Wrightwood Sustainability Through Education Scholarship (WSES)
One Town, Inc, Scholarship Application

Synopsis:
    Applicant must exhibit a desire to work in a field that will contribute to the sustainability, longevity and health of San Bernardino County and if possible the town of Wrightwood and surrounding areas. A commitment to returning to work in San Bernardino County and or improving conditions in SB County either directly or indirectly is a requirement. A commitment to the Wrightwood area is especially desirable.

Applicable fields:
    All sciences, technology, health-related occupations and majors. Humanities may be an acceptable major, if it can be demonstrated as a means to improving conditions in S.B. County.

Minimum GPA:
    3.0. A GPA below 3.0 must be explained in the personal essay or as part of the "special considerations" section.

Special considerations:
    Minorities in California, women, financial hardship, those who have worked while in school and those from one parent or no parent homes are taken into consideration.

Availability:
    Scholarships available year to year based on available funds. The opening of the scholarships will be announced approximately 1 month prior to the application submission deadline.

Scholarship Application Deadline
The 2014/15 scholarship application must be received by February 22 and September 1 for a given year, 11:59PM PT. Please email your submission to info@onetownatatime.org . Please do not call to follow up on your request. Applications received after February 22 or September 1 will not be considered.

If you would like to mail, rather than email your application, you may mail it to:
    One Town at a Time
    Scholarship Committee
    PO Box 1976
    Wrightwood, CA 92397

Scholarship Application Eligibility
The following requirements apply for Scholarship eligibility consideration:
1)Applicants must be or have been a resident in the zip code 92397.
2)Applicants must be currently accepted by or enrolled in a nationally recognized or regionally accredited institution of higher education or a vocational school.
3)Applicants must plan to attend school on a full-time basis as defined by the educational institution in which the applicant is enrolled or accepted. Applicants are eligible for a scholarship for any academic or vocational session.

Scholarship Application Procedures
Applicants should send all requested information in one package. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. A complete application must

include the following items:
1) Scholarship Program Application.
2)A signed and dated personal essay, no longer than two double-spaced pages, (800 word maximum) describing your future collegial goals, your commitment to development of a related field in San Bernardino County and your route for achieving these goals. If you have questions, you may look at our website for our FAQ page or send us an email if your question is not answered on the website.
2) Most current official High School or college transcripts (whichever is applicable) and proof of enrollment or acceptance to the program for which you are making scholarship application.
3) Two (2) signed and dated Letters of Recommendation, written within six months of submission. In order to give fair and equal consideration to all applicants, the Scholarship Committee has determined that the two required letters of recommendation must be from individuals that are not direct family members of the applicant and must be current (written within six months of submission). An individual who knows the applicant's scholastic ability such as a present or former faculty member or employer must write one letter of recommendation. The following sources may write the other letter of recommendation: a faculty member, an employer or an individual who knows the applicant well such as a clergyman, priest, doctor or elder in the applicant's community.
4) The applicant may wish to include newspaper articles and other materials concerning honors received and activities that the applicant has participated in during the past three years.
5) Applicant must submit complete address of the Financial Aid Office of and proof of acceptance and or enrollment from the Institution they will be attending or that they have applied to. Note we may require that funds be paid to the institutions involved.

Scholarship Review Process & Scoring System

The Scholarship Committee is comprised of three members – Board members of One Town, Inc. The Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and selects the recipients of the scholarship awards based on their assessment at the time of whether the expenditure of scholarship funds is of a higher priority than other initiatives of the foundation.

The following are six categories from which applicants will be evaluated. Applications may earn a total of 80 points, of which special considerations will be weighted the most heavily:
1) Grade Point Average (10) 2) Essay (10) 3) Educational Goals (10) 4) Letters of Recommendation (10) 5) Financial Need (10) 6) Achievements, Activities, Responsibilities (10) 7)Special Considerations (20)

Successful Applicant/Recipient Responsibilities

Applicants and recipients are responsible for the following:
1) Informing One Town,Inc. regarding any address changes and getting us in contact with the institution to be attended, if applicable, so we can do the funding.
2) Maintaining a current academic standing, generally 3.0 GPA or better or a satisfactory grade. Recipients are required to mail current official transcripts to this office at the end of each academic period (quarter, semester or vocational session).
3) Recipients are required to attend school on a full-time basis, as defined by the institution in which enrolled.
4) To avoid forfeiture of the scholarship if a multi year grant, the recipient must attend school during the periods specified in the application.