Sigma Alpha of Omega Nu Santa Cruz Scholarship
Application Information, Requirements & Instruction Sheet

Purpose: The Sigma Alpha of Omega Nu Scholarship Program was established in 1957 to assist qualified students who are planning to attend a public California University or College (i.e. any campus of the University of California, California State University system or a California Community College). These scholarships are based on financial need and scholastic achievement.

Award Amounts: Last year we awarded $80,000.00 in scholarships, including 13 renewals. The scholarship amounts ranged from $800.00 to $5,000.00. **This year we will be awarding $86,000**

Eligibility:
- **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** currently enrolled at Aptos, Harbor, Santa Cruz, Soquel, San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley High Schools
- **SENIORS** from Santa Cruz and San Lorenzo Valley Charter Schools
- **CABRILLO COLLEGE STUDENTS** who are graduates of the above local high schools or have been residents of Santa Cruz County for the immediate past five years

General Requirements:
- For high school seniors an overall GPA of 3.2, and/or potential as recommended by a counselor
- For Cabrillo a 3.0 GPA or better
- Students must be in need of financial assistance
- Cabrillo students must be planning to transfer to a CSU or UC campus Fall 2020
- Personal and financial information, including the most recent tax returns
- Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or counselor
- A short biography explaining special circumstances the committee should be aware of when evaluating the application

Application Deadline: Completed applications must be submitted to the school's counseling or scholarship office by **TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020**. Cabrillo College applications should be mailed to: PO BOX 1696, Santa Cruz, CA 95061 by **Tuesday, March 31, 2020**.

Selection Process: The Sigma Alpha of Omega Nu Scholarship Committee will prescreen all applications and the top applicants will be interviewed the first full week of May.

Date of Awards: The Scholarship recipients will be notified in mid May.

General Instructions to all applicants: Our first impression of you will be this application, so complete it thoroughly and carefully. We are interested not only in statistics, but in the candid expression of your ideas. You must include the following:

1. Completed scholarship application including the signed certification statement
2. A copy of the most recent income tax return
3. A letter of recommendation
4. An official transcript
5. A personal statement/essay
6. Picture of yourself