

# 2026-27 National Rainbow College Fund (NRCF) Application

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*San Diego Foundation*

## Rules for Applying, Privacy Terms, and Media Release

### Rules for Applying and Privacy Terms\*

You must agree to the following terms to apply:

- This application must be completed by you (the applicant). Parents, guardians, counselors, teachers, or others can only provide information and review the application. If the application is found to have been completed by someone other than you, it will be disqualified. If you are under the age of 18, your parent(s) or guardian(s) have allowed you to submit this application.
- You are not, to your knowledge, related as a spouse, child, step-child, grandchild, or step-grandchild to any individual who is currently employed by the San Diego Foundation (SDF)/SDRPIC/SD Housing Fund, serving on the Community Scholarship Program Committee, or sitting on the SDF Board of Governors.
- The information provided in this application is collected for the purpose of evaluating scholarship eligibility and making award decisions. By submitting this application, you consent to the use of your data for these purposes. SDF may share this information with authorized volunteers and staff members for evaluation purposes, but all individuals with access to this data are required to keep it confidential. Personal information will only be disclosed to external parties as required by law.
- SDF values and respects the privacy of all applicants without regard to your immigration status. Information regarding your citizenship or immigration status is collected solely for application purposes and is handled with strict confidentiality. It will only be disclosed to external parties as required by law.
- For more information about how SDF collects, uses, and protects your personal information, please review our Privacy Policy, available at [www.sdfoundation.org/privacy-policy](http://www.sdfoundation.org/privacy-policy).
- The data you have provided in your application and any materials that you provide (e.g., transcripts, federal income tax returns) should be, to the best of your knowledge, true and correct. You must not knowingly withhold or misrepresent any information related to this application.
- San Diego Foundation reserves the right to adjust or cancel scholarship awards at any time on a situational basis.
- Communication between you (the applicant) and the National Rainbow Fund Scholarship Program will be primarily through email. You must send any email address updates to [nrcf@sdfoundation.org](mailto:nrcf@sdfoundation.org) and you must monitor your spam, junk or quarantine folders for emails from [nrcf@sdfoundation.org](mailto:nrcf@sdfoundation.org).

**The deadline for the National Rainbow College Fund is Wednesday, March 4th, 2026 @ 2pm PST.**

**If you agree to these terms, provide your first and last name:**

*Character Limit: 100*

**Applicant ID\***

Enter your initials and the last 4 digits of your phone number.

Ex. FT3465

*Character Limit: 100*

**Application year\***

2026 is the application year

*Character Limit: 10*

**Media Release Consent\***

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I hereby consent and authorize the San Diego Foundation to use the following:

**Choices**

Share my story anonymously (no name or identifying details)

Use of excerpts from my essays or written materials

Use of my photo

Use of my video content (including thank-you videos)

**Media Release\***

I hereby consent and authorize San Diego Foundation to use and reproduce my name, biographical information, photograph, and video image in all forms of media including publications, advertising materials, videos, and the Internet (e.g. thank you videos to donors). I will make no claim of any kind. I understand I will not receive any compensation as a result of the use of my name, biographical information, photograph, and video image.

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**Choices**

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and have the right to contract in my own name.

I am the parent/legal guardian of the applicant minor.

I nor my parent/guardian authorize San Diego Foundation to use or reproduce my information.

**Media Release Date\***

*Character Limit: 10*

## Media Release Student Signature

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### Participant Signature\*

Character Limit: 100

## Media Release Parent/Guardian Signature

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### Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)\*

Character Limit: 100

## Current Academics

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### Current Academics

#### Current school status\*

##### Choices

- Graduating high school senior
- Current career/technical school student
- Current community college student
- Current four-year college student
- Adult re-entry student (25+ years old and re-entering college)
- Not currently enrolled

#### Current or former high school name\*

Please write out full name of school.

Character Limit: 250

#### Current or former high school district\*

Please write out full name of school district.

Character Limit: 250

## High School Students Current Academics

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### High school cumulative GPA (UNWEIGHTED on 4.0 scale)\*

Your GPA is required. If you are awarded a scholarship, we may verify your GPA from your transcript; if we cannot verify your GPA, you may forfeit your scholarship.

Character Limit: 20

### High school cumulative GPA (WEIGHTED with AP, IB and honors classes)

Character Limit: 20

**SAT Composite (superscore)**

The SAT has two required parts (Mathematics and Reading & Writing), each scoring up to 800 points and adding up to a high score of 1600. You may use “superscores” by entering your highest score for each of those two sections from any test date.

(400 to 1600)

*Character Limit: 4*

**SAT Reading and Writing**

(200 to 800)

*Character Limit: 3*

**SAT Mathematics**

(200 to 800)

*Character Limit: 3*

**SAT Essay (if taken)**

(6 to 24)

*Character Limit: 2*

**ACT Composite (superscore)**

You may use “superscores” by entering your highest scores from any test date.

(1 to 36)

*Character Limit: 2*

**ACT English**

(1 to 36)

*Character Limit: 2*

**ACT Mathematics**

(1 to 36)

*Character Limit: 2*

**ACT Reading**

(1 to 36)

*Character Limit: 2*

**ACT Science**

(1 to 36)

*Character Limit: 2*

**ACT Writing****(2 to 12)***Character Limit: 2***List AP/IB/SAT Subject test names and scores (i.e., AP English – 4; SAT Chemistry – 620)**

Please add any college courses you may have taken as well.

*Character Limit: 400*

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***College Students Current Academics*****College cumulative GPA\****Character Limit: 20***Current college name\***

Write out full name of college

*Character Limit: 250*

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***Adult Re-entry Current Academics*****College cumulative GPA (Adult Re-entry)**

Your college GPA is NOT required but you may list your most recent GPA.

*Character Limit: 20***High school cumulative GPA (UNWEIGHTED on 4.0 scale) (Adult Re-entry)\****Character Limit: 20***Most recent school name (Adult Re-entry)\****Character Limit: 250***Date when last in school (Adult Re-entry)\****Character Limit: 10*

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***Fall Education Plans*****School, Degree and Major**

**Attendance status in fall 2026\***

Full-time (12+ units)

Part-time (11- units)

**Choices**

Full-time

Part-time

**Degree pursuing in fall 2026\*****Choices**

Associate's (AA, AS, ADN, etc.)

Bachelor's (BS, BA, BFA, BSN, BSW, etc.)

Certificate, license, or diploma

Other

**If "other" for degree pursuing in fall 2025**

*Character Limit: 50*

**Anticipated higher education graduation date\***

For example, if you are a current High School Senior in the class of 2026 and plan to attend a four-year college, your likely graduation date would be around June 2030 and should be entered as 06/30/2030.

If you are graduating from college in spring or fall 2026 and are not pursuing further education, you are not eligible for this scholarship. This scholarship is intended for higher education students, pursuing any of the degrees in the question prior, who will be enrolled in fall 2026 and will continue their studies for at least one full academic year. This scholarship is currently not offered to current/future graduate level students.

For high school students, do not enter your high school graduation date. Enter your graduation date from college.

*Character Limit: 10*

**Intended/declared major(s)\*****Choices**

Arts

Business

Criminal Justice

Education

Family and Consumer Sciences

Health Professions

Humanities

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Trades and Vocations

Undecided

**Intended specialty\***

For example:

Intended/declared major - Humanities

Intended specialty - Anthropology

*Character Limit: 50*

**Intended career\***

*Character Limit: 50*

**Applicant 1st Choice School/College****Applicant 1st choice school for fall 2026 or school attending in fall 2026\***

**(Write out full name of institution.)**

*Character Limit: 100*

**Applicant 1st choice school - School type\*****Choices**

Community college student

Four-year college (public)

Four-year college (private)

Vocational/Trade School

**Applicant 1st choice school - School city\***

*Character Limit: 50*

**Applicant 1st choice school - School state\*****Choices**

AL

AK

AZ

AR

CA

CO

CT

DE

FL

GA

HI

ID

IL

IN

IA

KS

KY

LA  
ME  
MD  
MA  
MI  
MN  
MS  
MO  
MT  
NE  
NV  
NH  
NJ  
NM  
NY  
NC  
ND  
OH  
OK  
OR  
PA  
RI  
SC  
SD  
TN  
TX  
UT  
VT  
VA  
WA  
WV  
WI  
WY

Washington, DC

### **Applicant 2nd Choice School/College**

**Applicant 2nd choice school for fall 2026, if applicable  
(Write out full name of institution.)**

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Applicant 2nd choice school - School type**

#### **Choices**

- Community college student
- Four-year college (private)
- Four-year college (public)

Vocational/Trade School

### Applicant 2nd school choice - School city

*Character Limit: 50*

### Applicant 2nd school choice - School state

#### Choices

AL

AK

AZ

AR

CA

CO

CT

DE

FL

GA

HI

ID

IL

IN

IA

KS

KY

LA

ME

MD

MA

MI

MN

MS

MO

MT

NE

NV

NH

NJ

NM

NY

NC

ND

OH

OK

OR

PA

RI

SC

SD

TN  
TX  
UT  
VT  
VA  
WA  
WV  
WI  
WY  
Washington, DC

### **Applicant 3rd Choice School/College**

**Applicant 3rd choice school for fall 2026, if applicable  
(Write out full name of institution.)**

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Applicant 3rd choice school - School type**

#### **Choices**

Community college student  
Four-year college (private)  
Four-year college (public)  
Vocational/Trade School

### **Applicant 3rd choice school - School city**

*Character Limit: 50*

### **Applicant 3rd choice school - School state**

#### **Choices**

AL  
AK  
AZ  
AR  
CA  
CO  
CT  
DE  
FL  
GA  
HI  
ID  
IL  
IN  
IA  
KS  
KY

LA  
ME  
MD  
MA  
MI  
MN  
MS  
MO  
MT  
NE  
NV  
NH  
NJ  
NM  
NY  
NC  
ND  
OH  
OK  
OR  
PA  
RI  
SC  
SD  
TN  
TX  
UT  
VT  
VA  
WA  
WV  
WI  
WY

Washington, DC

## *Finances*

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To help us understand your financial circumstances and what needs you have, we require that you provide some additional information. There are three ways you can provide this information:

1. Complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>) and submit the **Student Aid Index (SAI)** number by uploading the **FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)**. In California, if you are not eligible to complete a FAFSA due to undocumented status, you may submit your **CA Dream Act Summary** by upload.
2. If you are not eligible to complete the FAFSA due to undocumented status, or have extenuating financial circumstances that cannot be explained on the FAFSA, you should complete the **Federal Student Aid Estimator Tool** (<https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>). Download and submit the Estimated SAI page that results from using the Tool. You are also encouraged to submit information in the “Other Financial Circumstances” field on the application to tell us more about your situation.
3. If you are experiencing difficult or extreme financial circumstances that prevent you from completing 1 or 2 as listed above, please detail as best as possible your situation and financial needs in the “Other Financial Circumstances” field on the application. If we determine that you are an eligible applicant, we may ask for additional information as needed for clarification.

**Please enter your Student Aid Index (SAI)\***

**SAI will not be visible to others or shared outside the scholarship evaluation process.**

Your SAI (Student Aid Index) will be shown on your 2026-27 FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS), California Dream Act Application, or Federal Student Aid Estimator Tool.

NOTE: The 2026-27 FAFSA launched December 2025.

The Student Aid Index (SAI) is an eligibility index number that a college's or career school's financial aid office uses to determine how much federal student aid the student would receive if the student attended the school. This number results from the information that the student provides in their FAFSA® form. Your SAI is reported to you on your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS). The FSS is a summary of the information you submitted on your FAFSA.

*Character Limit: 20*

## FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) Upload\*

**ALL UPLOADS WILL REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. This will not be visible or shared with others.**

Please upload a copy of your 2026-27 FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS), your CA Dream Summary, or your Federal Student Aid Estimator Tool statement. Your file should contain ALL pages of your report and the name on your FSS should match the name on your application.

**If you are not eligible or cannot complete the 2026-27 FAFSA/CADA, please use the FAFSA Estimator Tool and upload the summary.**

Select the file you want to attach using the upload button below. Once your file is selected, select the open button to save the file to your application

**Note:** if you are an unaccompanied minor or otherwise unable to obtain a 2026-27 FSS by the deadline, please contact us at [nrcf@sdfoundation.org](mailto:nrcf@sdfoundation.org)

The FSS lists your FAFSA information. If you have a FSA ID (username and password) and your FAFSA information has been processed, you can log in at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to view and print FSS information. This includes your CA Dream Summary which can be accessed by logging into your CA Dream Act account at [dream.csac.ca.gov/](https://dream.csac.ca.gov/). Note: You will receive a paper FSS if you file a paper FAFSA form and don't provide an email address.

**Maximum File Size:** 20MB , **Accepted file types:** .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg

*File Size Limit: 5 MB*

## Other Financial Circumstances

If you have any financial circumstances or need(s) that are not evident from the financial information you are providing in the application, such as recent changes in finances, personal or family hardships, or other financial challenges, please briefly explain below.

*Character Limit: 1000*

## Financial Status

**Financial Status\***

Independent applicants must meet at least ONE of these criteria:

- 24 years of age or older
- Graduate, medical or professional school student
- Married
- Have legal dependents other than your spouse, such as children
- Current or former member of the military
- Foster youth/ward of the court/under legal guardianship
- Unaccompanied homeless youth
- Emancipated minor
- Orphan (both parents deceased)
- Other reason for Independent Status (must explain below in Other field, please be specific)

Dependent applicants do not meet ANY of these criteria.

For independent applicants, use YOUR information.

For dependent applicants, use YOUR PARENT(S)' information.

**Choices**

Dependent

Independent

Other

**Other reason for Independent Status**

If "Other", complete the Finances for Independent Applicants section at this time. We will evaluate the information you provide and may ask for additional clarification, to make a final determination of your financial status as independent or dependent.

*Character Limit: 500*

**Family Members****Number of family members living in household in 2024, INCLUDING you\***

*Character Limit: 10*

**Number of family members in household attending college in fall 2026,  
INCLUDING you\***

*Character Limit: 10*

**List family members in household and colleges attending in fall 2026 EXCLUDING you**

(e.g. sister - UCSD; brother - SDSU; mother - Grossmont Community College

*Character Limit: 250*

***Finances for Dependent Applicants*****Parent(s)' marital status in 2024\***

For dependent applicants: Use YOUR PARENT(S)' information.

**Reminder: this is based on your parent(s)' 2024, not 2025, tax information.**

**Choices**

Single, divorced, separated, widowed

Married, remarried, in domestic partnership

**Household income in 2024 was earned by (Dependent Applicants)\*****Choices**

One parent

Both Parents

**Adjusted gross income in 2024 (ESTIMATED if your parent(s) do not file a federal income tax return)\***

Adjusted gross income (AGI) is total gross income minus certain deductions. It can be found on your federal income tax return on form 1040A, line 21; or form 1040, line 11.

*Character Limit: 20*

***Finances for Independent Applicants*****Your marital status in 2024\***

For independent applicants: Use YOUR information. Reminder: this is based on your 2024, not 2025, tax information.

**Choices**

Single, divorced, separated, widowed

Married, remarried, in domestic partnership

**Household income in 2024 was earned by (Independent Applicants)\*****Choices**

Either you and your spouse

Both you and your spouse

## Adjusted gross income in 2024 (ESTIMATED if you do not file a federal income tax return)\*

Adjusted gross income (AGI) is total gross income minus certain deductions. It can be found on your federal income tax return on form 1040A, line 21; or form 1040, line 11.

*Character Limit: 20*

## *Extra-Curricular Activities*

### Have you participated in Extra Curricular Activities from January 2022 - Present?\*

For example:

- If you participated in a community service club at your school, list this in either community service or extra-curricular activities, but not both.
- If you volunteered at a hospital to gain medical experience, list this in either work experience or community service, but not both.

Extra-curricular activities:

- Involve an organized group and not an individual interest or hobby
- May or may not be school-sponsored
- Require time OUTSIDE regular school hours and classes

Examples include: competitive or intramural sports teams; performance groups such as choir or band; yearbook or student newspaper; Associated Student Body or student government; ROTC; ethnic or cultural clubs; organized faithbased activities such as church choir, church youth group, or leading Sunday school (but NOT attending church or Sunday school), etc.

#### Choices

Yes

No

## *Extra-Curricular Activities Participation*

### Instructions

For each activity in which you participated over the last four years, list it in only ONE category: extra-curricular activities, community service or work experience.

Describe your most significant extra-curricular activities since January 2022 here, with your most recent listed first. If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

## 1st Extra-Curricular Activity

### Club/organization (1)

*Character Limit: 50*

#### Please describe the purpose of the club/organization, your role(s), and your contributions. (1)

*Character Limit: 500*

### Start date (Extra-Curricular 1)

*Character Limit: 10*

### Expected end date (Extra-Curricular 1)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

### Average hours participated each week (1)

*Character Limit: 250*

## 2nd Extra-Curricular Activity

### Club/organization (2)

*Character Limit: 50*

#### Please describe the purpose of the club/organization, your role(s), and your contributions. (2)

*Character Limit: 500*

### Start date (Extra-Curricular 2)

*Character Limit: 10*

### Expected end date (Extra-Curricular 2)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

### Average hours participated each week (2)

*Character Limit: 250*

## 3rd Extra-Curricular Activity

### **Club/organization (3)**

*Character Limit: 50*

**Please describe the purpose of the club/organization, your role(s), and your contributions. (3)**

*Character Limit: 500*

### **Start date (Extra-Curricular 3)**

*Character Limit: 10*

### **Expected end date (Extra-Curricular 3)**

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

### **Average hours participated each week (3)**

*Character Limit: 250*

## **4th Extra-Curricular Activity**

### **Club/organization (4)**

*Character Limit: 80*

**Please describe the purpose of the club/organization, your role(s), and your contributions. (4)**

*Character Limit: 500*

### **Start date (Extra-Curricular 4)**

*Character Limit: 10*

### **Expected end date (Extra-Curricular 4)**

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

### **Average hours participated each week (4)**

*Character Limit: 250*

## Work Experience

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### Do you have Work Experience from January 2022 to Present?\*

For example:

- Work experience includes unpaid internships to get experience in a career field.

#### Choices

Yes

No

## Work Experience Participation

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### Instructions

For each activity in which you participated over the last four years, list it in only ONE category: extra-curricular activities, community service or work experience.

Describe your most significant work experience since January 2022 here, with your most recent listed first. If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

If you have held more than one significantly different position with the same employer, list each position separately.

### 1st Work Experience

#### Employer (1)

*Character Limit: 80*

#### Job title and responsibilities (1)

*Character Limit: 500*

#### Start date (Job 1)

*Character Limit: 10*

#### Expected end date (Job 1)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

#### Average hours employed each week (1)

*Character Limit: 250*

## 2nd Work Experience

### Employer (2)

*Character Limit: 80*

### Job title and responsibilities (2)

*Character Limit: 500*

### Start date (Job 2)

*Character Limit: 10*

### Expected end date (Job 2)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

### Average hours employed each week (2)

*Character Limit: 250*

## 3rd Work Experience

### Employer (3)

*Character Limit: 80*

### Job title and responsibilities (3)

*Character Limit: 500*

### Start date (Job 3)

*Character Limit: 10*

### Expected end date (Job 3)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

### Average hours employed each week (3)

*Character Limit: 250*

## 4th Work Experience

### Employer (4)

*Character Limit: 80*

**Job title and responsibilities (4)***Character Limit: 500***Start date (Job 4)***Character Limit: 10***Expected end date (Job 4)**

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10***Average hours employed each week (4)***Character Limit: 250**Community Service***Do you have Community Service hours from January 2022 - Present?\***

For example:

- If you participated in a community service club at your school, list this in either community service or extra-curricular activities, but not both.
- If you volunteered at a hospital to gain medical experience, list this in either work experience or community service, but not both.

Community service:

- Benefits the community or individuals in need
- Is unpaid
- Involves an organized group or program

**Choices**

Yes

No

*Community Service Participation***Instructions**

For each activity in which you participated over the last four years, list it in only ONE category: extra-curricular activities, community service or work experience.

Describe your most significant community service since January 2022 here, with your most recent listed first. If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

## 1st Community Service

### Organization (1)

*Character Limit: 80*

#### Please describe your contributions to this organization. (1)

*Character Limit: 500*

#### Start date (Community Service 1)

*Character Limit: 10*

#### Expected end date (Community Service 1)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

#### Estimated total hours contributed so far (1)

Please only include service hours you have already completed. Do not include or count hours you anticipate completing by your expected end date.

*Character Limit: 250*

## 2nd Community Service

### Organization (2)

*Character Limit: 80*

#### Please describe your contributions to this organization. (2)

*Character Limit: 500*

#### Start date (Community Service 2)

*Character Limit: 10*

#### Expected end date (Community Service 2)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate you expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

#### Estimated total hours contributed so far (2)

Please only include service hours you have already completed. Do not include or count hours you anticipate completing by your expected end date.

*Character Limit: 250*

## 3rd Community Service

### Organization (3)

*Character Limit: 80*

#### Please describe your contributions to this organization. (3)

*Character Limit: 500*

### Start date (Community Service 3)

*Character Limit: 10*

### Expected end date (Community Service 3)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

### Estimated total hours contributed so far (3)

Please only include service hours you have already completed. Do not include or count hours you anticipate completing by your expected end date.

*Character Limit: 250*

## 4th Community Service

### Organization (4)

*Character Limit: 80*

#### Please describe your contributions to this organization. (4)

*Character Limit: 500*

### Start date (Community Service 4)

*Character Limit: 10*

### Expected end date (Community Service 4)

If you are still participating in this activity, estimate your expected end date. If the end date is after June 2026, enter end date as 06/30/2026.

*Character Limit: 10*

### Estimated total hours contributed so far (4)

Please only include service hours you have already completed. Do not include or count hours you anticipate completing by your expected end date.

*Character Limit: 250*

## *Limited Time for Extra-Curricular Activities, Work Experience, or Community Service*

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### **If you had limited availability for Extra-Curriculars, Work Experience, or Community Service:**

If you were unable to participate in extra-curricular activities, work experience, or community service, please tell us about your personal circumstances and how you otherwise spent your time.

*Character Limit: 1000*

## *Awards and Honors*

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### **Instructions**

List your most significant awards and honors since 2023 here, with your most recent listed first. Awards and honors show skills and talents not already included in the descriptions of your activities. You may enter up to **three** awards.

*Examples include: prize for best writing or artwork; scholar/athlete of the year; award for perfect attendance, etc.*

If you have not received any awards or honors since 2023, you may leave this section blank.

### **1st Award or Honor**

#### **Award or honor (1)**

*Character Limit: 80*

#### **Why were you given this award or honor? (1)**

*Character Limit: 80*

#### **Award or honor date (1)**

*Character Limit: 10*

### **2nd Award or Honor**

#### **Award or honor (2)**

*Character Limit: 80*

#### **Why were you given this award or honor? (2)**

*Character Limit: 80*

**Award or honor date (2)***Character Limit: 10***3rd Award or Honor****Award or honor (3)***Character Limit: 80***Why were you given this award or honor? (3)***Character Limit: 80***Award or honor date (3)***Character Limit: 10*

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***Personal Statements*****Instructions**

Your personal statements should show us your unique experiences, strengths, potential, goals and aspirations. Your goal should be to give us a strong sense of who you are, what you want to do and who you want to be.

- **The Short Answer Prompt**
  - Between 100 and 250 words in length
- **The Essay Answer Prompt**
  - Between 250 and 500 words in length

**Short Answer Written Prompt 1\***

If you have decided on your educational and career goals, describe them and explain how your interest in these goals developed. If you have not yet decided on your educational and career goals, describe some possible goals and explain how you might explore and decide on them.

Your response must be between 100 and 250 words in length.

*Character Limit: 1500***Prompts**

### Essay Written Prompt\*

Please answer one of the two essay prompts below. Keep in mind that these prompts are equally evaluated, and there is no right or wrong way to answer them. Please answer the question that is most relevant to you and allows you to express who you are as a member or ally of the LGBTQ+ community.

**A. Describe how any part of your identity has affected your learning experiences, opportunities, or goals.**

OR

**B. Share a story that shows how you've stepped up as a leader or ally in the LGBTQ+ community—whether by inspiring others, offering support, or advocating for change.**

*Character Limit: 3000*

### Short Answer Written Prompt 2\*\*

**Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you a strong candidate for this scholarship opportunity?**

Your response must be between 100 and 250 words in length.

*Character Limit: 1500*

## *Additional Eligibility Information*

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### Additional Eligibility Information

**Please note that all information provided is confidential. Evaluators will not have access to this information nor will it be shared with anyone else. Should you have any concerns or questions regarding the confidentiality of your information or the handling of your application materials, please do not hesitate to contact us at [nrcf@sdfoundation.org](mailto:nrcf@sdfoundation.org).**

### Birth Date\*

*Character Limit: 10*

### Pronouns\*

#### Choices

He, him, his

She, her, hers

They, them, theirs

Other

### Pronouns - if "Other"

*Character Limit: 100*

## Sexual Identity\*

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### Choices

- Bisexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Queer
- Straight (heterosexual)
- Transgender
- Intersex
- Other
- Prefer not to disclose

## Sexual Identity if "Other"

*Character Limit: 100*

## LGBTQ+ Personal Status\*

*The NRCF is committed to data security and to keeping your status confidential. We will not publish your name without your permission.*

Please check one:

### Choices

- I identify as an "out" member of the LGBTQ+ community.
- I identify as a "closeted" member of the LGBTQ+ community.
- I am unsure, or a mixture of "out" and "closeted" as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.
- I am an ally of the LGBTQ+ community

## Ethnicity\*

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### Choices

- Alaskan Native, American Indian
- Asian (East Asian and/or South Asian)
- Black - not U.S. born (e.g. African, Caribbean, etc.)
- Black/African American - U.S. born
- Filipino/Filipina
- Latino/Hispanic
- Middle Eastern
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Multi-ethnic (two or more of the above ethnicities)
- Other ethnicity
- Choose not to answer

## If "Multi-ethnic" or "Other ethnicity," list ethnicity/ies

*Character Limit: 100*

**Foster youth status\***

\*\*For those applicants under kinship care, the document you need is the letter of legal guardianship (JV 330.) This is provided when your relatives take official guardianship of the child.

**Choices**

Current foster youth

Former foster youth

Never in foster care

**Do you identify as a first generation college student?\***

First generation college students: students whose parents did not complete a four-year degree.

**Choices**

Yes

No

Choose not to answer

**Are you or have you been a part of a College Access program?\*****Choices**

Yes

No

**If you have been a part of a College Access Program, please state the name below.**

Please enter full name of College Access Program(s).

*Character Limit: 250*