

SGMC Scholarship Application for the SCUSD

* The scholarship will be **district managed**.

* The scholarship will * be entitled **The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus Student Scholarship**.

History - The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus was founded in 1984 as a singing group that aimed to foster a sense of community and provide support specifically for gay men in the Sacramento area.

Over the years, through musical performance and outreach programs, the chorus has grown to become an integral part of the Sacramento music community, as well as a voice for the wide scope of LGBTQ+ folks in the greater Sacramento area. With that voice, SGMC has confronted intolerance and bigotry by providing a positive experience of the Queer Community.

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus strives to create a fun environment for LGBTQ+ folks and allies who enjoy making music together. The chorus has grown to one hundred members and is focused on both musical excellence and dynamic choralography. The SGMC season begins in August and ends in July. During the year, the chorus puts on several staged concerts and sings at numerous community benefit events. Watch our website for information on our Holiday Shows and Spring Concerts!

- The amount of the scholarship will be **one scholarship for \$1,500**.
- The Scholarship will be a **perpetual award**.
- **A Senior who was active in the performing arts at any high school in the SCUSD, and who identifies within the LGBTQIA2+ community.**
- **Applicant's high school transcript must show an overall cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher: nothing below a "C" in a high school where 4.0 is the top grade.**
- **No preference** on what colleges the student must attend.

- **SGMC would like to make a presentation at the high school's award assembly.** The President and Artistic Director of SGMC will present.
- **The Standard Application and Requirements apply.**
- **APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS:**
- **Any student who meets the stated qualifications must complete an online application. The completed application must be accompanied by the following documents:**
 - **1. Student Essay - (essay must be typed in the appropriate box on the application, must be 750 words or less and must include the following):**
 - Describe your educational and vocational goals (short-term and long-term)
 - How you plan to use the scholarship funds
 - **2. Two Letters of Recommendation (MUST INCLUDE):**
 - One from a teacher or administrator at the student's high school; and
 - One from outside the school (i.e. employer, pastor, youth leader, or community leader)
 - **3. Transcript:**
 - An unofficial transcript of student's high school record, including the first semester of your senior year.
 - **4. College Enrollment:**
 - Verification of acceptance to a California college, or acknowledgement by the college that the process is underway.
- **The application enrollment period will begin Monday, January 5, 2025, and run through Friday, April 10, 2026.**
- **SGMC wants SCUSD to manage all funds.**