

empowering the immigrant youths of the San Gabriel Valley.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Do I qualify for the JSKY scholarship if I live in the San Gabriel Valley, but go to school outside of the San Gabriel Valley?

No. Unfortunately, because of our limited resources, we have to limit the scholarship geographically to schools in the San Gabriel Valley. To qualify, you must be a graduating senior attending a high school in the San Gabriel Valley.

2. How do I know if my high school is in the San Gabriel Valley?

The cities that compose the San Gabriel Valley are: Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, Avocado Heights, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Hacienda Heights, City of Industry, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, Rowland Heights, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, and West Covina. If your high school is situated in one of these cities, then you qualify.

3. If I am an undocumented student, may I still apply for the JSKY scholarship?

Yes. The JSKY scholarship is funded by private donors who do not limit their generosity and donations based on immigration status.

4. What if I cannot apply for a Student Aid Report (SAR) because I do not have a social security number?

You should submit a letter explaining why you cannot apply for a SAR. In addition, you should also submit information about your household income as part of your application, such as your parents' occupations and income.

5. Can I reuse my personal statement for college applications as my essay for the JSKY scholarship application?

Yes, but we recommend you tailor your essay to the topics mentioned in the application. Keep in mind that there is a 1,000 word limit. The selection committee will stop reading if your essay goes over the word limit.

6. What do the selection committee look for while reviewing applications?

We look at the following criteria: 1) past community service and commitment to the immigrant community; 2) potential to accomplish future goals and dreams; 3) financial need; 4) character; and 5) overall presentation of application.