



Dear High School Counselors and Graduating Senior Women:

Athena is pleased to announce that five (5) Merit Scholarships are available to qualified San Diego County graduating high school women who in the 2012 school year will be attending a four-year university *and* who plan a career in the sciences (science, math, engineering, computer science). Outstanding applicants will be well-rounded young women who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership in school organizations, and community involvement. Each scholarship is a minimum of \$2,500 per year for two years, and is subject to renewal for two successive years after the scholarship is initially granted. The Athena San Diego Foundation has the sole and absolute discretion to renew each scholarship based upon the availability of funds for all scholarships previously awarded and to be awarded in the future.

Moreover, scholarships will be considered for renewal as long as the recipient: 1) can demonstrate that she remains enrolled in a science, math, engineering, or computer science program at a four-year university and is thereby committed to a career in the respective field; and 2) provides documentary proof of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. Annual attendance by each recipient at the Athena San Diego Pinnacle Awards is encouraged. Scholarships will be paid directly to the university in which the recipient is enrolled.

A copy of the application is posted on the Athena web site at http://www.athenasd.org/awards-and-scholarships/how_apply.html. Submissions must be **made by mail** (no on-line application process will be provided and no e-mailed applications will be accepted). All submissions must include the following:

- A completed scholarship application (attached),
- An official copy of your high school transcript,
- A letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher at your high school.

The deadline for submission of your complete application packet is March 19, 2012. *Please note that all documents must be postmarked on or before that date – including school transcripts.* Application packets should be mailed to:

Amy Romaker
Athena Pinnacle Scholarships
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
12275 El Camino Real, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92130
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Selection of qualified scholarship recipients will be made in April 2012 and only winners will be notified. Scholarship recipients will be honored at and **must attend** the Athena San Diego Pinnacle Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 26, 2012. Each recipient must submit official proof of enrollment in the university of their choice to Athena San Diego no later than **October 1, 2012**, or forfeit her scholarship to an alternate recipient.

Sincerely,

Amy Romaker
Scholarship Co-Chair
Athena Pinnacle Awards Committee



San Diego County High School Merit Scholarship Application

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S): _____

HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED	CITY, STATE	YEAR(S)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

WHAT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN? (Use table format below and list on separate attachment)

Organization Name	Dates Participated	Leadership Positions	Organization Functions and Activities

WHAT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN? (Use table format below and list on separate attachment)

Community Activity	Dates Participated	# of Hours	Organization Contact (person who supervised your activities)	Why did you choose to participate in this community activity and what impact did volunteering have on you in 250 words or less

PLEASE LIST YOUR TOP THREE PERSONAL INTERESTS & HOBBIES:

PLEASE ATTACH AN ESSAY COVERING EACH OF THE FOLLOWING THREE TOPICS (each essay should be 250 words or less):

- Explain what you have done that demonstrates your interest in a future career in the area of math, science, engineering or computer science.
- Describe how you will benefit from this scholarship
- Identify the colleges and/or universities you hope to attend and why

Under the Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974, completion of this form by Applicant and Parent authorizes use of this information for Athena San Diego use only and that Athena San Diego has the right to republish the information provided in the application. I verify that the information is true and that I understand the scholarship requirements.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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