



Downtown Organization of Santa Barbara Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Honor and \$500 Scholarship Award

Eligibility Requirements and Additional Information



The Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Honor and Award is given to an outstanding youth in the Santa Barbara area in recognition of their leadership and community service. The Downtown Organization, in collaboration with the City of Santa Barbara's Parks and Recreation Department, presents the Award in honor of former Mayor Harriet Miller's contributions to local youth and youth leadership.

Eligibility:

- Must be a high school senior in the Santa Barbara Unified School District or a resident of the City of Santa Barbara.
- Minimum GPA 2.5 (verification may be required).
- Completed a minimum of 45 community service hours by the application deadline (verification may be required).

Applicants Must Submit:

- **One Letter of Recommendation:** Must be from a teacher, counselor, or mentor with whom you are associated.
- **Essay:** A personal essay should be submitted following *one* of these two themes: 1) **"In light of current national divide, how would you engage individuals that have a different opinion than you in order to have a positive dialogue?"** or 2) **What leadership activities have you engaged in and how have these influenced you?"** The essay should be typed, double-spaced, 12pt font, and a maximum of two pages. Include your name at the top left corner of the paper.
- **Completed Application:** Complete the attached application or download the application at www.santabarbaraca.gov

Additional Information:

Scholarship Applications must be returned to the Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor in person or by mail, at 1232 De la Vina Street (Louise Lowry Davis Center office) Santa Barbara, CA 93101. **Application deadline is April 6, 2017. Mailed applications must be postmarked by April 5, 2017.**

Selection Process

A selection committee comprised of representatives from youth leadership groups and the Downtown Organization will review all applications and choose a recipient.

Once a decision has been made the recipient will be notified by telephone and email by April 10, 2017. **The award and scholarship check will be presented at the 50th Gala Celebration of the Downtown Organization scheduled for *the evening of April 12, 2017*. The honoree, and a guest, should plan to attend the event.**

For questions regarding the Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Award, please contact Susan Young, Neighborhood & Outreach Services at 897-2652, or Kate Schwab, Downtown Organization at 962-2098, ext. 22.