



## City of Monte Sereno

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### Monte Sereno Social Justice Award

#### Summary:

The Monte Sereno City Council in collaboration with the Monte Sereno Youth Commission created the Monte Sereno Social Justice Award program to establish an ongoing message for positive change regarding social justice matters in the greater City of Monte Sereno community. Submissions by local high school Juniors and Seniors will be reviewed annually in the month of May by the Monte Sereno Youth Commission.

The winner of the Monte Sereno Social Justice Award will be selected by the Monte Sereno Youth Commission and subsequently recognized at a Monte Sereno City Council meeting. One recipient will be chosen annually for the award. The City of Monte Sereno will issue a letter of recognition and a check for \$1,000 payable to a non-profit charitable organization selected by the awardee.

#### Vision Statement:

*“The purpose of the Monte Sereno Social Justice Award Program is to establish an ongoing message for positive change regarding social justice in the greater Monte Sereno community by acknowledging students’ efforts in creating a more equal and inclusive community.”*

#### Eligibility:

The Monte Sereno Social Justice Award is available to local high school students in the greater City of Monte Sereno area. Examples include Saratoga High School, Los Gatos High School, Westmont High School, Mitty High School, Presentation High School, Harker School, Saint Francis High School, Bellarmine High School, or others where residents of Monte Sereno attend high school presently or may attend high school in the future. To apply for award consideration, applicants must be a Junior or Senior in high school and maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to equality and social justice through active participation or leadership.

#### Next Steps:

To be considered for the Monte Sereno Social Justice Award, please complete the application below and submit to [cityclerk@cityofmontesereno.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofmontesereno.org) by **May 5, 2021**. For general submission inquiries, please contact Michelle Radcliffe at 408-498-5281.

**Name\***

**Address\***

**School and Grade\***

**Email\***

**Phone\***

**Writing or Rendering\***

In 500 words or less, please explain what social justice means to you, and what you have accomplished to create positive change or make your community more inclusive (*in lieu of a 500-word writing, applicants may submit an original rendering or artwork presenting a positive influence on social justice or inclusivity in the community*). Please attach additional sheets if needed.

**Organization of Choice\***

Please include the name, address, phone number, and email address of the organization you would like to recognize with the \$1,000 award, assuming you are selected the Monte Sereno Social Justice Award recipient. Please explain your affiliation with the organization and what the organization means to you, or why you selected the organization.