

# Ose Family Community Service Award

## Eligibility and Guidelines

The purpose of the Ose Family Community Service Award is to encourage, promote and establish a culture of sustained volunteerism and community service in each of the public high schools in the Elk Grove, San Juan and Folsom Cordova Unified School Districts.

The Ose Family Community Service Award rewards one outstanding, college bound, high school senior at each of the public high schools in the Elk Grove, San Juan and Folsom Cordova Unified School Districts. Each student receiving the award will 1) have demonstrated outstanding and sustained community service by volunteering at one or more local non-profit organizations in the Sacramento region during their sophomore, junior and senior years, and 2) exemplify good character and citizenship.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

To be eligible each student must:

- Be a senior at a public high school in the Elk Grove, San Juan or Folsom Cordova Unified School Districts;
- Demonstrate outstanding and sustained commitment to community service to one or more local non-profit organizations in the Sacramento region during their sophomore, junior and senior years of high school;
  - “Sustained” commitment is defined as a continuous level of volunteer service to one or more local non-profit organizations for one or more years;
  - “Sustained” volunteerism is not defined as participation in non-profit fundraising events or one-time volunteer opportunities such as church mission trips;
  - Preference is given to students who demonstrate a commitment to volunteer service throughout their sophomore, junior and senior years.
- Be accepted and plan to attend an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university in the year following high school graduation;
- Have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA;
- Demonstrate good character and citizenship; and
- Complete and submit the application form, including at least one letter of recommendation on the letterhead of a non-profit organization the student volunteered for and the student’s official high school transcript.

### **Amount of Award**

The award is \$1,000 per student. The funds must be used to cover tuition, fees or books at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university.

### **Selection**

Each high school will identify its candidates and select one award recipient after evaluating all candidates against the eligibility criteria.

### **Award Payment**

The funding for the award payment will be granted annually from the Ose Family Fund at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation to each participating high school before an award recipient is selected.

After the school selects the award recipient, the award payment will be made by the high school to the student's accredited 2-year or 4-year institution of choice.

In order to receive the award payment the student must submit proof of enrollment in a minimum of nine (9) units per quarter/semester at their institution of choice to their high school by December 31, 2020.

### **Grant Agreement and Process**

1. High school agrees to select an award recipient each year based on the Ose Family Community Service Award eligibility requirements.
2. High school principal agrees to receive, review and sign the grant agreement each year and to provide additional contact information (if applicable) to the Sacramento Region Community Foundation on behalf the Ose Family Community Service Award by Friday, February 28, 2020. A signed agreement will be returned to the Ose Family Community Service Award care of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.
3. The Sacramento Region Community Foundation agrees to grant the award check on behalf of the Ose Family Community Service Award to the high school within two (2) weeks after receiving the signed copy of the agreement.
4. High school agrees to present the award each year at a school sponsored awards ceremony. In certain circumstances, a member of the Ose family may request to present the award. If you would like to request a member of the Ose family to present the award, please notify the Sacramento Region Community Foundation of the award ceremony date and the person to contact.
5. Within six (6) months of graduation and no later than December 31, 2020 award recipient submits to the high school proof of enrollment at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university with proof of enrollment in at least nine (9) quarter or semester units.
6. High school agrees to pay the \$1,000 award to the institution the student will attend. The award payment letter (sample provided by Sacramento Region Community Foundation attached) must accompany the award.
7. High school agrees to send an acknowledgement letter to the Ose Family Community Service Award care of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation within thirty (30) days of the award claim. The letter must include the name of the award recipient, the name of the college or university he or she will attend, verification that the student claimed the award check and that the check was paid to the college or university and a brief description of the awardee's community service.
8. High school agrees to refund any portion of the grant funds not expended in accordance with the terms of the award to the Sacramento Region Community Foundation for the benefit of the Ose Family Community Service Award.
9. Student, families and faculty are invited to come to an awards reception at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation hosted by the Ose family and the Foundation in May 2020.