



History of FASAE SoCal Education Foundation (FSEF)
And
Alimento-Niere Scholarship Award

FASAE SoCal Education Foundation (FSEF) was incorporated in California on May 8, 2003, as a Non-Profit Corporation by the Incorporator, Ali Alimento. The first officers of the Foundation were Ali Alimento, designated as President/Chief Executive Officer; Rudy Niere, Corporate Secretary, and Willie Simbol, Corporate Treasurer. To round out the 9-person Board of Directors, the founding officers elected were: Peter Hsu, Ceazar Aguilar, Pert Arca, Tino Quiaot, Dan Manalansan and Gil Diawith Ceazar elected as Vice-President to complete the slate of officers.

FSEF was established to provide educational assistance by giving scholarships to underprivileged students in the U.S. and the Philippines; to provide assistance in the form of education and training to underprivileged immigrants from the Philippines; and to provide assistance to the indigent in the form of food, used clothing and other necessities.

The seed money needed to set up the FSEF came from the personal contributions of officers, board members, and supporters. However, the major donation came from the account of FASAE SoCal scholarship fund; this was in support of FSEF during her nascent years.

On October 26, 2004, the IRS approved FSEF application for tax exempt status as a public charity, under Section 501(c)(3). However, the date of exemption was made retroactive to May 12, 2003 when the Articles of Incorporation was filed and endorsed by the California Secretary of State. Any contributions made to FSEF are tax deductible, per Section 170. It also covers bequests, devises, transfer and/or gifts under Section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the IRS Code.

FASAE SoCal instituted the scholarship program for the very first time in 2001 awarding scholarship grants to qualified applicants that met predetermined qualification requirements. During the intervening years, the two organizations, FASAE SoCal and FSEF recognized the importance of fulfilling their common objectives by working in a symbiotic relationship to achieve such goal. As a result, an agreement was forged in 2012 by combining their efforts jointly, this to better serve in promoting and administering scholarship programs for students of Filipino heritage.

On October 24, 2011, we received the sad news that our beloved Isidoro “Ali” Alimento, founding president of FSEF, had passed away. His family in a meaningful gesture to honor his commitment and love to the organization, gave a generous gift to FASAE SoCal Scholarship.

A year after his passing on October 21, 2012, the Board of Directors from both organizations, FASAE SoCal and FSEF unanimously decided on a resolution to rename the FASAE SoCal Scholarship to *Isidoro Alimento Scholarship*.

Then, about seven years after the passing of Ali, our Society met another great loss, the departing of Rudy Niere, founding president of FASAE SoCal. And as with the Alimentos, Rudy Niere’s family also gave a magnanimous gift to FASAE SoCal to honor his life’s dedication and commitment to our scholarship program as his continuing legacy.

Shortly after the passing of Rudy on January 8, 2019, the Board of Directors from FASAE SoCal and FSEF decided to rename the scholarship program within the year of his death. And so on August 10, 2019, the *Alimento-Niere Scholarship* was established. The eponym of this Scholarship Award was to honor in memoriam our deep appreciation and recognition for two of our most beloved, distinguished, pioneering visionary elder statesmen of our Society.

Today, FSEF and FASAE SoCal will remain committed in carrying the torch that was lit in 2001, to award the *Alimento-Niere Scholarship* to students in the field of architecture, engineering, computer science, construction management, planning, surveying and other related disciplines at designated universities in Southern California, USA and the Philippines.