



Nicholas R. Scalera ('63) Scholarship Fund

The Nicholas R. Scalera Scholarship Fund was established at Seton Hall University in 2007 by its benefactor, a 1963 SHU alumnus. It provides annual scholarships to incoming, transfer or current students from Essex County who demonstrate substantial financial and social needs by qualifying for the University's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

Preference is given to students who: reside in Newark or Bloomfield; or are now or were previously under the supervision of the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS); or are graduates of Seton Hall Preparatory School and alumni of its Griffin Bridges Program. The Scalera Scholarship Fund currently provides at least \$5,000 a year to one or more students selected.

Biography of Mr. Nicholas R. Scalera

Mr. Scalera holds a B.A. in Social Studies from Seton Hall University and a M.S. in Journalism from Columbia University. He served 17 years as Assistant Director and nearly five years as the Director of DYFS and continues to mentor many youths. Since 1995, Mr. Scalera has overseen his own management consulting firm specializing in services to at-risk youth. In 2006, he received Seton Hall's Humanitarian of the Year Award for his lifelong service to troubled children and families. Mr. Scalera is a member of the President's Advisory Council for the College of Arts & Sciences and continues to remain an active alumnus of Seton Hall.

"This is a major step towards fulfilling my lifelong dream of offering deserving students of modest means the same opportunity I had to earn a college degree," Mr. Scalera said. "As the grandchild of Italian immigrants, I was the first member of my family to graduate from prep school, college and graduate school. Thanks to my parents' hard work and sacrifices, I achieved a quality education. I hope these scholarships will allow students to realize the American promise that educational opportunity should never depend on the extent of a family's resources."

The first Scalera Scholarships were awarded during the 2010 Fall Semester to three students from Newark. During the Fall Semester of each upcoming academic year, The Nicholas R. Scalera Scholarship Selection Committee will review and assess all applicants – including current recipients who have not yet graduated – to select that year's scholarship recipient(s) and determine the level of each award. The scholarship also will review all applicants and recipients throughout the academic year (as additional funds are made available) to determine if further awards may be provided.

For those interested in making a contribution, please make your check payable to Seton Hall University and write Scalera Scholarship Fund in the memo line. Please mail all payments to Seton Hall University, Educational Opportunity Program, Alfieri Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079. Contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Nicholas R. Scalera at nick@scalera.com or EOP Director, Dr. Hasani C. Carter at hasani.carter@shu.edu or (973) 761-9161.

Nicholas R. Scalera ('63) Scholarship Fund Application

Biographical Information

Student's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____
 Month Day Year

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Academic Information

Major (s) / Minor (s): _____ Classification: _____

Number of Credits Completed: _____

High School or Secondary School Attended: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Year of graduation: _____

Honors received while in college (Dean's list, honorary societies, awards, etc.)

In what extracurricular or community activities have you participated while in college? (Include offices held.)

If you have been employed during the regular school year while in college, specify the type of work and approximate hours per week.

Current: _____

Prior to this year: _____

How have you spent your summers during college?

If your education has not been continuous, indicate what you have done while not in school.

Please address here any additional information/issue which you feel the scholarship committee should be aware of:

NOTE: The following questions are not required to be answered:

If a graduate of Seton Hall Preparatory School, were you an alumnus of the Thomas J. Griffin Bridges Program?
Yes _____ No _____

Are you now or have you ever been under the supervision of the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)? If so, indicate the years: _____

Essay

Please prepare an essay in response to both of the following questions: **(1)** Drawing on your own personal experiences, explain the most significant life challenge that has confronted you and what you have done/are doing to resolve it. **(2)** How will the scholarship help you achieve your personal and career goals. Suggested length one page - typed)

I hereby affirm that the information submitted in this application is accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Please also submit (1) copy of your official transcript, (1) copy of your parent(s) or legal guardian's 2010 federal and state income tax returns, and (2) letters of recommendation along with your application and essay to:

Nicholas R. Scalera Scholarship Selection Committee
Attn: Dr. Hasani Carter
Acting Associate Dean/Director Educational Opportunity Program
Alfieri Hall
Seton Hall University
400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, NJ 07079

Application Deadline: December 1