



## **South Valley Running Club Scholarship Program**

### ***2011 David Thoms Memorial Scholarship***

#### **History**

The SVRC scholarship fund was established in 2007 in memory of David Thoms, a SVRC member, gentle soul, friend and dedicated runner. The program is funded through individual donations, funds from the club sponsored races and business contributions.

#### **Purpose**

The David Thoms Memorial Fund was created as a way to invest back into the local community of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy. It is also a way to reward, encourage, and recognize our local running youth who not only strive for athletic excellence but academic achievement as well.

#### **Scholarship Committee**

The scholarship committee consists of the Board of Directors of SVRC and is chaired by the club president.

#### **Eligibility**

- High School seniors graduating from any of the Morgan Hill, Gilroy or San Martin public or private high schools in the spring semester
- Enrollment into a full time study program (12 hours) that will lead to a college degree
- Participation in either cross country or track & field team in their junior and senior years of high school
- Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Extracurricular activities and community involvement
- Demonstrates a financial need

#### **Selection Criteria**

It will be sole discretion of the scholarship committee to determine the best candidate(s) among those applying each year and the level of funding.

#### **Awards**

Scholarships may be granted to an individual or divided among multiple recipients at the discretion of the scholarship committee. Scholarships are awarded one time. The scholarship committee can choose not to award any funds in a given year.

## **Use of Funds and Distribution**

The award is intended for the use of the recipient in pursuit of post secondary education. Funds will be issued directly to the recipient.

## **Application Requirements:**

1. Complete the application form.
2. Provide an official transcript including the first semester of the senior year in high school.
3. Submit 2 letters of reference;
  - a. 1 must be from a teacher, coach, guidance counselor or school administrator.
  - b. 1 may be from a person of applicant's choice who is not a relative.
4. Personal essay. Indicate why you qualify for this scholarship. Needs to be typed and between 400 – 600 words in length.
5. Provide confirmation of acceptance into a college/university program
6. Be prepared for a telephone or personal interview if asked.

## **Application Deadline and Notification of Award:**

Submit your application and additional required documents no later than April 1, 2011. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for review.

Awards will be announced on April 15, 2011.

**FORWARD APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO:**

Attention: Scholarship Committee  
South Valley Running Club  
P.O. Box 323  
San Martin, CA. 95046-0323

# SVRC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(MM) (DD) (YYYY)

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_

Names of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount your family will contribute towards your college education: \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year

Other scholarships you have received towards your college education: \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year

What high school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Track/Cross country coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative GPA: Unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted: \_\_\_\_\_

What college will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate paper please complete a 400-600 word essay discussing why you qualify for this scholarship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_