

The University of Silicon Valley High School Seniors of Distinction Grant Program is designed to provide tuition assistance to eligible early high school graduates with demonstrated academic merit. It is available to students who have graduated high school ahead of their normally scheduled graduation date and are enrolled to start in Spring, Mid-Spring or Summer. The criteria have been designed to give the Grant Selection Committee maximum flexibility in awarding the grant. Recipients will be selected without regard to race, color, sex, creed, religious preference, age, national origin, disability or any other legally protected status.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

This grant program is available to accepted applicants and currently enrolled students who meet the admissions requirements for the University of Silicon Valley. Additionally, applicants must meet all of the stated criteria outlined below to be eligible to apply.

To be awarded the grant, students must:

- Be a US citizen, eligible non-citizen, or DACA student;
- Be accepted or enrolled at the University of Silicon Valley;
- Be enrolled with full-time status of 12 credits or more per term;
- Demonstrate satisfactory academic progress by having a cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.0 or higher;
- Have graduated high school earlier than their normally scheduled graduation date;
- Provide acceptable documentation to verify high school graduation status;
- Complete a Grant Application; and
- Submit a 200-word (minimum) essay on why you are a good candidate for an institutional grant or grant.
  - The essay must conform to basic academic standards, including proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation, and should be typed (printed), double-spaced, with 1-inch margins. All essays must be signed by the applicant.

**Awarding Process and Rules**

- Applicants must be a US citizen, eligible non-citizen, or DACA student. International students are ineligible.
- Each applicant must complete a Grant Application.
- All eligible applications will be reviewed by the Grant Committee for completeness and accuracy of all information provided.
- Students who apply and meet all requirements will be considered for this grant.
- Of those viable applications, the awards will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis; and approved recipients will be awarded during the financial aid packaging process.
- Grants will be applied as a credit against tuition and will not be issued to the student in the form of cash.
- Grants are not transferable.
- This grant may be used in conjunction with other institutional scholarship and/or grant programs but cannot exceed the direct educational program costs.
- A maximum of two additional grants will be awarded to eligible students and grants awarded will be based on the grants that are most beneficial to the student.
- This grant is nonrenewable and is for the first academic year only.
- Grant award amount will not exceed \$1,000 per term.
- Awards are for the first academic year for a maximum of \$2,000 (2 terms).

*All grant amounts are calculated based on eligible criteria and are determined by established guidelines. Funding for this program is limited, therefore the University of Silicon Valley reserves the right to modify or cancel a grant program at any time at its discretion. However, all grants that have been awarded will be honored provided the student has met the eligibility criteria.*

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF DISTINCTION GRANT APPLICATION

Student's Name:	Student ID #:
Phone Number:	Email Address:
Program of Study:	Start Date:
Date Completed High School:	Scheduled Graduation Date:

### Qualification Questions

Please answer the questions below to determine your eligibility for this grant:

- [    ] Yes    [    ] No    Are you currently accepted or enrolled at the University of Silicon Valley?
- [    ] Yes    [    ] No    Are you enrolled for full-time status (12+ credits/trimester)?
- [    ] Yes    [    ] No    Are you a US citizen, eligible non-citizen, or DACA student?
- [    ] Yes    [    ] No    Have you completed high school ahead of your normally scheduled graduation date.
- [    ] Yes    [    ] No    Are you starting USV in a Spring, Mid-Spring, or Summer term?

### Agreement and Signature

I understand that in order to be eligible for this grant, I must meet the admissions requirements for the program for which I am enrolled, as well as all of the criteria outlined by the grant program by having graduated earlier than my normally scheduled graduation date. I understand that I must be enrolled full-time for 12 or more credits per trimester and must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress with a CGPA of 2.0 or higher. By submitting this request form, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am awarded this grant, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me may result in revocation of this award and could result in my dismissal from the university.

Signature:	Date:
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### Grant Information and Policy

Any student meeting the grant criteria may apply. Students must complete this application and submit it to the Scholarship/Grant Selection Committee to be considered. Of the requests received, each will be reviewed for completeness and accuracy of all information provided. Of those eligible requests, the awards will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis; and approved recipients will be awarded during the financial aid packaging process. Grants are based on demonstrated academic merit and based on information contained in the student's high school transcript. The grant award amount will not exceed \$1,000 per term. If approved, the grant will be applied as a credit against tuition and will not be issued to the student in the form of cash. This grant may be used in conjunction with other institutional scholarship or grant programs but cannot exceed the direct educational program costs. A maximum of two other institutional scholarships or grants may be awarded to eligible students and scholarships/grants awarded will be based on those that are most beneficial to the student. This grant is not transferable or renewable; however, it is for the first academic year only. Grant eligibility maximum term limit cannot exceed 2 terms.

### School Official's Section

#### Attachments / Eligibility Documents Received:

[    ] Essay                      [    ] HS Transcript

Term	CGPA	Credits	Amount	Employee's Signature	Date