

THE KAREN DUNDAS SORCI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR BIOLOGY

Mario Sorci and Karen Dundas Sorci established the Karen Dundas Sorci Endowed Scholarship for Biology in March of 2002. In 1971, Mario earned his degree in chemistry, and Karen earned her degree in zoology. Mario and Karen developed AES, Inc., a custom medical equipment firm, into one of the leading nationwide providers of anesthesia products. The Karen Dundas Sorci Endowed Scholarship will award a \$1500 award annually, which is renewable providing that the eligibility criteria described below are met.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Undergraduate applicants must have been enrolled full time during the previous academic year and must expect to be enrolled full time during the academic year in which the student applies; graduate applicants must be enrolled as part-time or full-time students during the previous academic year and must be enrolled for the next academic term. Freshmen are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA.
- Applicants must provide evidence of being employed a minimum of 20 hrs/week. For graduate applicants, appointments as a TA or GA do not satisfy the minimum work hours.
- Applicants must be a US citizen

Application Requirements:

- 1) **Application form:** Applicants must complete the Biological Sciences Department Scholarships and Awards Application Form, which is available on the biology department website at <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/student-scholarships.shtml>.
- 2) **Transcripts:** Submit a transcript of your coursework at Cal Poly Pomona as well as transferred coursework from other schools (unofficial transcripts are accepted).
- 3) **Personal Statement:** Write a brief paragraph describing your employment(s) and related work.
- 4) **Employment History:** Provide evidence/documentation of current employment. Preferably, this is done in the form of a reference letter from your work supervisor. This letter will only be used to evaluate for this award and does not need to cover other scholarships/awards.
- 5) **Recommendation Letters:** Arrange for **one** letter from a Professor in support of your application. The letter must be submitted separately by the recommenders at the following website <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/bio-scholarship-recommendation.shtml>. In the event that a recommender is unable to submit a letter via the website, they should contact the chair(s) of the Student Award Committee to arrange for an alternative way to submit a letter (contact information for the chair(s) is provided on the award website: <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/student-scholarships.shtml>). The letter should be addressed to the Scholarships and Awards Committee. In addition, each recommender's letter must cover **ALL** scholarships/awards for which the student is applying, NOT separate letters for each scholarship.
- 6) **Curriculum Vitae:** Include a **1-page** CV outlining all relevant education and work experience.

DUE DATE:

Requested application materials for this scholarship, except for recommendation letters, must be compiled into a single pdf file named as "Last name_Sorci Scholarship", and uploaded at: <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/bio-scholarship-application.shtml>. Applications must be received by **April 6th**.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION AND AWARD NOTIFICATION DATE:

A committee comprised of members of the Biological Sciences faculty will review the applications and select the scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipient will be notified of the result of their application at the end of April, and the scholarship will be presented near the end of the Spring Semester at the Biological Sciences Department Awards Ceremony.

In addition to the cash award, the recipient will be given a certificate of recognition, and their name will be added to a plaque of commendation in the Department Office.