

## NOTES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 9/16/24

1. **ATTENDEES:** Bob Miller, Alice Lau, Bob Daines, Melody Silberstein, Walter Barr, Lynda Caputo, Peter Li, Judy Leckonby
2. **CALENDARS**
  - a. Confirmed HS/CC interview window is 2/11-3/7/25. "All hands-on deck". No attendee conflicts other than Alice Lau 3/2-8.
  - b. Confirmed all Kaleidoscope applications open 12/2/24. HSs /GRF close 2/3/25 and CCs close 2/18/25.
3. **SCHOOL CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES**
  - a. Attached revised version.
  - b. Committee agreed that there will be an **unwritten** grace period of approximately 2 days to deal with incomplete applications due to extenuating circumstances. Process tbd.
  - c. To keep deputy team chairs (dtcs) informed, committee meeting handouts and meeting notes will be provided to the dtcs.
4. **SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION**
  - a. Updated other than Concord and Diablo Valley HSs.
  - b. DTCs will be added to the list.
5. **INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO SCHOOL COUNSELORS**
  - a. Reviewed Information Packet and underscored the need to emphasize with HS/CC school counselors the following which are bolded in the Packet:
    - i. Application window for HSs 12/2/24-2/3/25 and CCs 12/2/24-2/18/25. Emphasize closing date.
    - ii. Need for students to describe school clubs and community service organizations and not just use acronyms.
    - iii. Students and counselors to confirm and monitor letters of recommendation status.
    - iv. School counselors to monitor and keep RSF apprised of SAI status.
  - b. Note there are separate HS and CC flyers with different application deadline dates (HS 2/3/25 and CC 2/18/25). Additional flyers may be provided once add-on scholarships are finalized.
6. **OTHER ISSUES/RECOMMENATIONS**
  - a. When RSF completes the 24/25 scholarship cycle, it will have 2 years history with the new schools and the current criteria. The committee recommends a review of our approach to determine whether we are missing "students of promise" within our targeted demographic to include consideration of the following:

- i. The 3.0 minimum Weighted GPA requirement and the GPA scoring scale.
- ii. The SAI scale and scoring.
- iii. The balance among Economic Need, Academic Success and Qualities, Challenges and Attributes in the scoring.
- iv. How to target and better attract applicants to vocational training programs.