

# "Santa Visits Alviso"

A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Foundation  
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*Serving Alviso Since 1983*



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Honorary Scholarships

## Mission Statement

The "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation is dedicated to bringing Christmas to the youth of Alviso. We work closely in partnership with the Alviso Community, Alviso Library and the City of San Jose to promote education and community activism. We also provide the community with a scholarship program to support the youth of Alviso so that they may take their rightful place among the best and the brightest in our nation.

## History of the Foundation

The "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation had its humble beginnings in 1983. The goal was to bring Christmas to the families of Alviso that were displaced by the flood that devastated Alviso. Initially candy canes and hot chocolate were provided by Santa to families that otherwise might have not had a Christmas. The program has continued to grow over the years and today the Christmas program serves several hundred people each year from the Alviso community and beyond.

## Not for Profit Foundation

The "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation is an all volunteer organization that provides educational gifts along with the joy and spirit of Christmas to hundreds of youngsters ranging from toddlers to teens. This is due to the generosity of time, talent and monetary donations of those who wish to share in this people-helping-children concept that enriches both the givers and the receivers. We are active all year and along with our Christmas program we also fund many other events organized by the Alviso Library and the Alviso Youth Center.

## Scholarship Information

The following pages contain the Scholarship requirements and the application. Please read all instructions carefully and complete the application to the best of your ability. Do not be afraid to ask for help in completing the application. We are here to help you succeed.

**"Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation** rev 6-22-2011

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## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants are preferred to be residents of Alviso although the Foundation's Board of Directors reserves the right of final approval as to eligibility.

For a complete application the following items must be submitted:

- 1) Scholarship Application  
Be sure to complete all questions. Do not leave any blank spaces.  
Do not be afraid to ask for help.
- 2) Essay  
Briefly explain your goals and aspirations. Do you want to go to college, vocational school or technical training? Why do you want this Scholarship? What do you hope to accomplish?
- 3) Letters of Recommendation Forms  
Have 2 people fill out the Letter of Recommendation form. They should know you and your academic and social contributions. They must be filled out and sealed in an envelope by the person making the recommendation.
- 4) Commitment to Community Service  
All applicants must affirm their commitment to Public Service in the Community of Alviso.

When all items are completed they must be submitted together and mailed to "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation, P.O. Box 1012, Alviso, CA 95002. Incomplete submissions cannot be considered. Please note: No submissions will be returned.

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## Board of Directors Review

After all submissions have been received The Board of Directors will consider all applications and may request additional information from any applicant to clarify any part of any application.

## Oral Presentations

The Board of Directors will invite all finalists to make an oral presentation. The oral presentation should include your goals and aspirations. It should also include your plans for contribution to the Community of Alviso.

## Scholarship Amounts

There will be Scholarships and several small grants from \$250.00 up to \$2500.00. Any other requested amounts will be considered by the Board of Directors.

## Scholarship Recipients

All Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing of the Board of Directors decision. All decisions are at the discretion of the Board of Directors and are final. All scholarship monies will be paid directly to the educational institution rather than directly to the scholarship recipient.

The "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation Board of Directors looks forward to your submission and wishes you the best in your endeavors.

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Scholarship Application

Please print clearly and do not leave any blank spaces.  
Use additional pages of paper if necessary.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Current Year GPA \_\_\_\_\_

List ALL residents of your household including your parents, spouse, children, and relatives.

Name	Age	Relationship

Do you work? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, How many hours per week. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

What institution do you plan to attend and what will you be studying?

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Last	First	Initial
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List the names of all schools attended:

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Dates of Attendance</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List all hobbies, activities, clubs, community involvement and any other interests.

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All information I have provided in this scholarship and/or grant application is true and correct.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant – Print Name and Sign

If applicant is under the age of 18 years a parent or guardian must sign below

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian – Print Name and Sign

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Goals and Aspirations Essay



The “Santa Visits Alviso” Foundation requires all applicants to submit an essay as part of their Scholarship and/or Grant application. The purpose of this essay is for you to describe yourself in your own words. This essay is a way for the “Santa Visits Alviso” Foundation to get to know you, your thoughts, goals and aspirations.

Include in the essay what type of education you are pursuing. Is it vocational, technical training or a general education degree? Describe what you would like to do once your training is complete. In what ways have you or do you intend to benefit the Community of Alviso?

If you are currently receiving a scholarship from the Santa Visits Alviso Foundation your essay must include a description of your Alviso Community Activities and how you are fulfilling your goal to support the Community of Alviso.

The essay must be double spaced and typed. If you are having problems with the essay then ask someone for help. Please remember that this essay is yours and it needs to be in your own words.

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Letter of Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Dear Sir or Madam,

The above named Applicant has requested a Letter of Recommendation from you. The Foundation requests a fair and reasonable evaluation of the Applicants achievements both Academic and Social. We are interested in all facets of their personalities including challenges and achievements. If you do not wish to make a Letter of Recommendation please notify the Applicant as soon as possible so they may choose another person.

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The Applicant needs to mail his completed application, including this Letter of Recommendation, and we appreciate your timely cooperation. When your Letter of Recommendation is complete please sign this form and your letter and then seal both in an envelope. Please sign across seal on the outside of the envelope and return it to the Applicant.

The "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation appreciates your time and looks forward to your honest evaluation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Evaluator Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Evaluator Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Commitment to Community Service



The "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation is dedicated to helping the Community of Alviso. Any recipient of the Grants and/or Scholarships given by the "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation will be expected to contribute time and effort to the Community of Alviso.

Volunteering your time is how the Community of Alviso will continue to grow and improve so every child can achieve his/her dreams. Therefore all applicants must sign the affirmation below and certify their pledge to the Community of Alviso.

## Commitment to Community Service Pledge

I pledge if I receive a Scholarship and/or Grant from the "Santa Visits Alviso" Foundation that I will do the following,

- 1) Do my best to improve my life and the life of those around me.
- 2) I will perform at least 30 hours of community service benefiting the Community of Alviso for each year I receive a Grant and/or Scholarship.
- 3) After I complete my education I will continue to support the Community of Alviso to the best of my ability.
- 4) I will represent the Alviso Community in a respectful and honorable manner.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant – Print Name and Sign

If applicant is under the age of 18 years, a parent or guardian must sign below.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian – Print Name and Sign