



# Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society 2019-2020 Scholarship Programs

(To be awarded May 2019)

The Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society (SVAS) is offering two scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year for full-time students transferring from a community college to a 4-year college or university:

Anderson-Killick Scholarship:	\$600.00 (Physical sciences as listed)
Samuel John Smyth Scholarship:	\$500.00 (Astronomy major only)

**Application:** Application form on next page.

## Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a California resident **and** attending one of the following: Sacramento City College, American River College, Cosumnes River College, Woodland Community College, Folsom Lake College or Sierra College.
2. Applicant must have the equivalent of at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and have completed the equivalent of at least 3 fulltime semester units in order to apply.
3. Applicant must be a college student who will be transferring from one of the community colleges listed above to an accredited 4-year college or university.
4. Applicant must major in Astronomy, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, or Mathematics at the 4-year institution.

**Application Package:** All of the following required materials must be typed or computer generated except for the Application Form which can be typed, computer generated or printed legibly with black ink. The evaluation weight which will be given to each of the application elements is noted in parentheses ( ). Failure to meet all application requirements will result in disqualification. Please do not staple pages together.

- 1) **Application Form** - Application Form must be complete and signed and be accompanied by a signed copy of the letter of admission to the 4-year college or university.
- 2) **Academic Record (40%)** – An **Official Transcript** (not a photocopy) of all coursework is required. Emphasis will be placed on the strength of courses related to student's major in the physical sciences.
- 3) **Applicant's Letter (30%)** - Discuss goals, background, personal commitment to career choice and financial need (**bonus points**). Limited to two typed or computer generated pages.
- 4) **List of Honors/Extra-Curricular Activities/Work Experience (15%)** - This information should be typed or computer generated on a separate page and not included in the body of applicant's letter.
- 5) **Recommendations (15%)** –A recommendation will be obtained from a science/math professor at the community college of attendance by the applicant reviewer regarding the applicant's scholastic ability, personal character and work related experiences. Reference contact information must be provided on the application form for that purpose. Recommendation letters from family members, employers or others cannot be accepted.

**Renewal:** Scholarships may be considered for renewal on a yearly basis provided the student reapplies, remains in the aforementioned science/math related fields of study, is in good academic standing, and continues to meet the SVAS Scholarship criteria.

**Disbursement of Scholarship Funds:** Successful applicants will be notified on or about **May 31, 2019**. Scholarship winners will be invited as guests to a General Meeting of the SVAS and will receive a certificate.

Scholarship checks will be sent to the registrar of the college or university where the student is enrolled, to be deposited in the student's account. Funds are to be disbursed to scholarship recipients after successful completion of 30 days of enrollment beginning in the fall 2019 semester. Scholarship funds shall be used for tuition, books, or other school related expenses.

If the scholarship winner changes to a major outside of qualifying subjects as listed above, or withdraws from school for any reason, the balance of the scholarship funds must be returned to the SVAS Treasurer.

**Deadline:** The complete Application Package including Application Form, Official Transcripts, Applicant's Letter, Letter of Admission to a 4-year college or university, and list of honors, extra-curricular activities and work experience must be sent in one packet to the SVAS Scholarship Chair and postmarked no later than **April 30, 2019**.

## MAIL TO:

SVAS Scholarship Chair  
P.O. Box 15274  
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