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## Scholarship Foundation Will Begin Accepting Applications on October 15

Santa Barbara, CA — The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara will begin accepting applications for the 2019-2020 academic year on Monday, October 15. Eligibility requirements and application instructions are available online at <a href="https://www.sbscholarship.org">www.sbscholarship.org</a>.

The Scholarship Foundation reviewed 3,411 applications during its recently concluded scholarship awards cycle. In May, the organization awarded \$8.32 million in scholarships to 2,620 Santa Barbara County students. Scholarship awards for undergraduates at four-year schools averaged \$3,124; graduate student awards (excluding those for medical school) averaged \$3,746. The Scholarship Foundation also supports students pursuing vocational training. Eligible students can receive five years of undergraduate funding and four years of medical/graduate-level funding. The primary criteria for award selection are financial need, achievement, and motivation.

"I encourage Santa Barbara County students to begin the application process on October 15 or soon thereafter, as they may have questions or otherwise require assistance. Remember, not all applicants will receive aid. Last year we turned away 640 eligible applicants. Good luck to this year's applicants!" said Tosha Lewis, director of programs and evaluation at the Scholarship Foundation.

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara is the nation's largest community-based provider of college scholarships, having cumulatively awarded in excess of \$108 million to more than 50,000 county students since its founding in 1962. A nonprofit organization, the Scholarship Foundation also provides free financial aid advising services. For additional information, visit <a href="www.sbscholarship.org">www.sbscholarship.org</a>.

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