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Winter 2021 SMEA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Background Information: The Save Mart Employee Association (SMEA) shares a vision of excellence through leadership. Our mission is to inspire and support the members of SMEA in achieving their goals and reaching their full potential within Save Mart and the community, thereby enhancing our ability for shared success.

In support of achieving these goals, SMEA is awarding up to Fifty (50) college scholarships at the \$500 level to a select number of eligible students who are graduating high school and enrolling in college or who are currently attending college and pursuing a degree.

- * High school students must be seniors in high school. High school students are eligible to receive one (1) scholarship award while in high school which will be disbursed during their first official quarter/ semester in college. If you received a scholarship while in high school, you must wait until you have completed a full quarter/ semester of college to reapply.
- * While in college, students may apply for one scholarship per year and are eligible to receive up to one (1) scholarship per calendar year (pending availability and eligibility). Scholarship awards are valid for the upcoming quarter/ semester of college only. Postponing intended attendance of upcoming quarter/ semester of college may result in the forfeit of a scholarship award.

NOTE: Difficult decisions must be made in selecting students the SMEA Scholarship committee feels will benefit the most from the limited number of scholarships available, and who have the greatest need for financial aid. There are always more applicants than funds available. Thus, not all deserving applicants will receive scholarships.

REQUIREMENTS: An applicant must be enrolled in college or planning to attend college at the beginning of each new school quarter/ semester. All eligible applicants must be a member of SMEA or a dependent family member of a SMEA member. Spouses of SMEA members may also apply. Scholarships are awarded based on the information furnished by the applicant and evaluation by the SMEA Scholarship Committee. A phone interview may be conducted at the discretion of the SMEA Scholarship Committee.

Applicants are **REQUIRED** to submit **ALL** of the following:

- SMEA Scholarship Application (complete and full information **MUST BE PROVIDED** when submitted).
- Students must carry a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- Current official transcript must be provided. (Unofficial transcript will be accepted for the application but if you are awarded a scholarship you must submit an ***official transcript*** before your scholarship award will be sent).
- Students must be currently enrolled in college courses and provide proof of enrollment to receive their award.
- Current letter of recommendation by an instructor, advisor, employer, etc.
- An essay: two pages (maximum) double-spaced, 12-point font. See topics inside application.
- **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Completed application must be post-marked no later than Monday, February 1, 2021

Mail Completed Application to:

Save Mart Employee Association
2937 Veneman Ave, Ste. A115
Modesto, CA 95356



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Before completing this application, please be sure to read the cover page for all requirements. Please submit the ***completed*** application with all necessary supporting documents as early as possible. The application must be post-marked no later than **Monday, February 1, 2021.**

Important: *Please write your name on all papers submitted.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK ALL INFORMATION.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

NAME: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail Address _____

MAILING ADDRESS: Street/Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

SCHOOL DATA (REQUIRED)

Students must include official or unofficial school transcript showing cumulative GPA. (See cover pg.)

Name of School _____ Graduation Date _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Grade Level _____

Major or field of Study (*include current, intended, or undeclared*):

If in high school, please provide the name(s) of school(s) the applicant is applying to, or planning to attend. If selected, the recipient must supply proof of enrollment and student identification number in order to process award.

Name of School _____

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL)

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past **two** years (e.g., student government, community activities, sports, band, etc.)

_____	Dates _____	Hours/Week _____
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_____	Dates _____	Hours/Week _____
_____	Dates _____	Hours/Week _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

If you're a dependent (age 23 or under), what is the approximate combined annual household income of your parents (**required - must be supplied and accurate**): \$ _____

If you're older than 23, what is your CURRENT approximate annual household income? \$ _____

Are your parents: Married Divorced Separated Other: _____

List your **work** experience(s) during the past **two** years. Indicate dates and hours worked.

_____	Dates _____	Hours/Week _____
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SMEA MEMBER INFORMATION (REQUIRED) *(must include Employee ID #)*

Is the applicant a SMEA member: Yes No

If you are the SMEA member, please provide your Employee ID # (required): _____

If you're not the SMEA member, what is your relationship to the member: _____

Please provide the SMEA members Employee ID # (required): _____

Are you a dependent of the SMEA member? Yes No

Can the SMEA member claim you on their tax returns? Yes No



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Household Information: (REQUIRED) List the names of your dependent household family members in the chart below. If you are a dependent, include siblings, parents and others your parents support. If you are not dependent of your parents, include your spouse, children, or others you support.

Household Dependent Family Info			
Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	College Student/High School Student

***NOTE: Both SMEA members and their dependents are eligible to apply for a SMEA Scholarship.**

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS (OPTIONAL)

Check here if you are in a “special needs program” or “individualized education program”
If you checked this box, please explain your current educational program below:

Check here if you have unique and special circumstances to consider for a GPA under 3.0
If you checked this box, please explain your unique and special circumstances below:



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ESSAY TOPICS (REQUIRED)

Select one of the following essay topics:

Submit a 500-word essay using double-spaced, 12-point font with 1-inch page margins (two-page max).

1. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

or

2. Describe a topic, idea, or concept that you find so engaging it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

CERTIFICATION (REQUIRED)

By signing below, I acknowledge that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by SMEA, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this application. I realize that if I am unable to give proof when asked, I will not be considered for a scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian is needed if applicant is a minor (under age 18).

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

This application for a scholarship becomes complete and valid only when you return the completed and signed scholarship application, a current transcript, a letter of recommendation, and a typed essay. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Scholarship applications received become the property of SMEA.

Application deadline is **Monday, February 1, 2021.** Only selected recipients will be notified.

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SMEA Scholarship Application Checklist*:

- Completed SMEA Scholarship Application (all applicable information is provided)
- Copy of current official transcript showing cumulative GPA (unofficial transcript will be accepted for the application but if you are awarded a scholarship you **must** submit an **official transcript** before your scholarship award will be sent).
- Copy of current official proof of registration showing status (scholarship recipients will be asked to provide proof of college enrollment along with a valid student identification number in order to process awards).
- Current letter of recommendation by an instructor, advisor, employer, etc.
- A 500-word essay: two pages (max) double-spaced, 12-point font

* All documentation provided must be true and accurate. Scholarships may be revoked or returned if any information is found to be falsely reported on the application or to the Scholarship Committee.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.