

THALIA MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION for 2016

Application Submission Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2016 at 2:30PM

Dear University City High School Senior:

This \$2,000 Scholarship is offered by Bruce and Kevin Murray via EdUCate!, the non-profit University City Foundation for Public Schools. EdUCate! sponsors many events to benefit Public Education for the 5 schools in the University City area such as "Taste of the Triangle," "Honor a Teacher," "Oktoberfest," "Teacher Wish List," and "Dollar a Day."

This scholarship is offered in memory of our mother, Thalia Murray, who taught for the SD Unified School District for 17 years, including 16 years at Marcy Elementary (now Mission Bay Montessori) in UC. Our mother received an anonymous scholarship that allowed her to start attending a high-quality, 4-year college from which she graduated. That scholarship dramatically increased her options in life. By closely working with a committee comprised of key EdUCate! Board members, our goal is for this Scholarship to help its recipient get a good start at college.

This Scholarship has been awarded since 2005 to one (1) eligible Senior at University City High School in the total amount of \$2,000.00. In the event that we find two outstanding candidates, we reserve the right to split the \$2,000.00 Scholarship into two equal \$1,000.00 Scholarships or else to increase the Scholarship amount.

We have attached a Scholarship application, which is **due by Friday, April 22, 2016 at 2:30PM**. Please complete the application as thoroughly and as accurately as possible. Submit your completed application to:

Ms. Kelsey Bradshaw, Counselor
University City High School, 6949 Genesee Avenue, San Diego, CA 92122

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bradshaw, who can be reached via email at kbradshaw@sandi.net or via phone at 858-457-3040, X224, Monday-Friday, 7AM-3PM.

ELIGIBILITY:

This Scholarship is open to all academically qualified students who have:

1. Attained Senior standing and who will graduate from University City High School in June 2016 with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. **Please include: a) official UCHS 4-year transcript; and b) copy of SAT/ACT scores with this application.**
2. Acceptance and Enrollment (or your written intent to enroll by September 2016) at an accredited 4-year College or University.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. Financial Need.
2. Academic Accomplishments.
3. Community Service and Extracurricular Activities.
4. UC High Teacher, Counselor and/or Administrator Recommendations. Please see Section IV of this application.
5. Two Written Essays of up to 500 words total (2 pages maximum) about 1) "What will this Scholarship mean to me? 2) How do I plan to use these Scholarship funds?" Please see Section V of this application for more details.
6. Interview with our Scholarship committee of all Finalists.

Note: Incomplete Applications will NOT be considered.

The award of this Scholarship is at the sole discretion of the Thalia Murray Scholarship Fund Committee. The Committee's decision is final and is based on reviewing each application in its entirety. Our scholarship recipient will be invited to the UC High School Senior Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6PM in the UC High Gymnasium. Your parents or guardians are also invited.

One-half of the Scholarship amount (\$1,000.00) will be presented to the recipient at the Scholarship and Awards Ceremony. The remaining one-half (\$1,000.00) will be presented at the successful conclusion of the recipient's first Semester or first Quarter at an accredited 4-year college, as defined by:

1. An official Transcript showing not less than 12 units of study for your initial Quarter or 14 units of study for your initial Semester of study.
2. A GPA of not less than 3.0 ("B" average) for the above units of study.
3. Full-time Enrollment for the second Semester or Quarter at the same 4-year college, as shown by an official schedule of classes that the Scholarship recipient will submit with a note to Bruce and Kevin Murray about your experiences at college during your first Semester or your first Quarter.

We wish you a great Senior year, as you prepare to graduate from UC High and to pursue your advanced education.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Kevin Murray on behalf of the
"Thalia Murray Scholarship Fund"

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C. Employment Experience during High School.

Describe what you did, how it has made you who you are, and how it may or may not relate to what you plan to study at your 4-year college or university.

D. Hobbies/Special Interests:

E. Additional info about you that would help the Scholarship Committee regarding your qualifications for this scholarship (i.e., what should we know about you that we did not ask?)

II. Colleges/Universities Information

A. 4-year Colleges/Universities to which you have applied:

B. 4-year Colleges/Universities to which you have been accepted:

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C. Which college/university do you plan to attend? Why?

D. Which college major(s) are you considering? Why?

E. What are your future career plans and goals? Why?

III. GPA/Citizenship Certification and SAT or ACT scores

Please attach your official 4-year Transcript showing that you have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Also, please attach a copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores.

Cumulative GPA: _____

SAT and/or ACT scores: _____

IV. Letters of Recommendation from your Counselor(s), Teacher(s), and/or Administrators at University City High School

V. Essay Questions

Please answer the following Essay Questions on a separate sheet (or sheets) of paper, by using up to 500 words total (i.e., a maximum of 2 single-spaced, typed pages to answer the following 2 Essay Questions).

1. "What will this Scholarship mean to me?"
2. "How do I plan to use these Scholarship funds?"

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Print your Name _____

Signature of Applicant's Parents/Guardians:

Father/Guardian: _____ Date _____

Mother/Guardian: _____ Date _____