SBHS Always a Don Scholarship For college entry Fall 2027

We are so pleased that you are applying for an SBHS "Always a Don" Alumni Association scholarship! **This scholarship is for SBHS alumni who have already graduated from high school.**

All application materials are due by Sunday, January 31, 2027 at midnight. No late applications will be accepted.

Requirements:

1. Must have attended SBHS for at least 4 semesters.
2. Attach transcript (unofficial is acceptable) from last school attended.
    a. GPA of 2.5 or above (unweighted) for courses within the last 5 years.
    b. Transcript may be waived if school last attended more than 5 years ago.
3. Attach a scan or photo of your FAFSA or California DREAM Act Application (CDAA) SAI (Student Aid Index)).
4. Submit a typed personal statement answering three 3 questions (details below). Include the school you will be attending and whether you are an undergraduate or graduate student.

Submit your application and attachments by email to alwaysadonscholarship@sbdonsalumni.com

Notification of award will be made by early April 2025. **This award will apply to the 2027-2028 academic year.**

All awards are in the form of a check sent to the institution where you will be enrolled and will be mailed upon receipt of our Verification of Enrollment Form and a personal thank you note from you.

1. To fill in this Google Doc application, **File--Make a copy**
2. **Name it:** Last Name, First Name - SBHS Alumni Always a Don Scholarship Application for the 2027-28 School Year
3. **Share it** with alwaysadonscholarship@sbdonsalumni.com
4. If you cannot access the Google Doc, email alwaysadonscholarship@sbdonsalumni.com and let us know what type of file you need. We will send you a different version.

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Personal information		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Last Name at SBHS		Pronouns
Mailing address (street address, city, state and zip)		
Email address		Cell phone
Years of SBHS Attendance (ex. 2019-2024)		

Military Service	
Are you a veteran of our armed services? If yes, which branch?	Are you active, retired, reserve, or honorably discharged?
Dates of service	Rank achieved

Educational Background	
Are you currently or will you be a full-time student?	Name of college/university/trade school
Other educational background information such as past enrollment history, degree(s) earned (if applicable)	
Where do you plan to attend school and what is your educational goal? What degree will you be working on?	

Work background
If you are currently employed, what is your occupation or place of employment (be specific)
Future employment goals

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Financial Aid information	
List all financial aid, scholarships, and loans for which you have currently applied	
Have you ever received a scholarship from the SBHS Alumni Association?	If yes, what year(s)?
What other information do you feel we should know to help us make our decision?	

Personal Statement
AI tools may be useful in certain parts of the writing process such as brainstorming, outlining, or helping you clarify and organize your thoughts. You are ultimately responsible for writing your own personal statement, in your own voice.

The most impactful answers speak specifically to who you are, what you've done and how you think. No AI tool can truly replicate that. A generic personal statement that lacks personal insight or specificity won't be as meaningful or compelling to a scholarship application reader.

You are encouraged to write in a natural, clear and conversational style — similar to how you might speak in an interview. This approach not only makes the process more accessible but also aligns with what readers are actually looking for. In fact, it may take longer to develop an effective prompt for an AI tool than it would to simply write a thoughtful, authentic response from scratch. Ironically, the same details you would need to feed into an AI prompt are exactly what should be included in the final response.

Include a typed Personal Statement that includes these 3 parts:

1. Your educational/professional goals and how you plan to achieve them.
2. Why you should be considered for this scholarship. Include in your statement, if applicable, any academic or personal challenges that you have encountered and how you handled them.
3. How has your SBHS experience affected you in your adult life?