

Class of 2028 Joint Application



CARDINALS INTERACT





**Attention: Please complete application with a blue or black ink.
Applications completed in pencil will not be considered.**

Dear 9th Grade Student,

We are excited to invite the Class of 2028 to apply to be members of Cardinals Interact. Our program is a partnership between Price Philanthropies Foundation, San Diego Rotary Club and Hoover High School. Our mission is to empower Hoover High School students to be leaders who achieve their maximum academic and personal potential. Over the past 20 years, we have witnessed over one thousand students benefit from the transformative Cardinals Interact experience.

In the program, we will support you as you work to achieve your academic and personal goals. We will explore careers you are curious about in the San Diego region. We will also work together to serve others as giving back to our community is an important part of being in Cardinals Interact. One of your most important highlights will be making new friends who will be with you throughout the program.

In the first year, students begin with a **mandatory** parent orientation and first year camp. These events will be followed by programs that help you develop strong friendships amongst your Cardinals Interact cohort and explore your values, interests, and goals. We also require Cardinals to attend our Academic Center one day a week after school. Your second year will include a multi-day trip to a college campus and visits to local businesses, public organizations, and universities so you can learn about different education and career opportunities. In your final year, you will go to third year camp and continue to explore careers. We also offer support with college applications and help you strengthen critical skills to prepare for the workforce and life after high school. In addition, every year we offer opportunities to participate in Rotary programs like Camp Enterprise and the International Youth Exchange.

Students who successfully complete the entire program are awarded a one-time scholarship of **\$1,000** for a post-secondary education institution.

To **qualify** for the program, students need to:

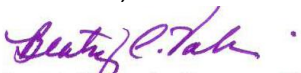
- Be a 9th grader, attending and planning to graduate from Hoover High School.
- Maintain good attendance and citizenship at school and in the program.
- Have a desire to maintain good grades and/or improve academically-
You must have at least a 1.0 grade point average (GPA) to qualify for the program. Once in the program, students are expected to improve towards at least a 2.0GPA.
- Be available to attend scheduled activities; and
- Have a desire to make personal improvements, be motivated and open-minded.

Application Process

- Students must submit a completed application, including a letter of recommendation.
- From the applications, we will select about 100 students to interview on a scheduled date.
- 50 students will be selected from the students who are interviewed.

If you have any questions, call Beatriz Valencia at 619-795-2008 or e-mail bvalencia@pricephilanthropies.org

Good Luck,



Beatriz Valencia, Executive Director



Visit our website

CARDINALS INTERACT

COMMITMENT FORM

Please make sure that you and your parents/guardians review the required Cardinals Interact Program commitment and sign the bottom of this form.

The following are **mandatory** events. Students who do not participate may be disqualified from the application process and the program. If there are questions, please contact us.

March 26, 2025	Cardinals Interact Interviews	Place: Cardinals Interact Offices Individual times will be assigned
May 15, 2025	Orientation with Parents/Guardians From: 5:30pm-8:00pm	Place: Cardinals Interact Office
May 28, 2025	Freshmen Gathering From: 2:30pm-6:00pm	Place: Cardinals Interact Office
June 5– 8, 2025	First Year Camp	Place: Julian, CA

By applying for the Cardinals Interact Program you are demonstrating an interest and sincere willingness to:

- Stay enrolled at Hoover High School until graduation;
- Reflect a positive image inside and out of the program;
- Attend regularly scheduled events with an open mind;
- Maintain and sustain a minimum of a 2.0 Grade Point Average once accepted into the program;
- Attend a minimum of a one-hour academic support session once a week during the school year;
- Be respectful of people's opinions and value the differences of others;
- Make an effort to develop strong leadership skills;
- Make an effort to establish a relationship with everyone in your class; and
- Maintain a smoke, drug, alcohol, and violence-free program environment.

I have read all of the information about this program and if selected I will make every effort to fully comply with all of the above.

Applicant (Student) Signature

Applicant's (student) Name

Date

I have read the above requirements and provide permission to have the above-named student participate in the Cardinals Interact Program. I agree to allow the Cardinal Interact Program access to my son/daughter's academic and attendance records.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name & Relationship to Student

Date

The completed application can be submitted to the Hoover High School counseling office or the Cardinals Interact Offices - 4305 University Ave., Suite 600, San Diego, CA 92105

Dear 9th Grade Student,



The Aaron Price Fellows Program is looking for 40 exceptional students for our Class of 2028. The mission of our program is to prepare highly motivated and diverse San Diego public high school students to be responsible, engaged and caring members of their community.

Fellows participate in an incredible three-year journey. The journey begins the summer prior to sophomore year at a week-long away camp where bonding and friendships start to form. Throughout the following year, Fellows visit non-profit and cultural organizations to learn about career opportunities and their role in our community. During the second summer, Fellows take a multi-day trip to continue learning about important issues and build the bonds of friendship. Throughout their junior year of high school, they learn about local and state government and attend programs on important topics such as juvenile justice. Fellows begin the third year of the program with a June trip to Washington, DC where they meet with elected officials, tour important sites and learn about the federal government. Fellows then continue to attend local programs about national issues and leading industries during their senior year. They also receive support with college admissions.

To qualify for the program, students must:

- Be a 9th grade student at one of the six participating high schools (Hoover, Lincoln, Point Loma, Morse, San Diego, or University City)
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Be available to attend monthly programs, typically scheduled on Saturdays and during school holidays
- Have diverse interests and experiences
- Have a strong desire to learn and grow, and a positive outlook on life
- Demonstrate strong verbal and written communication skills
- Plan to attend college
- Be willing to share their experiences and opinions during discussions and in written reflections

Application Process:

- January 2, 2025 – Applications are available online at www.aaronpricefellows.org. If applicants have limited internet access, a printed copy can be obtained at the school counseling office or request one from our office.
- **February 11, 2025** – Applications are completed and submitted online.
 - Printed copies can be submitted to the counseling center by 3pm or postmarked on February 11, 2025.
 - Teacher or administrator must submit letter of recommendation.
- Mid-March 2025 – Approximately 80 students will move forward to an interview.
- April 2025 – Approximately 40 students will be invited to join our Class of 2028.

For more information about the Aaron Price Fellows Program, please visit our website at www.aaronpricefellows.org. If you have questions, please contact Karla Zuniga Lara at 619-795-2070 or email at karla@aaronpricefellows.org.

Good luck,

Annie Lyles, MSW
Executive Director



Scan to visit our website

COMMITMENT FORM

Please make sure that you and your parents/guardians review the required Aaron Price Fellows Program commitments and sign the bottom of this form.

The following are important selection and orientation activities. Discuss your availability to attend them with your parents/guardians before you submit your application. Students will be dropped from the program if they do not attend Orientation Camp.

Saturday, March 22, 2025	Interviews – Mandatory (Individual times will be scheduled)
Saturday, April 26, 2025	Orientation with Parent/Guardian
July 21-25, 2025	Orientation Camp – Mandatory (Whispering Winds Camp, Julian, CA)

By applying for the Aaron Price Fellows Program, you are willing to commit to:

- Attend regularly scheduled programs with an open mind;
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- Be respectful of opinions and differences of others;
- Exhibit care and concern for others;
- Make an effort to develop strong leadership skills;
- Make an effort to establish a relationship with everyone in your class;
- Maintain a drug-free, violence-free lifestyle in and away from the program;
- Openly communicate with staff, facilitators, and other Fellows;
- Actively participate in program activities (i.e., ask questions, read pre-program material and thoughtfully complete program evaluations).

I have read all of the information about this program and if selected, I will make every effort to fully comply.

Applicant (Student) Signature

Applicant (Student) Name

Date

I have read the above requirements and provide permission to have the above named student participate in the Aaron Price Fellows Program. I agree to allow the Aaron Price Fellows Program to have access to my son/daughter's academic and attendance records.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name & Relationship to Student

Date

**AARON PRICE FELLOWS PROGRAM & CARDINALS INTERACT PROGRAM
CLASS OF 2028 APPLICATION**

The application is due by February 11, 2025

1) Please use a blue or black pen to complete this application in your own handwriting. Please use only the provided space to answer the questions. Anything outside the allotted space will not be read.

2) A complete application must include:

_____ **Commitment Form signed by you and a parent/guardian**

(If you are applying for both programs, you must submit both commitment forms.)

_____ **Handwritten answers to questions 1-7 below**

(Answer 7a if you are applying for the Aaron Price Fellows Program, 7b if you are applying for the Cardinals Interact Program, or 7a and 7b if you are applying for both programs.)

_____ **Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or school administrator**

(Letter must be from a teacher or administrator from the past two years who knows you well.)

3) Please staple all of these items together and submit them as one packet.

First Name _____ **Middle Name** _____ **Last Name** _____

Address _____ **Zip Code** _____
(Example: 4305 University Ave. Apt. #600, San Diego, CA)

Parent/Guardian Phone _____
(Example: 619-123-4567)

Student Cell Phone _____
(Example: 619-123-4567)

Student Email _____ **School I.D.** _____
(Please do NOT use a sandi.net email. We are unable to contact you through a sandi.net email address.)

Birth Date _____ **Gender** _____ **Race/Ethnicity** _____
(Month/Date/Year) (Example: Male/Female/Transgender/ Other) (Optional)

Adult Shirt Size: **Small** **Medium** **Large** **X-Large** **XX-Large**
(Circle one)

I am interested in applying to: **Aaron Price Fellows Program** **Cardinals Interact Program**
(Please mark which program you want to apply to. You can choose just one or both.)

1. List the school and/or community activities you are most involved in (sports, clubs or organizations). Tell us about your role in these activities.

2. What makes you different from your friends and classmates?

3. If you were given the power to make a change at your school or in your community, what would you do?

7a. FOR AARON PRICE FELLOWS PROGRAM APPLICANTS: Why do you want to be an Aaron Price Fellow?

7b. FOR CARDINALS INTERACT PROGRAM APPLICANTS: Why do you want to be a member of Cardinals Interact?

**AARON PRICE FELLOWS PROGRAM & CARDINALS INTERACT PROGRAM
CLASS OF 2028 APPLICATION – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Applicant: Please give your recommender this form. They can submit the letter of recommendation online or the printed version attached.

Recommender: Thank you for providing a reference. Our school partners provide valued insight, we appreciate your time. For more information about our program, visit our website at www.aaronpricefellows.org

This recommendation must be filled out by a teacher or school administrator who knows the student well (within the past two years). The form will become part of our confidential application file used only by the appropriate program staff. It will not be shared with the applicant.

Note: Letters from adults who are not on a school campus, for example employers, church or scout leaders cannot be considered.

Aaron Price Fellows questions, call Karla Zuniga Lara at 619-795-2070 or email: karla@aaronpricefellows.org
Cardinals Interact questions, call Beatriz Valencia at 619-795-2008 or email: bvalencia@pricephilanthropies.org

Scan the QR code to complete the online Letter of Recommendation form.



<https://bit.ly/2028letterofrecAPFandCI>

The recommendation is due by February 11, 2025.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Name _____

Recommender Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Recommender Telephone # _____

Recommender Email _____

Recommender Campus _____

STUDENT RATING

Characteristics/ Skills	No basis for judgment	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent	One of the top ever encountered
Responsible						
Motivated/Takes initiative						
Self- Confident						
Accepts criticism/advice						
Exhibits concern for others						
Mature						
Intellectually curious						
Oral communication skills						
Written communication skills						
Academic performance						

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION (Please only mark one)

- A. I strongly recommend this student _____
- B. I recommend this student _____
- C. I recommend this student with reservation (Please Explain) _____
- D. I do not recommend this student (Please Explain) _____

Briefly write why the program would be a good fit for the student. Please enclose additional sheets if necessary.

Signature of Recommender _____ Date _____

Please send to Price Philanthropies - 4305 University Ave. Suite 600, San Diego, CA 92105
or submit to a student in a sealed envelope.