



# Sandpipers

## College/University Scholarship Application

**INSTRUCTIONS—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** To apply for a Sandpipers' Scholarship you must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, have demonstrated financial need, community service activity, live in one of the designated South Bay communities of Southern California, be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen as defined by the U.S. Department of Education, and academic achievement. Because our scholarships are awarded to students in need of financial aid, financial information about your family is necessary to determine your specific needs. Community service is also a weighted factor. **All sections of this application must be completed.** Do not leave any questions blank; use "none" or "not applicable" where necessary. **Leaving questions unanswered and/or failing to supply information listed in the checklist below will disqualify your application.** Please print neatly or type. Neatness, brevity and legibility are desirable. All information is kept strictly confidential. Children and grandchildren of Sandpipers' members are not eligible.

Sandpipers uses a two-step scholarship recipient selection process:

**Step 1: Application Evaluation**—Sandpipers will review your application to determine whether you qualify for a personal interview. You will be notified by mid-March with our decision to interview.

**Step 2: Personal Interview**—If you are selected for an interview, Sandpipers' scholarship committee will meet with you at a South Bay high school or community location for a 20-minute interview. Within one week following the interview you will be notified with our decision. If you are awarded a scholarship, note that the specific scholarship amount is not determined until July/August. Sandpipers' scholarships are paid directly to the college or university as required by the Internal Revenue Service. Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, community and school involvement, and a commitment to personally contribute financially to their education through employment. Those students who continue to demonstrate financial need and maintain good academic standing while in college are eligible for continuing aid through four consecutive years of college.

### Application Package Checklist

Please include the following items with your completed application:

1.  An official high school **transcript**
2.  A complete copy of the most current (this year or last) **Federal tax return** of your supporting parents or guardians, including all schedules and attachments. If you parents do not file taxes, please provide proof of income (e.g., SSI, AFDC, etc.)
3.  A narrative one-page **essay** about you and why you wish to continue your education
4.  **Two** letters of recommendation: One **academic** letter of recommendation from a current teacher **AND** a letter of recommendation from the **community service** organization at which you volunteer (e.g., Key Club, a service club, etc.)
5.  A recent **photograph** of yourself (attach in upper right hand corner of application)
6.  A copy of your **FAFSA** form
7.  If you are not a U.S. citizen, proof of "eligible non-citizen" status as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

### Due Date

Please return your completed application package (application, transcript, tax return, essay, letters of recommendation, photo, FAFSA form, and IRS Tax Return) to your high school advisor or senior counselor **by Friday, February 26, 2010. Applications will not be accepted after February 26, 2010.**

### Student, Parents/Guardians, and High School Advisor/Counselor Signatures

I have checked this form (front, back, and attachments) for omissions and errors. All questions have been answered and all checklist items listed above are included in this application package. To the best of my knowledge, the information reported is complete and correct. Furthermore, I certify that I am a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

Parents' signatures:

Date:

(or Guardian signatures):

Date:

Student signature:

Date:

Student Advisor/Senior Counselor:

Date:

### Keep a Copy of Your Application Package

If you are selected for an interview, you will be asked a variety of questions, regarding your: classes, community service, awards, sports, work experience and, **most importantly**, financial and employment questions about your parents and/or guardians. Sandpipers suggests that you keep a complete copy of your application package and refer back to it before your interview.

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

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a recent photo of  
yourself here.  
Cut to fit in this space.

## Student Information

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex**  Female  Male

Last First Middle

**Home** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State/Zip Phone Email

**School** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of High School Counselor/Advisor Counselor/Advisor phone

**Date and Place of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Number of students in senior class</b> _____	<b>Your rank in class</b> _____	<b>Unweighted GPA</b> _____	<b>Weighted GPA</b> _____		
<b>ACT Total</b> _____	<b>ACT English</b> _____	<b>ACT Math</b> _____	<b>ACT Reading</b> _____	<b>ACT Science</b> _____	<b>ACT Combined English/Writing</b> _____
<b>SAT Total</b> _____	<b>SAT Critical Reading</b> _____	<b>SAT Math</b> _____	<b>SAT Writing</b> _____		

## Student Activities, Awards, Honors and Work Experience

Please describe your experience in each of the areas listed below. Where indicated by asterisk (\*), identify the years you participated and the average number of hours of participation each month. Be sure to identify **leadership positions** you've held and the year's you've held them.

**Community service/volunteer work OUTSIDE of school:\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Clubs and service organizations in high school:\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe one significant experience or something you learned from your volunteer service:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Student government:\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Athletic activities:\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Advance placement/honors classes taken:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors and awards:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment experience, including tutoring, childcare, and non-paying positions** (include average hours per month and average weekly income; please indicate which jobs were non-paying jobs)

Employer and job description	Year(s)	Hours/Month	Paid Job? (check one)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Not Paid
			<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Not Paid
			<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Not Paid
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**Are you presently employed?** (check one)

Yes (Please provide name of employer, hours per week, and weekly earnings)  No (Please explain why you are not working)

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**Special Circumstances** Explain any special family and/or financial circumstances that might have a bearing on your need for a scholarship (such as low income, illness in family, unemployment, etc.):

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### College/University Information

**Colleges/universities to which you have applied**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you been accepted?**

Yes  No  
 Yes  No  
 Yes  No  
 Yes  No

**Estimated budget (income and expenses\*) per year based on attending**  1<sup>st</sup> choice  2<sup>nd</sup> choice  3<sup>rd</sup> choice (check one)

Parent/Student Funds on Hand		Estimated Expenses*	
Parent funds on hand for first year of college	\$	Tuition and Fees*	\$
Student funds on hand for first year of college	\$	Room and Board*	\$
Student summer earnings for first year of college	\$	Books & Supplies*	\$
Other Aid (e.g., grandparents)	\$	Travel Expenses*	\$
Other scholarships/awards received	\$	Other*	\$
<b>Total Funds on Hand</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>

\*Include supporting documentation from the college or university

### Household Occupants Information

**List all children (including yourself) living in your home, including older siblings in college**

Name	Age	Name of school or occupation

**List all other individuals currently living in your home (e.g., grandparents, friends, etc.)**

Name	Age	Relationship to family

## Parent / Guardian Financial Information

### Father, stepfather or male guardian (circle one)

- Check here if you currently live with this parent/guardian  
 Check here if whereabouts unknown  
 Check here if deceased

### Mother, stepmother or female guardian (circle one)

- Check here if you currently live with this parent/guardian  
 Check here if whereabouts unknown  
 Check here if deceased

Name	Name
Address	Address
City / State	City / State
Employer	Employer
Position held	Position held
Years at Position	Years at Position
Annual gross income**	Annual gross income**

\*\*If amount differs significantly from federal tax return, please explain why on last page.

### Parent/Guardian Assets

Please list all major possessions and their current value.

### Monthly Household Expenses

Please list all your major monthly expenses and their **average** cost.

Home(s)/Real Estate <sup>1</sup>	\$Value <sup>2</sup>	Mortgage/Real Estate Loans or Monthly Rent	\$Amount
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
<b>Automobiles</b> (include year, make and model for all cars in the household)		<b>Automobile Loans</b> (list loans for all vehicles in the household)	
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
<b>Savings and Checking Accounts</b> (include the current balance in each account)		<b>Monthly Expenses</b> (include the major recurring monthly expenses)	
	\$	Utilities (gas, electric, water)	\$
	\$	Phone/cell phones	\$
	\$	Credit card bills/installment payments	\$
<b>Other Income and Assets</b> (include child support, retirement, stocks, investments, etc.)		Insurance (life, auto, home, fire, earthquake, etc.)	\$
	\$	Groceries	\$
	\$	Entertainment (movies, rentals, etc.)	\$
	\$	Medical expenses <sup>3</sup>	\$
	\$	Childcare	\$
	\$	Tuition	\$
	\$	Miscellaneous	\$
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>



*Sandpipers is a 100% volunteer organization dedicated to serving the needs of the South Bay Community through charitable and philanthropic programs.*

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This application is available online in Microsoft Word and PDF formats at <http://www.sandpipers.org>

<sup>1</sup> List all homes or other property you are buying or own outright.

<sup>2</sup> List the value of your possessions in this column.

<sup>3</sup> List the cost to you for medical expenses that are not reimbursed by insurance such as premiums, co-pays, eyeglasses, dental work, etc.