



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

Application Deadline: **September 20, 2022**

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 2022-23 academic year. The scholarships given are based on the availability of funds. Beginning last year, previous recipients are not eligible. *All questions on the scholarship program should be sent to: president@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, 2022** 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 20, 2022.**

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: _____
