The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission offers community service scholarships to City of Santa Clara resident high school juniors and graduating seniors. Last year the Youth Commission raised $2,000 in scholarships.

If you have a minimum 2.5 grade point average and have contributed to the Santa Clara community... APPLY!

Beginning January 28, applications are available at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Santa Clara and Wilcox High School Counseling and ASB offices, Central Park Library and City Hall.

The application and essay must be returned to the Teen Center no later than Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Oral interviews will be conducted in person on Saturday, April 20. No exceptions will be made for the interview date.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact Jennifer Herb at 1-408-615-3740.

Winter Library Programs

Santa Clara City Library is planning programs for winter. Once again, the Library will be taking part in the annual *Silicon Valley Reads* program. The theme for 2013 is "Invisible Wounds of War," the two adult books featured are Brian Castner's *The Long Walk,* and Sue Diaz's *Mindfields of the Heart*. On Sunday, February 3 at 2 p.m. in the Central Park Library Redwood Room, Brian Caster will talk about his book, which explains his experience in Iraq and his post-war anxieties upon his return. Watch for additional *Silicon Valley Reads* programs scheduled, including programs for children. Another noteworthy program will celebrate local writer Laurie King's 20th anniversary of her first published book. On Monday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m., Laurie will talk about her many popular novels, including her newest, *Garment of Shadows*, part of the Sherlock Holmes/Mary Russell series. To reserve a space at these two special winter author events, call Reference at 1-408-615-2900. For information about all library programs, see the Library's website: *library.santaclaraca.gov.*

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Thank You Santa Clarans!

The effort by Santa Clara residents and businesses to pay their utility bills in a timely manner is making a difference in saving the City time and money. Thank you, customers, for your prompt payments! Prompt payments help to maintain lower utility rates, improve customer service, and the customer avoids a late charge. Santa Clara customers and the City both benefit.

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Holiday Tree Collection

Give the earth a gift this holiday season by recycling your cut trees! Stripped, unflocked trees will be picked up curbside on regular solid waste collection days from January 7 through 11, 2013. Here's what to do:

- Remove ornaments, hangers, tinsel, nails, AND the stand. Flocked trees cannot be recycled; they will be collected and disposed of as garbage.
- Place the stripped tree next to your garbage and Clean Green carts at the curb on your regular waste collection day.
- Residents of apartments and other multi-family dwellings who do not have curbside collection can set out Christmas trees on the nearest public street on the regular solid waste collection day for their neighborhood (call 1-408-615-3080 if you are not sure of the day). In addition, businesses and multi-family dwelling residents can drop off trees at the southwest corner of the intersection of San Tomas Expressway and Monroe Street. The tree drop-off will be available during the week of January 7 through 11, 2013 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. only.
- Unflocked trees may be recycled after January 11, 2013 by cutting up the tree and placing the pieces in your Clean Green cart.

Questions? Call 1-408-615-3080.

Extra Refuse Set-Out

Residents can dispose of extra, non-recyclable (e.g., foil or Mylar gift wrap and cards, wax- and plastic-coated food containers, cloth and metallic ribbons, etc.) holiday trash at no extra charge from December 26, 2012 through January 7, 2013. Place up to four additional 30-gallon garbage bags (limit two bags per week) next to your garbage cart on your regular collection day. The extra bags will be collected during these two weeks at no extra charge. Remember to recycle non-metallic gift wrap, tissue paper, cards and tags in the blue curbside recycling cart. Questions? Call 1-408-615-2063.

2013 Miss Santa Clara & Miss Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen Competitions

The Miss Santa Clara Competition, an official preliminary of the Miss California and Miss America programs, will showcase the talents and accomplishments of local college, high school, and middle school students in our community. Two competitions will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2013 – the Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen Competition (for girls ages 13-16) and the Miss Santa Clara Competition (for women ages 17-24). This year, the Miss Santa Clara Auxiliary will award over $15,000 in educational scholarships. Contestants are guaranteed a minimum scholarship regardless of their standing at the end of the competition. There is no fee to enter the competition.

The competition will be held at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts located at 3250 Monroe Street. The Teen competition begins at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) and the Miss competition begins at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are $21 for each show; $1 from each ticket sale will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network. To purchase tickets in advance, contact Mary McCaman at 1-408-858-9364 or by email at *mary.maccaman@gmail.com*.

Youth Commission 2012-2013 Term

Be a part of the Team!

- Are you a Santa Clara resident age 12 - 19?
- Are you interested in making a difference?
- Do you want to be a voice in your community?

…Join the Youth Commission! Beginning January 28, applications for the 2013-2014 term are available at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library, City Hall and Santa Clara Unified Middle and High School, Counseling and ASB offices.

The application and essay must be returned to the Teen Center no later than Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Oral interviews will be conducted in person on Saturday, April 20. No exceptions will be made for the interview date.

If you have any questions about Youth Commission or the application process, contact Jennifer Herb at 1-408-615-3740.

Youth Commission Scholarship

College Expenses Weighing You Down???

Application fees, tuition, books, living expenses…how do you pay for all of it? Easy...take the first step and apply for the Youth Commission Community Service Scholarship.