



## San Jose Police Department Chief's Scholarship Program Sponsored by the San Jose Police Foundation

The San Jose Police Foundation and San Jose Police Department in 2018 established a scholarship program to assist qualified San Jose students in their pursuit of higher education. To date, more than \$50,000 has been granted to 12 students.

For 2022, the following scholarship opportunities are available:

### *Chief's Scholarship Award, \$2,500 annually*

Awarded to a San Jose student who has overcome challenges, had exposure to the San Jose Police Department as an offender and/or has been in juvenile detention, but has exhibited an obvious change in behavior and is recommended by a law enforcement professional, social worker or social services or non-profit agency. Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.

### *Karolyn Kirchgessler Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000 one-time*

Karolyn was a dedicated board member with the San Jose Police Foundation and the CEO of Team San Jose, who passed away in 2020. She was an energetic leader, an animal lover and an inspiration to young women and girls. This scholarship will be awarded to a female student leader with a clear interest in leadership and high career aspirations. Requires a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher.

### *William Del Biaggio, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000 one-time*

Bill was a founding member of the San Jose Police Foundation and a longtime business leader who was beloved in San Jose. This scholarship will be awarded to a student with an interest in community service, who takes volunteerism seriously, is rooted in San Jose and is successful academically with a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher.

All applicants must:

- Be a San Jose resident
- Attend high school in San Jose
- Have a demonstrated financial need.

How to apply:

Applicants must send their completed application form and additional materials by email to [sjpf scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sjpf scholarship@gmail.com) by Friday, March 4, 2022 to be considered. Finalist interviews will be conducted during the week of April, 4, 2022. The email subject line should read: Scholarship Program Application. Please include the following:

- Cover Sheet
- Typed responses to the application questions (maximum 3 pages)
- Unofficial high school transcript
- Letter of recommendation (teacher, counselor, supervisor, social worker)
- Proof of financial need (Student Aid Report, FAFSA, tax return or other documentation)



## San Jose Police Foundation Scholarship Application

### COVER SHEET

Please complete the following cover sheet and submit it with the associated application form and all required attachments on or before March 4, 2022. Responses should be typed and the full application, (not including attachments), should be no more than four pages.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social media handle(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years attending school: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous high school(s), if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours do you work each week? \_\_\_\_\_

Which scholarship award are you applying for?

Chief's Scholarship      Karolyn Kirchgessler Memorial Scholarship      William Del Biaggio, Jr. Memorial Scholarship



You are completing the application for the Chief's Scholarship Award.

1. Please list all colleges or universities you have applied to, and note if you've been accepted.
2. The Chief's Scholarship Award will be allocated to a student who has overcome significant challenges and may have made mistakes in the past. Please explain how you fit the criteria.
3. Describe a time when you faced a difficult challenge in your life. How did you handle it? What did you do to overcome that challenge?
4. Please list your most important extracurricular, school and community activities and give a brief description of each activity/program. You may also describe other ways in which you have contributed to your school or community through volunteer service.
5. Please describe a person, community-based group or institution that has had an impact on your development. How has that person or group supported you? What have they taught you?
6. This scholarship award is based in part on financial need. Please describe any circumstances that indicate why you need financial assistance.
7. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about you?



You are completing the application for the Karolyn Kirchgesler Memorial Scholarship.

1. Please list all colleges or universities you have applied to, and note if you've been accepted.
2. Please list your most important extracurricular, school, community and volunteer activities and give a brief description of each activity/program. Include the approximate amount of time you commit to each activity/program.
3. Karolyn had an impressive career and held several positions in leadership. She mentored girls and women and was an inspiration for many younger women who worked with her. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who has high career aspirations and hopes to hold a leadership position one day, something Karolyn would have appreciated. Please explain how you fit the criteria.
4. This scholarship award is based in part on financial need. Please describe any circumstances that indicate why you need financial assistance.
5. Describe a time when you faced a difficult challenge in your life. How did you handle it? What did you do to overcome that challenge?
6. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about you?



You are completing the application for the William Del Biaggio, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

1. Please list all colleges or universities you have applied to, and note if you've been accepted.
2. Please list your most important extracurricular, school, community and volunteer activities and give a brief description of each activity/program. Include the approximate amount of time you commit to each activity/program.
3. Bill held numerous volunteer leadership roles throughout his life and was well known and respected by members of the philanthropic and business community in San Jose. Please describe the ways in which you have contributed to your school or community through volunteer service or other activities. Detail how that work has been meaningful to you and the ways in which it has helped others.
4. This scholarship award is based in part on financial need. Please describe any circumstances that indicate why you need financial assistance.
5. Describe a time when you faced a difficult challenge in your life. How did you handle it? What did you do to overcome that challenge?
6. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about you?