

Applicant Name: _____

SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS: (List the name, date and a brief description of the selection criteria for any award you have won for the current or upcoming academic year.)

OTHER HONORS AND AWARDS: (List name, date and a brief description of the criteria and selection process for each Honor or Award.)

Academic: _____

Athletic: _____

Other: _____

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(Please list in order of importance to you.)

Athletics/Performing Arts/Student Government

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY (INCLUDING POSITIONS HELD)	APPROXIMATE DATES OF PARTICIPATION AND TIME COMMITMENT	NAME AND TELEPHONE # OF CONTACT PERSON

Community Service/Work Experience /Other

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BEST ESSAY CONTEST: Please prepare an essay as directed on the topic below. Your essay must be typed on a separate sheet of paper with your name at the top of the page, must be single-spaced and must not exceed 500 words. It is essential that you express yourself clearly, so that the Selection Committee will be able to understand the important points you are making. Misspelling and the use of improper grammar will negatively affect the evaluation of your essay. **All responses will be used as part of the consideration for selection of Merit Scholars and will automatically be entered into the competition for “Best Essay”.**

ESSAY TOPIC. Thomas Jefferson believed that the will of the majority was the only legitimate foundation of any government. Einstein, on the other hand, famously said that "what is popular is not always right and what is right is not always popular." Which of these views most closely resonates with you and why? Please **DO** give concrete examples supporting your position and **DO NOT** submit an argument from both points of view.

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PERSONAL DECLARATIONS: (Please write short answers to the following questions in the space provided.)

What achievements or qualities make you most deserving of receiving a Merit Scholar Award and what would receiving this honor and the related financial award mean to you?

What academic classes, subjects or experiences have most inspired you and why?

What is the last book you read for pleasure and what about it appealed to you?

What is your favorite movie and why? _____

What person in public life do you most admire and why? _____

What is your favorite keepsake or memento and why is it important to you?

What words would your friends use to describe you? _____

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STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES:

(Please fill in all applicable scores.)

SAT Scores

Date(s)	Math	Writing	Reading	Total

ACT Scores

Date(s)	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite

CAHSEE Scores

Date(s)	Eng./Lang. Arts	Math

RECOMMENDERS:

#1 Name: _____ Title: _____

Relationship: _____

#2 Name: _____ Title: _____

Relationship: _____

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FUJIKAWA LEADERSHIP AWARD: The LAFD Scholarship Fund established the Fujikawa Leadership Award in memory of one of its founding board members, Ron Fujikawa. (See background information below.) To be eligible, you must 1) complete an Application for the LAFD Scholarship Fund Merit Scholar competition in the current year, 2) complete the “Leadership Essay” as directed below that describes a personal experience highlighting your leadership capabilities, and 3) arrange for a supervisor, who observed you in the capacity described in the Leadership Essay, to complete, sign and submit a “Leadership Verification Form” along with your Leadership Essay.

Your essay must be typed on a separate sheet of paper, must be single space and must not exceed 200 words. It is essential that you express yourself clearly, including using proper grammar, spelling and punctuation, so that the Selection Committee will be able to understand the important points you are making. **Completion of this essay is NOT required toward completion of your Merit Scholar Application.**

LEADERSHIP ESSAY. Describe an experience that you have had personally which demonstrates your capacity to lead “with an unselfish spirit and a passionate willingness to help...classmates, teammates or associates achieve all that they could...without the desire or need for personal recognition”.

Background on the Fujikawa Leadership Award. During his all too short sixty-four years, Ron Fujikawa made an indelible impression on his many friends, colleagues and acquaintances. In school, he was a hard-working successful student. In athletics, he was a versatile and accomplished baseball and football player often serving as captain of his various teams. As a lawyer, he took on the field of professional sports with no less enthusiasm and vigor. Additionally, he became an energetic supporter of non-profit organizations, including serving as a founding board member of the Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund. *Ron never just “participated”, however, but sought to motivate, develop and inspire those around him. In short, he was a true leader!* At the heart of his leadership style was a remarkably unselfish spirit and a passionate willingness to help his classmates, teammates or associates achieve all that they could. Most notably, however, he did so without the desire or need for personal recognition. Awards and accolades were the byproduct of his successes, never the motivation for his efforts. As a result, Ron’s impact on the lives of all those he worked and played with was positive, profound and truly incalculable. In establishing the Fujikawa Leadership Award, the Board of the LAFD Scholarship Fund wants to recognize individuals like Ron, who, while achieving success personally, have dedicated themselves to the service and development of those around them without the need or intent of achieving public recognition. In other words, we want to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in his or her community (be it in school or extracurricular activity) and whose achievements can be best measured through the successes of those they led.

The Fujikawa Leadership Award winner will be selected based on the Selection Committee’s subjective assessment of his or her observed and potential leadership capabilities described in the Leadership Essay. It is recommended that applicants have dedicated a significant amount of time (60-80 Hours) in a mentoring/leadership capacity in order to be a serious candidate for this award.

