



SMEA

Save Mart Employee Association

Providing support and fostering a spirit of caring, cooperation, and fellowship in the workplace.

SMEA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024

The Save Mart Employee Association (SMEA) is dedicated to encouraging excellence and leadership among its members. With a clear vision and mission, SMEA aims to inspire and support its members and their dependent family members in achieving their goals and maximizing their potential within The Save Mart Companies and the wider community. By doing so, SMEA contributes to the overall success and growth of the community.

SMEA is offering college scholarships to eligible students who are seniors in high school, enrolling in college or a trade school or currently attending college or trade school and pursuing a degree or profession. High school seniors can receive one scholarship award during their senior year, which will be disbursed during their first quarter/semester in college/trade school. If they received a scholarship in high school, they must wait until they have completed a full quarter/semester of school to reapply. Students can apply for one scholarship per year and are eligible to receive up to one scholarship per calendar year, depending on availability and eligibility. The scholarship awards are valid for the upcoming quarter/semester of school only, and postponing attendance may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship award.

NOTE: The SMEA Scholarship is an award designed to support students who demonstrate exceptional academic potential and financial need. With a limited number of scholarships available, the selection process is competitive, ensuring that only the most deserving candidates are chosen to receive this financial assistance. By carefully evaluating each applicant's qualifications and determining who will benefit the most from the scholarship, the SMEA Scholarship committee aims to make a significant impact on the lives of those who are selected. While not all deserving applicants will be awarded scholarships, those who are chosen can expect to receive support that will help them achieve their academic and career goals.

REQUIREMENTS: All eligible applicants must be a member of SMEA or a dependent family member of a SMEA member. Spouses of SMEA members may also apply. Scholarships are awarded based on the information furnished by the applicant and evaluation by the SMEA Scholarship Committee. A phone interview may be conducted at the discretion of the SMEA Scholarship Committee.

Applicants are **REQUIRED** to submit **ALL** of the following:

- SMEA Scholarship Application (complete and full information **MUST BE PROVIDED** when submitted).
- Students must carry a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- Current official transcript must be provided. (Unofficial transcript will be accepted for the application but if you are awarded a scholarship you must submit an **official transcript** before your scholarship award will be sent).
- Students must be currently enrolled in college courses or trade school and provide proof of enrollment to receive their award.
- Current letter of recommendation by an instructor, advisor, employer, etc.
- Complete scholarship interview questions. (A phone interview may be conducted at the discretion of the SMEA Scholarship Committee).

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Completed application must be post-marked no later than Thursday, August 1, 2024

Mail Completed Application to:

Save Mart Employee Association
2937 Veneman Ave, Ste. A115
Modesto, CA 95356

If you have any further questions, please contact SMEA at 209-872-1090. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to your participation!



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Before completing this application, please be sure to read the cover page for all requirements. Please submit the **completed** application with all necessary supporting documents as early as possible. The application must be post-marked no later than **Thursday, August 1, 2024**

Important: *Please write your name on all papers submitted.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK ALL INFORMATION.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

NAME: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail Address _____

MAILING ADDRESS: Street/Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

CURRENT SCHOOL DATA (REQUIRED)

Students must include official or unofficial school transcript showing cumulative GPA. (See cover pg.)

Name of School _____ Graduation Date _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Grade Level _____

Major or field of Study (include current, intended, or undeclared):

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY: If in high school, please provide the name(s) of school(s) you are applying to, or planning to attend. If selected, the you must supply proof of enrollment in order to process award.

Name of School _____

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL)

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past **two** years (e.g., student government, community activities, sports, band, etc.)

_____	Dates _____	Hours/Week _____
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

If you're a dependent of a SMEA member (age 23 or under), what is the approximate annual household income of your parents (**required - must be supplied and accurate**): \$ _____ (may be required to show proof of dependency).

If you're older than 23, what is your CURRENT approximate annual household income? \$ _____

Are your parents: Married Divorced Separated Other: _____

List your work experience(s) during the past two years. Indicate dates and hours worked.

_____	Dates _____	Hours/Week _____
_____	Dates _____	Hours/Week _____

SMEA MEMBER INFORMATION (REQUIRED) *(must include Employee ID #)*

Is the applicant a SMEA member: Yes No

If you are the SMEA member, please provide your Employee ID # (required): _____

If you're not the SMEA member, what is your relationship to the member: _____

Please provide the SMEA members Employee ID # (required): _____

Are you a dependent of the SMEA member? Yes No

Can the SMEA member claim you on their tax returns? Yes No



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Household Information: (REQUIRED) List the names of your dependent household family members in the chart below. If you are a dependent, include siblings, parents and others your parents support. If you are not dependent of your parents, include your spouse, children, or others you support.

Household Dependent Family Info			
Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	College Student/High School Student

****NOTE: Both SMEA members and their dependents are eligible to apply for a SMEA Scholarship.***

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS (OPTIONAL)

Check here if you are in a “special needs program” or “individualized education program”
If you checked this box, please explain your current educational program below:

Check here if you have unique and special circumstances to consider for a GPA under 2.5
If you checked this box, please explain your unique and special circumstances below:



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SCHOLARSHIP WRITTEN INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (REQUIRED)

Please answer the following questions completely and with explanation or thoughtful answers.

1. Why did you apply for this scholarship?

2. Tell us about your current educational and career goals?

3. Tell me about a mistake you made and what you learned from it?

4. Tell me about a personal achievement that makes you proud?

5. What is a skill or experience you don't possess now but hope to leave college with?

If you need additional space to answer the questions, please use a separate piece of paper.



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CERTIFICATION (REQUIRED)

By signing below, I acknowledge that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by SMEA, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this application. I realize that if I am unable to give proof when asked, I will not be considered for a scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian is needed if applicant is a minor (under age 18).

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

This application for a scholarship becomes complete and valid only when you return the completed and signed scholarship application, a current transcript, and a letter of recommendation. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Scholarship applications received become the property of SMEA and will not be returned.

Application deadline is **Thursday, August 1, 2024.** Only selected recipients will be notified.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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Modesto, CA 95356

SMEA Scholarship Application Checklist*:

- Completed SMEA Scholarship Application (all applicable information is provided)
- Copy of current official transcript showing cumulative GPA (unofficial transcript will be accepted for the application but if you are awarded a scholarship you **must** submit an **official transcript** before your scholarship award will be sent).
- Copy of current official proof of registration showing status (scholarship recipients will be asked to provide proof of college enrollment along with a valid student identification number in order to process awards).
- Current letter of recommendation by an instructor, advisor, employer, etc.

* All documentation provided must be true and accurate. Scholarships may be revoked or returned if any information is found to be falsely reported on the application or to the Scholarship Committee.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.
Application deadline is Thursday, August 1, 2024.