

# Mexican American Educational Guidance Association

## 2020 Scholarship Application

### What is MAEGA?

The Mexican American Educational Guidance Association is a local, nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to helping Mexican Americans and other Latinos attain education beyond high school. We do this by awarding scholarships to qualifying seniors in the San Dieguito Union High School District.

MAEGA Scholarships must be used in 2020-2021 for four-year colleges or universities, two-year and community colleges, or accredited technical/vocational schools. If our funds allow, recipients may apply to renew their MAEGA Scholarships for their sophomore year in college.

### Who is eligible for a 2020 MAEGA scholarship?

These are the eligibility requirements:

1. Students are of Mexican or other Latino heritage.
2. Students might not be able to attend college because of financial need.
3. Students have a 2.0 or higher grade point average.
4. Students will graduate from high school in June 2020, and attend college in 2020-2021.

### Instructions

- Fill out the 2-page application form completely and in your own handwriting; **blue or black ink.**
- Return the completed application packet to the scholarship counselor at your high school on or before Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will not accept applications after that date.
- Your application packet must include the following:
  1. Application form: 2 pages, filled out by you, in your own handwriting. Leave no blanks. If you need more space to continue an answer, please attach an 8.5x11 sheet of lined paper with your handwritten responses.
  2. Short essay: 1-2 typed pages, with your full name on both pages, explaining how you meet the four eligibility requirements listed above. Be sure to be specific about the way in which you qualify in terms of Mexican/Latino heritage. You may also discuss your career goals, what you plan to study, why you want to further your education, your family background, and personal interests.
  3. Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a school counselor or teacher. (Parents and other relatives may not write letters.) It is your responsibility to make sure the two letters are in your application packet by the due date of Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  4. High school transcript including a list of courses you are taking your senior year. This must be the 1 or 2-page transcript you get from your counselor or registrar, not an Aeries printout. It does not have to be an "official" transcript with registrar's signature.
  5. Proof of family income: Copies of your parents'/guardians' 2019 W-2s (wage and tax statements) and/or your parents'/guardians' 2-page income tax return. For security reasons, be sure to draw a thick black line through social security numbers.
- Please note: Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Your packet must include all five things listed above!

### Questions?

For further information, please email Linda Grensted at [scholarships@maega.org](mailto:scholarships@maega.org)



