

# 2023 KOSHLAND YOUNG LEADER AWARDS

## Student Application Instructions

### About the Awards

In 1999, Dr. Daniel Koshland Jr., the son of our foundation's founding chairman, established the Koshland Young Leader Awards (KYLA), a scholarship award program that recognizes young leaders who balance extraordinary challenges, including family separation and homelessness, yet continue to show academic promise and community leadership.

Candidates embrace a commitment to strengthening their families and communities despite facing formidable life challenges, such as economic and family responsibilities. Each year, 11 outstanding San Francisco Unified School District juniors are provided \$10,000 each to fund tuition and/or education-related expenses. To date, the awards program has awarded nearly \$1 million to more than 170 young leaders to give them a jump start as they enter college.

Learn more at <https://sff.org/KYLA>

### Application Requirements

Competitive candidates must:

- be a **junior** in a San Francisco Unified School District High School
- have demonstrated **academic excellence** (at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA) and be college-bound
- have demonstrated **significant leadership** in their community, school, work, and/or home including active participation in school clubs, sports, volunteer work, religious community, college prep programming, family responsibilities, etc.
- have **overcome significant hardship** (e.g., unstable housing, non-native English speaker, economic insecurity, health issues, immigrant story, family situation, etc.)
- have a **recommendation** from a teacher, counselor, school administrator, or college prep program staff who can speak to their qualifications.

Tax ID or SSN not required to apply, however if selected, the student will need to provide either Tax ID or SSN. If you do not have a Tax ID, [this organization](#) can help you obtain one.

### How to Apply:

Please complete the application via [Submittable](#) by **11:59 pm PT on April 7, 2023**. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered:

- **Application Video** - We want to learn about you and your story! Please record **one** video of yourself answering all of the questions below. For high-quality recorded videos, we recommend following these [video recording tips](#) or [watch this video](#).
  - If a video recording is not possible, please contact Mayra Roman at [mroman@sff.org](mailto:mroman@sff.org).
  - Video Tips:
    - Video should be 6-8 minutes long.
    - Please include your full name in the file name when submitting your video (e.g., MayraRomanVideo).
    - Video can be recorded on your phone, mobile device, or laptop, and need not be polished or have high production value.
- **Copy of your High School Transcripts**
- **Reference Form**
- **Consent and Release of Liability Form**
- **List of Leadership Activities**

## Video Application Questions:

Please begin your video with this introduction:

“My name is\_\_\_\_\_. I am a Junior at\_\_\_\_\_high school in San Francisco.”

1. Describe challenges you faced that have affected your life, family and/or schooling.
2. What do you love most about your high school experience so far? What makes you excited about going to school every day?
3. Choose one of the examples on your leadership activity list and describe a detailed story that demonstrates how you have exhibited significant leadership.
4. What are you most excited about learning, pursuing, or achieving in college and/or career?