



San Juan Children's Education Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarship Overview

San Juan Elementary Children's Education Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity for **2026 graduating seniors of the Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program**. The San Juan Children's Education Foundation (SJCEF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to support the students and families of San Juan Elementary School by providing opportunities to help develop each child to realize their full potential both inside and outside the classroom.

SJCEF has established a scholarship award in honor and celebration of Silvia Mazzeo Pule's lifetime achievement as an educator and commitment to bilingual education. As a teacher and principal, Señora Pule was the heart and soul of San Juan Elementary School who tirelessly worked to create a program where students of diverse cultures worked together to become bilingual and biliterate.

San Juan Children's Education Foundation, San Juan Elementary School, and Silvia Mazzeo Pule continues their solid commitment to educating the leaders of our future. We hope this scholarship award will bring students one step closer to realizing their academic dreams.

On behalf of the families of San Juan Elementary School, SJCEF is proud to award 3 academic scholarships in recognition and celebration of Silvia Mazzeo Pule in the amount of \$1,000 each.

The Silvia Mazzeo Pule Scholarship Award is available to a San Juan Elementary School alumnus who meets the following criteria:

- Spent a minimum of three years at San Juan Elementary School
- Has continuously remained in the Two-Way Immersion Program through 12th grade
- Is a graduating senior
- Currently enrolled in one of the four Capistrano Unified School District high schools who offer the Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program: San Juan Hills High School, San Clemente High School, Dana Hills High School or Capistrano Valley High School

The winner will be selected based on academic achievement, letter of recommendation, and the submission of a 500-word essay written **in the applicant's non-native language**.



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Please thoroughly review the eligibility criteria, application materials, and submission instructions outlined below.

SJCEF has formed a Scholarship Committee with members who are fluent in both English and Spanish and includes SJCEF board members, parents, teachers, and Señora Pule. The Committee will review all application materials and select a winner.

The scholarship will be presented at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May 2026. We would also like the scholarship award recipients to attend our school's Spring Festival and be recognized on April 17, 2026.

Scholarship applications are due March 6, 2026.



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Are you a San Juan Elementary School alumnus and 2026 graduating senior of the Spanish Two Way Immersion Program? If so, this scholarship opportunity is for you.

Presenting

The Silvia Mazzeo Pule Scholarship Award

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Eligibility Criteria

You must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for this scholarship opportunity:

- San Juan Elementary School alumnus for a minimum of three years
- Graduating senior who has been a student in the Spanish Dual Immersion Program from Kindergarten through the 12th grade in the Capistrano Unified School District
- Graduating from San Juan Hills High School, San Clemente High School, Dana Hills High School, or Capistrano Valley High School
- Academic achievement with a minimum 3.0 GPA



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Scholarship Application Materials

A complete application includes the following:

- High School Transcript
- 500-word written essay. Essay must be written in the applicant's non-native language and must follow one of these two prompts:
 1. "The Two Way Immersion Program influenced my life..."
"El Programa de Dos Idiomas influenció mi vida..."
- OR
- 2. "My future as a multilingual adult will be..."
"Mi futuro como un adulto multilingüe será ..."
- Letter(s) of recommendation from teachers and/or academic advisors (not to exceed two)
- Completed application

Submission Instructions & Procedure

- Deadline for submission is **Friday, March 6, 2026**.
- Submit the required materials to SMPulescholarship@gmail.com or by mail to:
San Juan Children's Education Foundation
32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite A-122
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
- Upon selection, the scholarship will be made payable to the college or university of the recipient's choice.
- **Scholarship must be redeemed within one year of the issued date. Failure to do so will result in the scholarship being forfeited.**
- We would also like the scholarship award recipient to attend and be recognized at our school's Spring Festival on April 17, 2026.
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**For questions, please contact the SJCEF Foundation Scholarship Committee at
SMPulescholarship@gmail.com.**



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Scholarship Application

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

High School _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

Number of Years Attended at San Juan Elementary School _____

College(s) or Universities that you have applied to for Fall of 2026

Major or Career Objective _____

Fondest Memory at San Juan Elementary School _____

Fun fact of how you used your non-native language in an unexpected way while in elementary school _____

Anything else you would like to share _____
