



The 826 Valencia Scholarships

Each year, we award four \$10,000 scholarships to college-bound students in the Bay Area:

- * The Young Author's Scholarship
- * The Nathan Jillson Memorial Scholarship
- * The Irving Hochman Memorial Scholarship
- * The Taylor Renfrew Ingham Memorial Scholarship

To be eligible you must:

- * be a high school graduating senior.
- * demonstrate financial need.
- * go to school in the Bay Area.
- * demonstrate intent to enroll in a vocational school, college, or university.

Applicants should also have an extracurricular interest in the written word.

Anyone who meets the above criteria may apply, but preference will be given to students who attend public high schools in San Francisco.

Each scholarship application must be received at 826 Valencia by Friday, March 9, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

2012 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please type all written materials in a legible 12-point font. A complete application contains the following materials (please number each section of your application accordingly and include your first and last name at the top right corner):

1. Please use attached application as the cover sheet for your packet. Also include a list of schools to which you are applying and an explanation of your choices. **Please also add a statement about your past involvement with 826 Valencia if you have had any.**
2. ONE of the two items below:
 - * A copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you have already completed it, OR
 - * A one-paragraph explanation of your financial need. For example, does your family receive any federal benefits such as food stamps, free or reduced price lunch, or temporary assistance for needy families? Please include how you will fund your college education if you do not receive this scholarship.

3. An essay, no more than three pages in length, telling us a bit about yourself. What do you hope to accomplish with your college education? What sets you apart? What are your passions? How will you make an impact on your community or society at large? If you have such an essay already written, you may use it.

4. An original story or essay, of whatever length, describing **your first encounter with a book. This could be your first favorite picture book or the first book you ever read or that was read to you. Tell that story!** This essay will most likely be new material for this application, and it will give us a better idea of how you express yourself through writing.

5. Choose at least one reference, a teacher or mentor, to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. You may include this endorsement along with your application, as long as it is signed and sealed. It may also be sent to us directly from the letter writer.

The following materials are optional:

- * a picture of you with your family
- * additional written work

Send complete application packet to:

826 Valencia—Scholarship Program
826 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

To submit applications via email, please forward all materials to **Raúl J. Alcantar** at **raul@826valencia.org**. Applicants may also drop applications off at 826 Valencia. If you need facilities to type and print your work, 826 Valencia is also available for this purpose.

The final deadline for all 2012 scholarship applications is Friday, March 9.
(Application packets and letters of recommendation must be received at 826 Valencia by 5:00 PM on this day.)

**Questions? Contact Raúl J. Alcantar by email or by phone at: raul@826valencia.org
415.642.5905 x 209**

Last name, First name, Middle name

The name and city of your high school

(____)_____

Home number

(____)_____

Best daytime number

Email address

Home address

Complete name of your reference

To ensure your packet stays together, use the following checklist:

- THIS TOP SHEET
- LIST OF SCHOOLS YOU ARE APPLYING TO
- STATEMENT OF 826 VALENCIA INVOLVEMENT
- COPY OF FAFSA OR ONE-PARAGRAPH OF FINANCIAL NEED
- ESSAY #1
- ESSAY #2: ORIGINAL STORY
- REFERENCE

Optional material:

- PICTURE
- ADDITIONAL WRITTEN WORK