

Evaluation Criteria for Awarding the Sanlahi, Inc. Scholarship

The Sanlahi Scholarship Award is given to a candidate who performs well academically **AND** who demonstrates need for the scholarship funds. The scholarship is awarded based upon the following criteria:

- academic performance
- creativity, mission mindedness, or acts of kindness
- heart for learning
- activities and interests
- financial need

As for your submission itself, we are also looking at your overall presentation. In this regard, we review and evaluate:

- Your spelling
- Your enthusiasm and your passion for your career
- Your grammar
- Your neatness

We evaluate your submission fully in all of these areas.

1. **Academic Achievement/Performance:** Submit your standardized test scores from the SAT, ACT, or **other standardized test or other measures of your academic performance**. We are particularly interested in your overall academic performance, however best measured.
2. **Contribution to Society:**
 - (1) **Submit a list of your Extracurricular Activities.** We are not looking for the number of activities, but the variety, balance, depth, and overall significance of these activities.
 - (2) **Submit NO MORE THAN three (3) reference letters** with NO MORE THAN 2 pages, single-spaced, 12-point type (may be less, such as double-spaced, etc.) from parents (who best know the applicant!), teachers, leaders in programs you've been involved in. These letters must confirm your involvement in the activities you've listed and that, to the extent possible, attest to your unique contributions in these areas.

NOTES:

These letters ought not to be mere “character reference” letters. They should attest to **specific contributions** you have made, **specific activities** you have engaged in, **specific achievements** that have benefited you and the community you served. In other words, these letters are primarily for the sake of acquiring outside confirmation that you have really done or achieved what you claim to have done or achieved in your scholarship application.

3. Future Plans: Submit a personal essay with NO MORE THAN 2 pages, single-spaced, 12-point type (may be less, such as double-spaced, etc.) along these lines:

- a) What I want to do with my life
- b) Why I want to go to college
- c) Why I want to go to the college chosen

4. Other Requirements:

- a) **Scholarship Photograph:** Submit a photograph with your application (optional).
- b) **Assignment of Rights & Consent to Publish Scholarship Information:** Sign and submit the Assignment of Rights and Consent to Publish Scholarship Information form included with the application. By signing this form, you give us the right to publish your photograph (if provided) and basic information regarding your past accomplishments and future plans in the event you are awarded the scholarship.

5. Eligibility Requirements:

- a) At the time of application, the applicant must be enrolled as a senior in a targeted high school.
- b) Student must have maintained at least 3.5 or equivalent GPA throughout his or her final two years in high school.
- c) Student must be able to produce three references: one from a parent, one from a teacher, and one from a non-friend person who knows the applicant.
- d) Student must attend college full-time.
- e) Student must attend college the fall semester immediately following his or her high school graduation.
- f) Student must have demonstrated a financial need for the scholarship funds.
- g) The applicant may NOT be an offspring of a Sanlahi Board member.
- h) Student must not be a significant donor of Sanlahi, Inc nor a child of a significant donor. Please refer to IRC 501(c)3 for the definition of a significant donor.

Deadline: For scholarships for the college year beginning in the fall 2026, **all submissions listed above must be received by midnight September 30, 2026 using our online application or sent by email to info@sanlahi.org. You can also print and mail to PO Box 411433 Melbourne, Florida 32940. Must be postmarked by September 30, 2026.**

Questions: If you have any questions regarding your submission or criteria, please contact us at info@sanlahi.org