



Sacramento Association of Nigerians (SAN) Presents  
***Sacramento Association of Nigerians Newton Ekpo Memorial Fund***  
Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: **September 15, 2021**

**Program Goals**

The **Sacramento Association of Nigerians Newton Ekpo Memorial Fund (SANNEMF)** supports and advances the awareness of Nigerian issues through education and outreach. The Foundation will award a number of scholarships in the amounts of \$1000 and/or \$500 to selected students who will be attending college during the 2021-22 academic year. The scholarships given are based on the availability of funds. Beginning this year, previous recipients are not eligible. ***All questions on the scholarship program should be sent to: [scholarship@sanusa.org](mailto:scholarship@sanusa.org).***

In support of SAN's mission and goals, SAN encourages applications from students of Nigerian ancestry who reside in Sacramento metropolitan area.

**Applicant Eligibility**

All student applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The student applicant must be a resident of California.
- The applicant must be a high school student in his/her final year who will be attending college or a student currently attending a 2- or 4-year college/university.
- The applicant must possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application from separate individuals, neither of whom are related to the applicant (one recommendation must be an endorsement from a SAN member and the other from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator), and
- The applicant must demonstrate commitment to the Nigerian community in a written personal statement.

**Selection of Scholarship Recipients**

SANNEMF's Scholarship Selection Committee will make awards based on the recipient's demonstrated commitment to the Nigerian community, abilities, academic achievements, career goals, civic activities, and leadership skills. **All applicants will be notified by mail of the status of their application by **October 30, 2021****, regardless of outcome.

**SANNEMF** does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national and ethnic origin, or disability.

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please provide a written statement that does not exceed 2 standard letter-sized pages in total length. Put your own name and that of your school on the top of each page. If you use a computer to draft your document, please use a 12-point font throughout, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins. Please address each of the following questions:

- The applicant must demonstrate commitment to the Nigerian community in this personal statement.
- How have you contributed to your community in the areas of diversity, leadership and service?
- What offices and positions of leadership have you held in class and school organizations?
- What academic achievements are you proud of?
- What are your career and/or educational goals?

## **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please submit two letters of recommendation that have been written within the last three (3) months. The letters must clearly refer to you by name and provide comments that describe your character and abilities. A parent or close relative will not be considered a valid reference. The name, occupation, and contact information for each author must appear on the letters.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

I understand that late or incomplete applications will not be considered. My ability to accurately follow instructions will be considered during the selection process.

I hereby authorize **SANNEMF** to utilize information on my application and any photos that I provide for publicity or public relations purposes.

I certify that all of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I will forfeit my award if any information that I provide is found to be deliberately false, inaccurate, or misleading.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of applicant (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Please make a copy of your completed application for your records. Please include all the following items:

Original signed application form

Official transcripts

Your personal statement

Two (2) letters of recommendation

A brief biography to include your hometown, college, major, career goals, hobbies, etc.

All materials, including your transcripts, must be addressed to SAN's headquarters:

**SAN Newton Ekpo Memorial Scholarship**

**Attn: SAN Scholarship Committee**

**P. O. Box 687**

**Sacramento, CA 95812**

**Deadline:** Application and materials must be postmarked by **September 15, 2021.**

**An incomplete application will not be considered.**

**SANNEMF strives to effectively promote the scholarship program. Please let us know how you heard about our program by checking one or more of the following.**

- College/University
- SAN website
- Press Release
- Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_
- Relative/Friend
- Community Organization  
Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your interest in the SANNEMF Scholarship Program.**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle initial

Gender: \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Male Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

Current Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate contact : ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ex. cell phone, work, etc.)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

College name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree seeking: \_\_\_\_\_ Major/minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Current class year: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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