

## About the Sophie Hittner Scholarship

## Criteria

This scholarship was created to honor a single parent who exemplifies family commitment and community engagement. Sophie Hittner was a high school graduate — a mother and homemaker — then a widow and sole financial support for our family, after our father died after a long illness. We were 12 and 14.

Our mother was both simple and wise. She taught us the value of education and hard work, and she volunteered her time to help others. One example stands out. In the 1940's, she was a March of Dimes volunteer, collecting money door-to-door each year to cure polio. In 1955, when the Salk vaccine virtually eliminated polio as a health threat in the world, she said quietly, "I feel that perhaps I contributed a very small part to this success."

The recipient of this award will honor Sophie Hittner and her dedication to the concept of "family." We hope you will continue to care for and assist others in the years to come and pass on these values to your children, and to the children of your community, as our mother did for us.

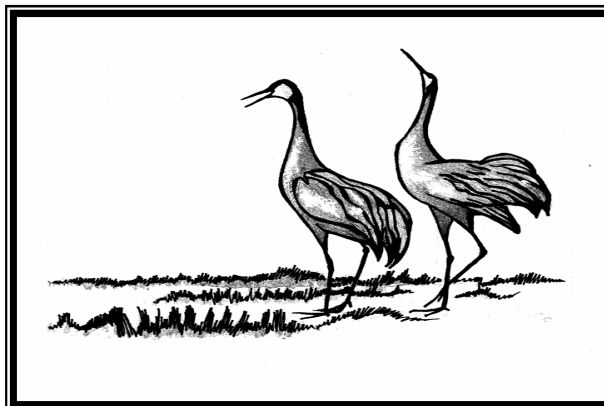
*Dr. Amy Hittner & Judge David Hittner*

### **SOPHIE HITTNER SCHOLARSHIP in the amount of \$500 honoring a SINGLE PARENT**

*Exemplifying excellence in scholarship and a strong commitment to his/her child(ren) and to the community of children in the San Francisco Bay Area.*

#### **Application Criteria**

1. Annual Award— Decision made during the fall semester of each year and the scholarship is awarded the following spring.
2. Undergraduate student currently attending SFSU at least half-time, and continuing as an undergraduate the following spring.
3. At least one child under 18 living in the home at time of award.



#### **Other**

1. Headstart parents, graduates, and Family Resource Center members are especially invited to apply.
2. The Selection Committee will have at least one member associated with the child care community in San Francisco.
3. Applicant may receive the award twice during his/her undergraduate studies at SFSU.

#### **Competitive Criteria**

1. Overall GPA of 2.75 or above
2. Autobiographical statement including
  - family history
  - academic background and achievements
  - paid work experience
  - volunteer work experience
  - overcoming personal adversity
  - evidence of commitment to one's own family and to the local childcare community
  - short term and long term career goals
  - self described financial need

## How To Apply

### To apply send:

- Cover letter
- Current transcript(s)
- A 1-2 page autobiographical statement
- A letter of support (on letterhead) from either a faculty member or community worker.

### Submit to:

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