

The Shereen Paff Special Education Scholarship - Fall 2013

The Department of Child and Adolescent Development (CAD) is seeking applicants for the *Shereen Paff Special Education Scholarship*. This scholarship was endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Paff in memory of their daughter, Shereen. Shereen Paff earned a master's degree in Early Childhood Education in 1971 from San Francisco State University (SFSU) and spent 25 years working and teaching in the field of Special Education. She specialized in visually impaired children and special education children in elementary schools and dedicated her life to helping children. This \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded for Spring 2014.

Academic Qualifications:

- A CAD major in the Early Childhood or School Age concentrations with a minor in Special Education, or 2) planning to apply for a Master of Arts degree in Special Education at SFSU for the next academic year
- A focus on Special Education with at least a 3.5 grade point average in special education courses taken for the CAD major or Special Education minor
- Have a minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point average

Community Involvement Criteria:

(Evidence can be provided by letters of recommendation)

- Demonstrate evidence of community involvement with emphasis on children's activities
- Evidence of time and energy devoted toward providing a quality educational experience for students with exceptional needs

Financial Need Criteria:

- Demonstrate financial need (through use of a financial aid statement)

Character:

(Evidence can be provided by letters of recommendation)

- Demonstrate ability to establish empathy and maintain relationships with children
- Possess potential to be an outstanding educator by demonstrating the qualities of inspirational and academic leadership

Requirements

1. Submit a completed application form (see next page).
2. Submit 2 letters of recommendation (written specifically for this scholarship) from SFSU professors, preferably one from CAD and one from a Special Education faculty with whom you have taken a course. These letters should address your academic ability, character, and other criteria.
3. Attach financial aid statement (copy of SFSU form is fine).
4. Attach current DARS.
5. Attach current SFSU transcripts (unofficial okay).

Deadline Date

November 15, 2013 (Friday) by 4 p.m.

CAD Office, SCI 394 (must be given to a person in the office, not under the door)

San Francisco State University
Child and Adolescent Development Program
Shereen Paff Special Education Scholarship Application

Semester/Year: _____ Date: _____

Student ID #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone # : _____ Cell Phone # : _____

SFSU Email Address: _____

Statement of Interest: Be sure to address the points listed below, using complete sentences that explain your rationale. Attach your word processed responses to this form. Be sure to sign this form below.

- (1) What are your educational goals and how will this scholarship help you to reach your educational goals?
- (2) What are your career goals and how will this scholarship help you to reach those goals?
- (3) Describe your community involvement that emphasizes your work with young children. Include the names and phone numbers of two individuals who can verify this experience.
- (4) Describe your experience working with young children with exceptional needs and how you provided them with quality educational experiences.
- (5) Why should you be selected for this scholarship? (Do not state financial need).

I verify that all of the information I have submitted for the Shereen Paff Scholarship application is true. I understand that my application will not be considered if I have not completed the entire application, including answering all questions and appending all of the requested information.

Applicant Signature

Date