



# JOHN E. SWING

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**BERKELEY ACADEMY**  
FOR MULTICULTURAL STUDIES

# John E. Swing

John E. Swing was the older brother of Berkeley Academy's co-founder, Peter J. Swing, who worked at Berkeley Academy as an educator and administrator. A former U.S. Marine, graduate of UC Riverside (B.A., Ethnic Studies), former executive director of SIPA and a staunch community advocate in Los Angeles, John epitomized the values of our school and also promoted equity in education.

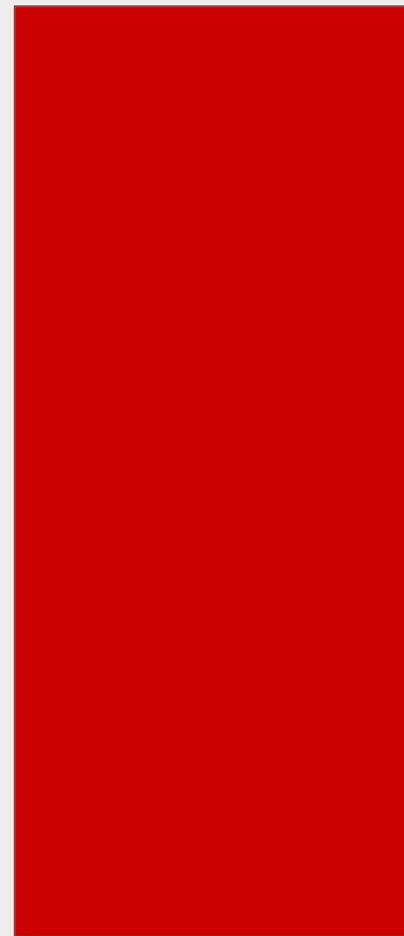


# Vision & Mission

The ***vision*** of the John E. Swing Scholarship Program is to provide world-class educational opportunities to students in Costa Rica to advance equity in education through multicultural studies.

The ***mission*** of the John E. Swing Scholarship Program is to:

- 1) Spread awareness in local, underserved communities about our scholarship program and similar educational opportunities
- 2) Promote equal access to and equity in world-class education in Costa Rica
- 3) Support the Harvard Alumni for Education organization in Costa Rica



# About the team



**Valentín Requena**

Founding Student Leadership  
Council Director



**Esmeralda Benavides**

Student Leadership  
Councilmember



**Amelie Urbina**

Student Leadership  
Councilmember

# About the team



Emma Nobrega  
Student Leadership  
Councilmember



Gianni Swing  
Swing Family  
Representative

# Program Application Requirements

1. Candidates must reside in Costa Rica to apply and currently be in their Grade 8 or 9 year (in good standing).
2. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation from a teacher, community leader, mentor, coach, or someone who can attest to the candidate's personal and professional character.
3. Candidates will write a 500-word essay responding to the following prompt:  
*John E. Swing highly valued equity in education. He was always willing to help passionate, driven and talented students who aspired to attend a world-class university. Write an essay that describes your background, passion, drive and talent. Why do you think you should be selected as a recipient of John E. Swing scholarship?*
4. A video (no more than one (1) minute) to tell your story.
5. Selected candidates or Finalists will be asked to attend Berkeley Academy for a one-day student evaluation.
6. Please submit all application materials to [swingscholarship@berkeleycr.com](mailto:swingscholarship@berkeleycr.com) by March 4, 2025.