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# THE JERRY GAINES Scholarship Application

Application Deadline - April 10, 2026

Read and follow the instructions carefully prior to submitting your application. All winners will be notified on or before April 24.

If selected, you will be asked for documentation to support the data you provide. Likewise, all correspondence and award agreements will be generated from the personal information submitted below. So, please use proper spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

**Note:** To receive scholarship funds, recipients must be a member of South Bay Credit Union with an open and active share account. If the recipient is not already a member at the time of award notification, they will be required to establish membership and open a share account prior to disbursement of funds. Failure to establish membership prior to the check presentation will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Individuals who have previously received this scholarship are not eligible to apply.

## I. Personal Data

Tell us about yourself

**Full Name \***

First Name

Last Name

**Mobile No \***

**Email \***

## Home Address \*

Where the confirmation will be send to  
Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

## Last 4 of the South Bay Credit Union membership number you are associated with \*

Your personal, parent, or guardians account is acceptable

## Please check your status at the time of application.

I will be an incoming freshman graduating high school prior to 2027

I have attended college but have less than 32 college credit hours

I have attended college but have at least 32 or more college credit hours

I am a GED graduate with no college credit hours

Other

## Are you a first generation college student?

Yes, I am the first among my parents or grandparents to attend college.

No, either my parents or grandparents have attended college.

## Major Area of Study

Please indicate what is your major are of study

**What is your career objective?**

0/300

**Have you submitted an application for admission?**

Yes

No

## **II. High School Information**

**Are you or will you be a 2026 high school graduate?**

Yes

No

**High School Attended**

**Year of High School Graduation or GED**

**Most recent cumulative GPA**

**High School activities, community activities, volunteer work, honors, offices held**

## **III. For Students Currently Enrolled at a College/University**

**Approximate credit hours completed by June 2026**

**Current GPA**

**School activities, honors, offices held, etc.**

#### **IV. Extras**

Please check each of the qualifiers below that apply to you. Please note, if you are awarded a scholarship based on any of these qualifiers, you will be asked to produce documentation verifying your unique eligibility.

**Have you ever received a scholarship with South Bay Credit Union in the past?**

Yes

No

**What type of degree are you working toward?**

Associate's Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Trade Certification

Master's Degree

Other

**Will you be working while attending school?**

Yes

No

**If so, will you work**

Full-time

Part-time

#### **V. Essay**

Your essay should be 300-500 words. You should address in your essay: your college goals and choice of major, what you intend to do with your education, and why a scholarship is important to you. Include any academic and non-academic accomplishments, personal characteristics, or experiences that make you

uniquely worthy of scholarship consideration.

## **VI. Letters of Recommendation**

## **VII. Applicant's E-Signature**

By signing the space below, you are certifying that all information is correct and that you are the person completing this application. When you press the submit button, you will receive an email confirmation that your application was received. Please print for your records and retain as verification of your application.

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