must be from one of the different categories. Parish Member/Leader, Teacher/Counselor, and Community Leader/Employer.

Please list the names of the people who will write your letter of recommendation.

1. A Parish Member/Leader _____

2. A Teacher/Counselor _____

3. A Community Leader/Employer _____

Signature _____

Date _____