

**San Francisco State University
Alumni Scholarship Association
2009 Elmira Sanderson Freshmen Scholarship Application**

The Elmira Sanderson scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior, currently attending a San Francisco public high school, who comes from an educationally or environmentally disadvantaged background, and who plans to enroll full-time as a freshman (12 units) at San Francisco State University for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Scholarship Specifics: Two to four students will receive \$1,000 scholarships.

Return Application to:

**Alumni Association
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue ADMIN. BLDG./RM. 153
San Francisco, Ca 94132**

Filing Deadline: Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

Process:

Completed applications that meet all of the criteria and are received or postmarked by the April 2nd deadline will be reviewed by the Alumni Association's scholarship committee. The award is based upon both merit and need. Finalists will have a brief telephone interview with an Alumni Association Board member in mid-May. Students selected to receive scholarships will be notified by the end of May 2009. Students not selected will be notified in early June.

About the donor:

The late Elmira Sanderson attended San Francisco State College (now University) earning her BA in 1937, and her MA in Education in 1950. She worked in a San Francisco elementary school as a Special Education teacher. She retired in 1971 and became the principal of the Shriner's Hospital. She loved children and teaching. The Sanderson scholarship is funded through her generous endowment for incoming freshmen.

Note: All information gathered in this process will become the property of the Alumni Scholarship Association, will be kept confidential, and will be used by the Scholarship Committee only in order to evaluate applicants.

Eligibility Requirements for the Elmira Sanderson Scholarship:

1. Is currently a high school senior, attending a San Francisco Public High School.
2. Has a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.75 for the junior and senior high school years.
3. Must enroll at San Francisco State University as a full-time student with at least 12 units for the Fall 2009 semester.
4. Write a personal statement (typed, double-spaced, maximum three pages) about your career goals, your involvement with high school or community service, your personal and/or academic accomplishments, any educational or economic challenges you face in meeting your college goals, and any other pertinent information.
5. Attach one letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope from your high school counselor or teacher that addresses your potential for success in college, personal character, attitude, leadership skills, and challenges in meeting goals.
6. Enclose an official copy of your high school academic transcript of your junior and senior years in a sealed envelope.

Submit or mail all of following to the SFSU Alumni Scholarship Association by Thursday, April 2, 2009:

- this sheet
- your personal statement
- your official transcript of junior and senior grades
- your letter of recommendation (in an envelope sealed by the recommender)

Applicant: (type or print in dark ink)

Full name _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____
Telephone Number (_____) _____ - _____
E-Mail address (if you have one) _____
Student ID # _____
Name of High School _____
Current High School Cumulative Grade Point Average for your Junior & Senior Years _____

I understand the eligibility requirements and I meet all of them. I also understand that in order to receive the Sanderson scholarship, I must pass my final senior semester in high school maintaining my overall cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75.

Your signature _____ Date _____

Note: Students may not concurrently receive both the Sanderson scholarship and the S.F.S.U. Presidential Scholarship. Applying for both is permissible.