

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: January 21, 2016

To: Senior High Principals, School Site Counselors, AVID Coordinators,
Math and Science Department Chairs, Future Educators Club Advisors

Subject: SAN DIEGO EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- EDUCATORS RISING
- SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) SCHOLARSHIP

Department and/or Persons Concerned: All Staff

Due Date: **March 21, 2016**

Reference: San Diego Education Fund (SDEF)

Action Requested: Discuss application process with your staff and encourage graduating seniors to apply for scholarships prior to the due date.

Brief Explanation:

Educators Rising Scholarships is offered to provide the San Diego Unified School District with an ongoing source of qualified teachers from under-represented groups. The San Diego Education Fund provides support to students for up to five years of post-secondary training, including four years of undergraduate education and a one-year program leading to a teaching credential. Counseling and mentoring are provided as a part of the program. Students who will graduate in June 2016 are eligible to apply. Funds are paid directly to students in the form of a stipend that may be used to defray expenses related to their education.

Students who apply for these scholarships must have satisfactory citizenship and academic grades, demonstrate community involvement, and have positive references from school staff and community members. They must also demonstrate financial need, sign a letter of intent to pursue a course of study leading to a teaching credential and seek employment as a teacher with the San Diego Unified School District. Scholarship recipients must attend a college or university in San Diego County.

Funding for stipends for the Educators Rising Scholarship Program comes from the San Diego Education Fund (SDEF), a nonprofit organization, whose Board of Directors has volunteered to solicit donations from individuals, foundations, corporations and federal grants, as well as contributions from educators. *Virginia Mashin Scholarships in Mathematics and Science* will be awarded with funding from the estate of educators Virginia and Jack Mashin.

The Mashins left a gift of \$688,000 for the principal to be invested and the income used to issue perpetual scholarships. Virginia was a district math specialist and a calculus teacher at Kearny High School. After her retirement she tutored students in math. She received numerous awards from the San Diego Mathematics Council. Jack Mashin was a coach for over 60 years and is a member of the Coaches Hall of Fame. The Mashins did not have children and lived a frugal life so they could leave a legacy for District students. *Two additional Jack and Virginia Mashin Scholarships* will be awarded in math and science. In addition to the scholarship funds, the SDEF will provide counseling and mentoring for all students who must attend a college or university in San Diego County.

STEM Scholarships will be awarded this year to students who will major in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and attend a college or university in San Diego County. In addition to the scholarship funds, scholarship recipients will receive counseling and mentoring from the San Diego Education Fund. The number of scholarships will depend on the donations received for this program annually.

Students should apply online using the EdJoin job application website.

Educators Rising Scholarship	STEM Scholarship
https://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/754496	https://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/757437

Materials must be received **no later than 5 p.m., March 21, 2016.**

A committee will screen applications and select final candidates for an interview. Questions regarding the application process should be directed to Mary Castleberry, a retired administrator who is a SDEF counselor and mentor at marycberry@sbcglobal.net, or (858) 752-9771.

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