



Dear 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student,

The Aaron Price Fellows Program is looking for 40 exceptional students for our Class of 2022. 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 juvenile 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 college admissions.

To qualify for the program, students must:

- Be a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at one of the six participating high schools (Hoover, Lincoln, Point Loma, Morse, San Diego & University City)
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Be available to attend monthly programs, typically scheduled on Saturdays and during school holidays
- Have diverse interests and experiences
- Have a strong desire to learn and grow
- Have a positive outlook on life
- Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills
- Plan to attend college
- Be willing to share their experiences and opinions during discussions and in written reflections

Application Process:

- Applications are available in January online at [www.aaronpricefellows.org](http://www.aaronpricefellows.org) and at the participating high schools
- Students must submit the application packet to their school counselor by March 1, 2019
- A subset of the applicants will be selected for a mandatory interview on April 13, 2019
- 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](http://www.aaronpricefellows.org)  
If you have questions, please contact Alejandra Cordova at 619-795-2005 or [alejandra@aaronpricefellows.org](mailto:alejandra@aaronpricefellows.org)

Good luck,

Annie Lyles, MSW  
Executive Director



## 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.

<b>Saturday, April 13, 2019</b>	<b>Interviews - Mandatory (Individual times will be scheduled)</b>	<b>Price Philanthropies Offices</b> 4305 University Ave., Suite 600 San Diego, CA 92105
<b>Saturday, May 18, 2019</b>	<b>Orientation with Parents/Guardians</b>	<b>Hilton San Diego Mission Valley</b> 901 Camino del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108
<b>August 11-16, 2019</b>	<b>Orientation Camp – Mandatory</b>	<b>Whispering Winds Camp</b> 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 3.0 GPA
- Be respectful of opinions and differences of others
- Exhibit care and concern for others
- Make an effort to develop strong leadership skills
- Make an effort to establish a relationship with everyone in your class
- Maintain a drug-free, violence-free lifestyle in and away from the program
- Openly communicate with staff, facilitators, and other Fellows
- Actively participate in program activities (i.e. asking questions, reading pre-program material and thoughtfully completing program evaluation)

**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.**

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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.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Date

**AARON PRICE FELLOWS PROGRAM**  
**CLASS OF 2022 APPLICATION**  
**The application is due by March 1, 2019**

- 1) Please use a blue or black pen to complete this application in your own handwriting. Please use 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 a teacher or school administrator  
*(Letter must be from a teacher or administrator from the past two years who knows the student well)*
  - \_\_\_\_ Unofficial Transcript
- 3) Please staple all of these items together and submit them as one packet.

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

**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.**

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

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

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

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

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**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?**

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

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

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## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender Email \_\_\_\_\_

This recommendation is to be filled out by a teacher or school administrator who knows the student well (within the past two years.) The form will become part of our confidential application file used only by the appropriate program staff. It will not be shared with the applicant.

### 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)

- A. I strongly recommend this student \_\_\_\_\_
- B. I recommend this student \_\_\_\_\_
- C. I recommend this student with reservation. (Please Explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- D. 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.)

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Signature of Recommender \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Aaron Price Fellows questions call Alejandra Cordova at 619-795-2005 or email: [alejandra@aaronpricefellows.org](mailto:alejandra@aaronpricefellows.org)

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