

# THE ISIDORE C. AND PENNY W. MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Administered by Save Our Youth



## Making Dreams Come True

A \$12,500 per year, four-year scholarship is awarded each year to a high school graduate of the Newport Mesa Unified School District who is an immigrant or the child of first generation immigrants. On even years the award will be given to a male graduate and on odd years to a female. This scholarship is awarded and administered by Save Our Youth (SOY).

Selection for this scholarship will be based upon scholastic accomplishment or aptitude, a history of service and positively participating in school and community life, a love of learning, an ability to go forward regardless of obstacles and a vision of what he or she wants to achieve in the future. For the scholarship to be renewed each year, the student must be enrolled in a four-year institution and carry a minimum of twelve units. He/she must complete the year with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Renewal will be based upon the presentation of grade transcripts and proof of registration for the following year.



The grant will be presented directly to the student by SOY. If the choice of college or university does not require the entire \$12,500, the student is encouraged to save the balance for the future. Conversely, if it is not enough to cover the complete expense the student is encouraged to look upon the grant as a solid foundation upon which to seek other funding.

The purpose of this scholarship is to ease the path of young immigrants or children of immigrants to receive the benefits of a higher education. It encourages them to work hard in the pursuit of learning and when they have achieved a level of success it expects them to give back some of their talents and treasure to others in their community.

Isidore and Penny Myers established their Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2006 to support, in perpetuity, a cause near and dear to their hearts – enabling young people to be all they can be by acquiring a college education. Mr. Myers has said, “Dreams can become a reality for those who are willing to give their all. In America you can be anything you want to be, but a good education is imperative.”



Applications for THE ISIDORE AND PENNY MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP may be obtained at each Newport-Mesa School District high school counsellor's office or from:

**Save Our Youth (SOY)**  
2045 E. Meyer Place, Bldg. E  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
[www.save-our-youth.org](http://www.save-our-youth.org)  
Phone: 949-548-3255

College bound seniors who are immigrants or children of immigrants and also meet the scholarship's academic criteria are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. All applications will be screened by a selection committee comprised of educators, community leaders and a member of the Myers family appointed by the Save Our Youth Board of Directors. The most deserving, academically and personally outstanding applicants will be interviewed in-person by the selection committee. The winner of the Isidore and Penny Myers Memorial Scholarship is announced in late April by the administrator of Save Our Youth.



*Strange is our situation here on earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know: that we are here for the sake of each other... Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of others, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received and am still receiving."*

*- Albert Einstein*

## **INTRODUCING ISIDORE AND PENNY MYERS**

Isidore Myers is the son of Jewish immigrants from Poland who came to this country in 1908, penniless but bearing the riches of a tradition full of faith and hope, and love of neighbor. Mr. Myers credits this tradition plus education and hard work as the driving forces behind his success. After graduating from the University of Akron in 1939 and serving in the Army during World War II, he and his brothers built Myers Industries of Akron into a world-wide, diversified company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. His wife, Penny, whom he married in 1947, obtained her teaching credential from Hunter College and taught high school in Akron. They have two sons, Todd and Jay.

The Myers moved to Newport Beach in 1973 after selling their interest in Myers Industries. Mr. Myers then established a successful real estate investment firm in Orange County. He summed up his business philosophy when he stated, "In business, ethics, morality, and honest business practices take precedent over everything else."

The Myers believed, "Education is precious because once you have it, you cannot lose it. Education is the seed your children will sow. Wisdom is the crop your children's education will reap. Wealth is not what we've earned. Wealth is what we have saved. What we have saved makes it possible to fulfill this and other dreams."

A cornerstone of Isidore and Penny Myers' marriage was to work to establish justice by being righteous, upright, compassionate and, above all, to help one's fellow man. They have been active philanthropists all their lives, contributing their time, talent and treasure to over forty religious, medical, charitable and educational organizations. They have arranged their estate so that this legacy can continue in perpetuity.

# 2024 GUIDELINES, CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES TO APPLY FOR THE 18th ANNUAL ISIDORE AND PENNY MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES:

The Myers Memorial Scholarship provides \$12,500 per year for four years (\$50,000, 4-year total) to students attending an accredited four-year university or college. Applicants must already be accepted or pending acceptance. Scholarship recipients alternate between female and male students every year. **On odd class years the scholarship will be awarded to a female, on even class years to a male.**

The scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to high achieving, academically gifted high school seniors of outstanding personal character who are themselves immigrants or the children of immigrants to the United States.

To be eligible to receive this four-year scholarship of \$12,500 annually applicants must meet the following criteria:

## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SEEKING THE MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

- Be either an immigrant to the United States or the child of parents who are immigrants. Documented immigration status is not a criterion.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
- Must be a high school senior enrolled in the Newport Mesa Unified School District.
- A male student in even class years; a female in odd class years. **2024 APPLICANTS MUST BE MALE.**
- Student must be admitted or pending admission to an accredited four-year college or university located in the United States.
- Demonstrate superior character, personal achievement, academic excellence and involvement, participation in community service a drive to attain continued higher education and compelling financial need.

## CRITERIA FOR CONTINUED RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP WHILE IN COLLEGE:

- Be enrolled in an accredited 4-year institution and always carry at least 12 units.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Email an official copy of each semester's (quarter or trimester's) college transcripts to the Myers Memorial Scholarship administrator at SAVE OUR YOUTH within 30 days of the end of each semester.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Students must submit a completed Myers Scholarship application by **April 2, 2024**, to the scholarship administrator at Save Our Youth (SOY) along with copies of the following additional materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered:

- Parent's 1040 tax returns for the last two years to establish financial need.
- Student's most current official academic transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation; one from a teacher the other from a community member.
- Student's one ~ two-page personal statement in word-processed form.

Application must be delivered (by mail or in person) to SAVE OUR YOUTH (SOY) by **April 2, 2024**. Finalists will be notified no later than April 17<sup>th</sup> to enable our selection committee to schedule personal interviews on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Selection of the 2024 Scholarship winner will be made, and the winner informed on or before April 29, 2024.

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### III. SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION:

**Please attach a copy of your most current high school transcript to this application. Your application will not be considered if submitted without your transcript. (SINGLE SIDED COPIES ONLY.)**

From what NMSD High School did you or will you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Your Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

**SAT** - Test Date \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT** - Test date \_\_\_\_\_ Number **AP Courses** taken \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal score \_\_\_\_\_ **Composite score** \_\_\_\_\_

Math score \_\_\_\_\_

Written score \_\_\_\_\_ List all AP test(s) you took and scores (score range 1 – 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total SAT Score** \_\_\_\_\_

**SAT II** Subject Scores, if taken.

List all subject test(s) taken and the score(s) you obtained. \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. ACTIVITIES:

Please list significant activities you have been involved in during high school. Note the number of years you have been involved in each and estimate the number of hours per week you devoted to each activity when involved. Briefly describe any office or had a leadership role. (**Example:** Track Team, 4yrs, Team Captain senior yr., 15hr/wk. in season; Drama productions, 2yrs, lead role in one production, 20hr/wk. for 7wks; Tutor/mentor at SOY, 2yrs. 3hr/wk.) OK to add extra pages.

SCHOOL: (Clubs, Athletics, Music, Drama, Speech, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNITY SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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HONORS: (If you have received honors or awards in school or community activities, please list.)

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## V. WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list part-time or full-time jobs you have held during high school. List most recent experience first.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title or duties: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

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## VI. COLLEGE EXPENSES

Names of college/university you have been accepted to or hope to attend. \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Estimate total cost per year for: tuition, housing, food, books, transportation and personal costs.

\$ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Amount you are able to contribute from savings or by working during school year.

\$ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Amount your parents are able to contribute each year.

\$ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Total **grants & scholarship** awards you have already received: (List each below and transfer total.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount remaining needed to fund your yearly college expenses.

## VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

**Please attach two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher and one from someone in the community. These letters should comment on your; character, achievements, ethical or moral standards, tolerance of others, etc. Your application will not be considered without two letters of recommendation.**

## VIII. STUDENT STATEMENT

Please write a one to two-page essay stating how past experiences have prepared you for success, describe your future career plans and how you will contribute to making a better, kinder and more tolerant world. Please submit your statement as a word-processed document attached to this application.

## IX. STUDENT-PARENT STATEMENT

I verify that the information included in this application is true, correct and complete. I understand that any misinformation will automatically disqualify me from consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

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