



Chamber of Commerce
MOUNTAIN VIEW

19th Annual
Chamber of Commerce Mountain View

“MOST IMPROVED STUDENT”
Scholarship Application

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this award is to encourage, recognize and assist graduating high school seniors who have shown the *most improvement* during their high school years.

THE AWARD:

One award in the amount of \$1,500 will be given to a graduating senior from one of the high schools in the Mountain View/Los Altos School District.

ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Improvement will be the overall criteria. The following major factors will be considered:

- I. **Scholastic Performance** – Applicant has demonstrated *improvement* in his or her grades indicating motivation to pursue college, university or vocational training.
- II. **Goals and Objectives** – Applicant has demonstrated that he or she is developing a sense of purpose in his or her present life as well as for the future.
- III. **Service** – Applicant has shown a willingness to serve his or her school, friends, family or community.
- IV. **Responsibility** – Applicant has demonstrated that he or she is becoming a responsible person.
- V. **Financial Need** – While not a major factor, financial need will be considered in deciding between two equally qualified applicants.
- VI. **Deadline** – Applicant must submit application, two recommendations and transcripts by **Thursday, April 9th, 2010.**

Please type or print clearly.

PERSONAL DATA:

NAME _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME NUMBER _____ CELL NUMBER _____

- I. **SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE:** Please send a copy of your transcript showing grades for all years in high school.

NAME AND LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION _____

NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND:

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (750 words or less)

a) What improvements have you made in your life? How did you make these improvements? What do you feel brought about this change and why was it necessary?

b) What occupation or career do you plan to pursue and why does this occupation or career interest you?

III. SERVICE (250 words or less)

List school or community activities in which you have been involved. Include student government, clubs, church activities, scouting, volunteer work, service activities, etc...

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

a) Employment

1) NAME AND ADDRESS OF CURRENT EMPLOYER:

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT:

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

2) NAME AND ADDRESS OF PREVIOUS EMPLOYER:

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT:

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

b) What motivated you to work? For example, financial reasons, family responsibilities, etc... (100 words or less)

c) What family responsibilities do you have? (100 words or less)

V. HOW WOULD THIS SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT YOU? (500 words or less)

VI. REFERENCES (2 required):

One personal reference each from two different adults (one each, total of two) are required. Please ask two adults who know you well (employer, coach, teacher, neighbor, etc. – no family members) to write a personal reference letter and mail it to CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOUNTAIN VIEW, Attn: Scholarships, 580 Castro St, Mountain View, CA 94041. Please let us know here the names and addresses of the two people who will be sending references:

1. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

2. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AGREEMENT:

I understand that all applications and supporting information, including publicity, become the property of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOUNTAIN VIEW, who shall have discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to this application and the awards. I authorize publicity and use of my name and photographs.

APPLICANT

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The completed application and all references **MUST BE RECEIVED BY** the **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOUNTAIN VIEW BY April 9, 2010**. Winners will be notified by phone by April 14, 2010. Announcement of the winner and presentation of the Scholarship will be made at the Chamber of Commerce Mountain View Big Wig Lunch luncheon on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

Please check all boxes to ensure a completed application has been submitted:

- Completed Application
- Transcripts requested & received by 4/9/2010
- 2 Letters of Recommendation requested & received by 4/9/2010

**Return Completed Application to:
Chamber of Commerce Mountain View
Attn: "Most Improved" Scholarship Program
580 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041**

**Phone: 650.968.8378 Fax: 650.968.5668
Office Hours: M-F, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**