



**APPLICATION FOR  
OUR CASA & UNION STUDENT LEADER SCHOLARSHIP  
YEAR 2019-2020**

**SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

Provided by: **A. Ray Olpin University Union and Our CASA at West High School**, with support from University Neighborhood Partners and the West High PTSA.

Value: **\$5,000**

Number of awards: **1**

Application deadline: **Friday, May 3, 2019, 3:00pm to GEAR UP in room #317**

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED THROUGH THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

*\*Please note all opportunities outlined below are optional benefits to the scholarship recipient; participating in the opportunities is not a requirement of the scholarship.*

Employment: Employment is provided as a non-required opportunity up to 20 hours weekly in a position at the A. Ray Olpin University Union.

Books: Students who elect to participate in the optional student employment program as previously mentioned will receive access to free textbook rentals.

Student Involvement: The Union Programming Council (UPC) is a family of student directors who plan, organize, and develop activities on campus with the help of dozens of associate directors, freshman ambassadors, and hundreds of volunteers. Scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to participate as a member of UPC's Freshman Ambassador Board if they are interested in doing so.

**SCHOLARSHIP MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Our CASA & Union Student Leader Scholarship is to support emerging young leaders from Salt Lake City's west side neighborhoods in accessing higher education and contributing to both the university and wider community.

**ABOUT THE FUNDERS**

Our CASA (Communities Aspiring, Succeeding, & Achieving) at West High School is a community space dedicated to decreasing barriers to postsecondary education through school-family-community partnerships. Our CASA is a partnership that includes University Neighborhood Partners (UofU), West High School, the West High PTSA, GEAR UP (UVU), TRIO (SLCC), TRIO (UofU), PACE (SLCC), and West High parents and students.

The University Union at the University of Utah promotes leadership among students from all backgrounds and identities within the campus community by cultivating an environment that serves students by providing social, cultural, leadership, and co-curricular opportunities. The University Union strives to provide leadership opportunities and real-world experiences by offering a training ground where students can practice those skills.

#### **PURPOSE**

The Our CASA & Union Student Leader Scholarship provides one (1) scholarship to assist an emerging student leader in accomplishing their academic goals and contributing to the University and wider community. The scholarship will provide \$2,500 per semester for the fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters, totaling \$5,000 over the one-year period. The purpose is to identify and recognize a young leader from Salt Lake City's west side neighborhoods who, as a U student, will contribute to the overall mission of the Union. This student will have the opportunity to be associated with the different leadership opportunities within the Union including, but not limited to, involvement with an office or event(s) in the Union.

The Our CASA & Union Student Leader Scholarship committee defines leadership as, *the ability to communicate and embody a compelling vision, inspire and collaborate with others to fulfill that vision, and support others in developing their own leadership potential. Leaders demonstrate self-knowledge, integrity, empathy, creativity, role-modeling, decision-making, collaboration, and commitment.* Leadership is not always defined by holding a formal position.

#### **ELIGIBILITY\***

- Candidates must graduate from West High School during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Candidates must apply for admission to the University of Utah.
- Candidates must take a minimum of 12 undergraduate credits at the University of Utah for the 2018 fall semester.
- Candidates must be able to demonstrate financial need for the scholarship.

***\* If you have any questions about your eligibility please contact West High School GEAR UP***

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Recipients will be notified in early June.
- Recipients must participate in a video interview. The interview helps promote the scholarship on a community level.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT**

West High School GEAR UP  
Room 317  
241 North 300 West  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

**Please turn in completed application to West High School GEAR UP, Room 317  
by 3:00 pm on Friday, May 3, 2019**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name (Last, First and Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

West High Student Number \_\_\_\_\_ UNID: (if admitted to the U) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESUME**

Please attach your most current resume when submitting this application.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Your recommenders should be able to speak to your ability to demonstrate *self-knowledge, integrity, empathy, creativity, role-modeling, decision-making, collaboration, and commitment.*

Letters should be sealed in an envelope and turned in with your application.

Please include letters of recommendation from 2 out of the 3 options below.

Teacher or Counselor

Employer / Supervisor

Advisor for and Extracurricular Team, Club or Organization

**ESSAYS**

Please include the following two required essays when submitting your application.

-An essay describing your financial need for this scholarship. (You may include an explanation of how you help your family financially, obstacles or challenges overcome, why it is important for you to pursue a college degree, etc...)

- (250 word minimum – 500 word maximum)

- An essay describing future intent to grow as a leader and how you might contribute to your communities. (For example, you may choose to include what you intend to do with your college degree, ideas on how to give back to your communities, and/or what leadership means to you and which characteristics you possess.)

- (250 word minimum – 500 word maximum)

- Applicants may also choose to provide additional information that they feel is relevant to considering them for this scholarship. (Optional)

- (500 word maximum)

**NOTE:**

- Many students who are selected to receive a University scholarship after May 12, 2017, are required by state law to certify under penalty of perjury that they are eligible to receive the scholarship as a U.S. citizen or a citizen of another country who is lawfully present within the United States. Students who have both graduated from a recognized Utah high school and who are awarded a scholarship funded by a private donor **are not required to certify their lawful presence** before receiving a privately funded scholarship. ***(This scholarship is a privately funded scholarship.)***

- Students who are required to certify their lawful presence in the United States must also be submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for verification of their lawful presence within the United States. Once the University submits information to DHS for verification this federal agency may have the legal right to share information with other government agencies. If you do not know whether you are lawfully present within the United States you should seek the advice of an immigration attorney before accepting a University scholarship that requires certification and verification.