



ALAMO
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Scholarships

Northeast Lakeview College Northwest Vista College
Palo Alto College San Antonio College
St. Philip's College



College Connections
Summit & Financial Aid
Training
October 18, 2018

Scholarship Application

- Student completes one web-based application
alamo.edu/foundation/scholarships
- Student is considered for all Foundation Scholarships



2019-2020 Deadlines

- **Opens:**
 - January 7, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.
- **Deadlines:**
 - Priority Deadline: March 31, 2019
 - Final Deadline: September 8, 2019

Application Process

(1) APPLICATION

- Biographical information
- Plan of Study, Educational Status, Academic Plans
- Volunteer/Community Service, Honors/Awards, Military Service, Employment
- 3 Essays
- Additional Questions



(2) FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

(3) TRANSCRIPT



Selection Process

Judging: Reviewed by faculty, staff community members

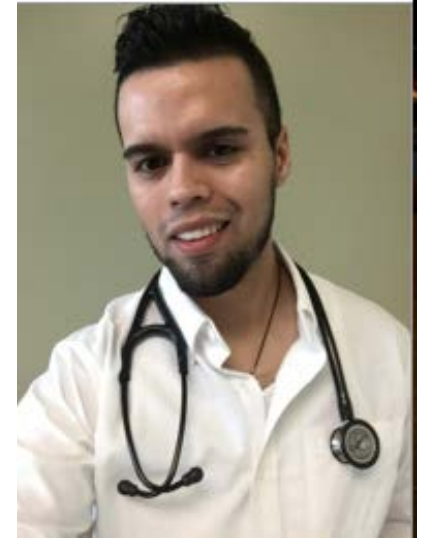
Selection: Scholarship criteria, GPA, enrollment, satisfactory academic progress, Judges score.

Scholarship Offer: Award Letter emailed to student.

Financial Aid: Scholarship sent to financial aid.

Types of Scholarships

- One (1) semester: Fall or Spring
- Two (2) semesters: Fall and Spring
- Four (4) semesters / Two (2) years:
 - Fall, Spring, Fall, Spring
- Transfer



Scholarship Renewal

- Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Maintain scholarship criteria
 - GPA, enrollment (full time or part time), plan of study, other

Scholarship Essays

- Three (3) essay questions on application.
- Each essay is limited to 250 words.
- Essays worth approximately 63% of total application score.

Essay Questions are on scholarship web-site:
alamo.edu/foundation/scholarships

Scholarship Essays

The scholarship application includes the following three (3) essay questions. Answers to each essay question are required and should not be more than 250 words.

- Describe your background and life experiences to include any challenges or successes. Explain how these experiences prompted you to pursue a higher education.
- Describe your educational, career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your field of study/certificate/degree plan/pre-major, why you selected it, and how earning a certificate/degree will help you achieve your goals.
- Explain how receiving a scholarship will help you achieve your goals. From a financial standpoint, explain the impact a scholarship will have on your education.

Scholarship application essays are reviewed by scholarship judges and selection committees. In addition to GPA, volunteerism, leadership, community service, military service, employment, and extracurricular activities, your essay should set you apart and let scholarship judges and committee members know why they should rate your application above all the other applicants.

Essay Writing Tips

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Are the essays important?

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I'm getting a message that says the essay exceeds the word limit...

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HOW CAN YOU HELP???

– **Encourage students to Apply!!!!**

– Apply before deadline

– (3) Essays questions

- On web-site
- Write essays in Word to copy and paste to application

– List extra-curricular, volunteer activities

– If student receives 2+ semester scholarship:

- Must maintain scholarship criteria (enrollment, GPA, plan of study)



Harvey Najim Pathways Scholarship

- For 2019 high school graduates from ISD's:

- East Central
- Edgewood
- Harlandale
- San Antonio
- Somerset
- South San
- Southside
- Southwest

Two years at Alamo Colleges

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Two years at university

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Bachelor's degree in

- Nursing
- Respiratory Care
- Cyber Security
- Computer Info Systems

2-step process: (1) Online Application (2) Harvey Najim Pathways Application

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