

Dear 9th Grade Student,

The Aaron Price Fellows Program is looking for 40 exceptional students for our Class of 2021. The mission of our program is to prepare highly motivated and diverse San Diego public high school students to be responsible, engaged and caring members of their community.

As a member of the program, Fellows participate in an incredible three-year journey. The journey begins the summer prior to sophomore year at a week-long away camp where bonding and friendships start to form. Throughout the following year, Fellows visit non-profit and cultural organizations to learn about career opportunities and their role in our community.

During the second summer, Fellows take a multi-day trip to continue learning about important issues and building the bonds of friendship. Throughout their junior year of high school, they learn about local and state government and attend programs on important topics such as journalism and community justice.

Fellows begin the third year of the program with a June trip to Washington, DC where they meet with elected officials, tour important sites and learn about the federal government. Fellows then continue to attend local programs about national issues and leading industries during their senior year. They also receive support with the college admissions process.

To qualify for the program, students need to:

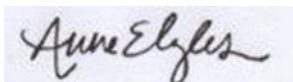
- Be a 9th grade student at one of the five participating high schools (Hoover, Lincoln, Point Loma, San Diego & University City)
- Maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA
- Be available to attend monthly programs, typically scheduled on Saturdays and school holidays
- Have diverse interests, experiences, and ethnic and economic backgrounds
- Have a strong desire to learn and grow
- Have a positive outlook on life
- Plan to attend college

Application Process:

- Applications are available in January online at www.aaronpricefellows.org and at the participating high schools
- Students must submit the application packet to their school counselor by March 2, 2018
- A subset of the applicants will be selected for a mandatory interview on April 21, 2018
- 40 students will be selected from the students who are interviewed and notified by the end of April

For more information about the Aaron Price Fellows Program, please visit our website at www.aaronpricefellows.org
If you have any questions, please contact Annie Lyles at 619-795-2036 or e-mail at alyles@pricephilanthropies.org

Good luck,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie Lyles".

Annie Lyles, MSW
Executive Director



AARON PRICE FELLOWS PROGRAM
CLASS OF 2021 APPLICATION
The application is due by March 2, 2018

- 1) Please use a blue or black pen to complete this application in your own handwriting. Please use only the provided space to answer the questions. Anything outside the allotted space will not be read.**
- 2) A complete application must include:**
 - ____ Commitment Form signed by student applicant and parent/guardian
 - ____ Handwritten answers to questions 1-8 below
 - ____ Letter of Recommendation from an adult that knows you through school or extracurricular activity
- 3) Please staple your application and Commitment Form together and submit them to your school counselor.**
- 4) You may include your sealed Letter of Recommendation in your packet or have it sent directly to the Aaron Price Fellows Program office.**

First Name _____	Middle Name _____	Last Name _____
Address _____ (Example: 4305 University Ave. Apt. #600, San Diego, CA)		Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ (Example: 619-123-4567)	Student Cell Phone _____ (Example: 619-123-4567)	
Student Email _____		School I.D. _____
Birth date _____ (Month/ Date/ Year)	Race/Ethnicity _____ (Optional)	
Shirt Size: _____ (Circle one)	Small Medium Large X-Large	High School _____

1. List the school and/or community activities you are most involved in (sports, clubs or organizations). Tell us about your role in these activities.

2. What makes you different from your friends and schoolmates?

3. Think of a leader in your school or community you admire. Who is it? What leadership qualities make them successful?

4. If you were given the power to make a change at your school or in your community, what would you do?

5. What current event(s) happening in our community, state or country interest you?

6. If you could invite someone not related to you to dinner, whether living, deceased, famous or not famous, who would you invite? What would you talk about?

7. What is the biggest challenge you are facing right now?

8. Why do you want to be an Aaron Price Fellow?



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant's Name _____ Applicant's High School _____

Recommender Name _____ Relationship to Student _____

Recommender Telephone # _____ Recommender Email _____

This recommendation is to be filled out by an adult who knows the student through school or extracurricular activity. The statements will become part of our confidential application file used only by the appropriate staff of the program. At no time will the applicant have access to it.

STUDENT RATING

Characteristics/ Skills	No basis for judgment	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent	One of the top ever encountered
Responsible						
Motivated/Takes initiative						
Self- Confident						
Accepts criticism/advice						
Exhibits concern for others						
Mature						
Intellectually curious						
Oral communication skills						
Written communication skills						
Academic performance						

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION (please only mark one)

I strongly recommend this student _____

I recommend this student _____

I recommend this student with reservation. (Please Explain) _____

I do not recommend this student (Please Explain) _____

Briefly write why the program would be a good fit for the student. (Please enclose additional sheets if necessary.)

Signature of Recommender _____ Date _____

Questions? Please contact Annie Lyles at 619-795-2036 or email: alyles@pricephilanthropies.org

**Please send to: Price Philanthropies-application 4305 University Ave. Suite 600, San Diego, CA 92105
or submit to student in sealed envelope.**



COMMITMENT FORM

Please make sure that you and your parents/guardians review the required Aaron Price Fellows Program commitments and sign the bottom of this form.

The following are very important selection and orientation activities. Discuss your availability to attend them with your parents/guardians before you submit your application. Students will be dropped from the program if they do not attend those indicated as mandatory.

Saturday, April 21, 2018	Interviews - Mandatory (Individual times will be scheduled)	Price Philanthropies Offices 4305 University Ave., Suite 600 San Diego, CA 92105
Sunday, May 20, 2018	Orientation with Parents/Guardians	Hilton San Diego Mission Valley 901 Camino del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108
August 12-17, 2018	Orientation Camp – Mandatory	Whispering Winds Camp Julian, CA

By applying for the Aaron Price Fellows Program, you are willing to commit to:

- Attend regularly scheduled programs with an open mind
- Maintain a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average
- Be respectful of opinions and differences of others
- Possess the willingness to learn and embrace the goals and mission of the program
- Make an effort to develop strong leadership skills
- Make an effort to establish a relationship with everyone in your class
- Maintain a smoke, drug, alcohol and violence free program environment
- Respect all staff members of the program
- Reflect a positive image when participating in the program

I have read all of the information about this program and if selected, I will make every effort to fully comply with all of the above.

Applicant's (Student) Signature

Applicant's (Student) Name

Date

I have read the above requirements and provide permission to have the above named student participate in the Aaron Price Fellows Program. I agree to allow the Aaron Price Fellows Program to have access to my son/daughter's academic and attendance records.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Date