



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). Sexual assault is a huge issue in our country, especially talked about in Hollywood. How do you think this affects our community and how do you think community leaders and our schools should address this issue?
- 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) **“There are several social movements occurring, such as #MeToo, #BlackLivesMatter, #Farm-to-table. As a youth leader, what is a hashtag movement you would start, and why?”** or 2) **“Sexual assault is a huge issue in our country, especially recent talks in Hollywood. How do you think this affects our community and how do you think community leaders and our schools should address this issue?”**
The essay should be typed, double-spaced, 12pt font, and a maximum of two pages.
- **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 to Westside Neighborhood Center, 423 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. **Application deadline is Friday, February 16, 2018, 2p.m. Mailed applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2018.**

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 February 19, 2018. **The award and scholarship check will be presented at the annual Downtown Organization breakfast scheduled for the morning of February 21, 2019.** 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.