



Charitable Foundation

2010 Pay It Forward Scholarships

Serrano High School Seniors are invited to apply for the 2010 **Sara's Hope "It's a Wonderful World" Charitable Foundation Scholarship**. All Seniors are welcome to submit an entry, with the only qualifications being: That the Applicant must graduate high school in 2010, and the funds must be used at a credentialed university, college or trade school.

This year's theme is "**Pay it Forward**", taken from the movie where a little boy teaches the world around him with his random acts of kindness while asking in return only to Pay it Forward, or show kindness to someone else. All essays must address the following:

- 1: You will perform a Random Act of Kindness for a person unknown to you prior to October 15th, 2009. It could be someone you see everyday but have never met. After performing this act of kindness, please type an essay of no less than 500 words, addressing the following:
 - A. Describe in detail your act of kindness;
 - B. Describe how you see the person's life better due to your kindness;
 - C. Describe how the person's life could be worse or different had you not performed this act of kindness;
 - D. Elaborate upon how you feel, personally, after demonstrating this kindness.

2010 Scholarship Awards

Selected Essay	\$1,500.00	
Runner Up	\$1,000.00	(Two Awarded)
Honorable Mention	\$500.00	(Four Awarded)

All entries shall be submitted to the counseling office in a sealed envelope. Please **do not** put your name anywhere on the essay. Please do include a separate cover sheet with your name and contact information. **Counseling department, please number essay and application with identical numbers allowing no personal information about applicant to be disclosed to Charity.**

Entries will be graded on a 100 point system, with the follow weighted categories:

- 1: Was the kind act performed intentionally for a person unknown to the applicant, after October 1st, 2009
(helping a group or organized effort will not secure as many Points as your random act of kindness for a particular individual) 40 points
- 2: Did the applicant go out of their way to perform this act 20 points
- 3: Did the applicant demonstrate in their essay, their understanding of the concept of Paying it Forward. 20 points
- 4: How well was the essay written and the thoughts of the author Articulated: 20 points

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Essays must be received by your counseling office no later than April 1st, 2010

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