SABER ES PODER SCHOLARSHIP 2016-2017
“Knowledge is Power”

The Saber es Poder (Knowledge is Power) Scholarship was established in 1995 to assist Latino / Hispanic students in completing their education at the University of San Francisco. The scholarship, in the amount of $5,000, covers a portion of tuition expenses.

Awards made by this scholarship will be in addition to any existing financial aid currently being received, and will not reduce the financial aid package unless required by regulations and restrictions that apply to current aid.

Below are the eligibility requirements and application procedures for the Saber es Poder Scholarship. ¡Buena Suerte! (good luck!)

Eligibility:
Candidates for the Saber es Poder Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States.
2. Be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student at USF (minimum of 12 units per semester for undergraduates; full-time for graduate students varies from program to program).
3. Have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than March 2, 2016.
4. Have filled out the Saber es Poder Scholarship application form in its entirety and submitted with all supporting documents by the April 8, 2016, midnight deadline. Please do not submit essays as PDF files, Word only.

Application Procedures:
If you would like to be considered for the 2016-2017 Saber es Poder Scholarship you need to do the following by midnight, April 8, 2016:

1. Complete and submit online application form
2. Write and submit online a short, well-written and thoroughly proofread essay not to exceed two pages in which you cover the following:
   a. A brief personal history
   b. Your reasons for seeking a college education (undergraduate or graduate)
   c. How your education will impact the community
3. Submit via email two letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a professor or academic advisor (persons who are familiar with your academic and personal achievements, level of maturity, motivation, and self-confidence). The second letter should be from someone familiar with your community service work (persons who are familiar with your leadership abilities in the community).
Review and Selection Criteria:
A review committee will review all applications for the *Saber es Poder* Scholarship. The committee will review:

1. Academic performance
2. Financial need
3. Community service and leadership skills
4. Special circumstances based on personal history

Contingent upon the above criteria and after carefully examining each application, the committee will make its selection.

Applicants **do not need to contact the Office of Annual Giving** after submission of a completed application. Applicants chosen as recipients of the *Saber es Poder* Scholarship will be contacted within three weeks of the scholarship deadline via phone to inform them of the award. **If you are not selected for the scholarship, you will not be notified.**

Deadline: Midnight, April 8, 2016
All completed applications with short essays for the *Saber es Poder* Scholarship **MUST BE SUBMITTED online by the established deadline.**

Both letters of recommendation **MUST BE RECEIVED by the established deadline.**
You or your recommender may email the letters to kcwilson5@usfca.edu:

If you have any questions regarding the *Saber es Poder* Scholarship, please contact Kimmera Wilson via email at kcwilson5@usfca.edu.