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Scholarship Guide

Master the Basics

Where to start

- **Go online** and take advantage of free scholarship matching services such as www.fastweb.com for local, regional, state, national awards and college-specific scholarships.
- **Ask** your school guidance counselor about local, private and corporate sponsorships.
- **Search** your community. There are many philanthropic and non-profit organizations that may offer awards. Visit your school or local public library to research scholarships. Ask your parents' employers and unions if they sponsor scholarships for children of employees.

How to prepare

- **Get organized** and keep the scholarships you are working on separate from those you have not started. Use a calendar to keep track of dates and deadlines or the status tool available on Fastweb.
- **Know your time frame to apply.** Complete and submit the easiest scholarships first. Then focus on the scholarships with earlier deadlines and ones that may require more time. Allow plenty of time when requesting letters of recommendation.

Submit your application

- **Remember** to check your spelling and grammar.
- **Proofread your materials** and have a teacher, parent or friend review your application and essay if submitting online or by mail. They can provide feedback and catch mistakes.
- **Keep a copy** of your application, if you submitted paper or electronic copy.

The Scholarship Essay/Application

Before you begin:

- Develop a theme that fits the scholarship. Learn about the scholarship provider's mission and goals. Tailor your essay/application to complement the sponsor's expectations. For example, if the provider is interested in community service, highlight ways you impact your campus community and your community at large within your essay. Here are a few topic ideas:

Personal achievements

- Talk about specific interactions you had with others. Sponsors want to know the impact you had on others and what this says about "you". Do you still keep in touch with anyone you've helped? How did you influence their lives?
- How did your achievements reflect your values? Why are your achievements important to you? Did you do something that received high praise or recognition?
- Personalize your experience. For example, what makes the volunteer and community service you've performed unique? What made you stand out?

Academic plans and possible major

- Instead of saying, "Science is my favorite subject," discuss a *specific* assignment or project that you worked on that sparked your interest. Give examples.
- Avoid saying that you selected a major or career path to "help people." What specific actions can you take to improve the lives of others? Discuss how your values are relevant to what you will be studying in college.

Social issues and current events

- Think about current issues or events in the news that you feel strongly about.
- Do you know a lot about a controversial topic?
- Do you know of someone who is directly involved in an issue who might be able to provide insight?

Mentors, admirers and influences

- Think about your friends and family, community and the things you've learned outside of the classroom. Pick specific people, incidents and learning experiences to write about that will let your personality come through.
- Is there a person you aspire to be like within your chosen academic major or career path? Someone who encouraged you to succeed?
- Focus on specific qualities or actions that the person has inspired in you.

What Do Judges or Evaluators Look For?

Do you qualify? Every year, students waste time by applying for awards they aren't eligible to win. If you don't meet the eligibility criteria, don't enter!

Is your application presented well? Type your essay and check for grammar and spelling errors. Place the application, essay and other contents in a large folder for mailing. Do not fold any of the materials.

Did you include all required documents? Make sure you include all required academic transcripts, references and letters of recommendation. When selecting individuals to provide you a letter of recommendation, be sure you know them very well and give them ample time to provide you a letter and provide them a self addressed stamped envelope, if it will be mailed.

Did you answer all of the questions? Double-check that you haven't forgotten any required information.

Scholarship Scams Tip Sheet

How do I recognize a scholarship scammer?

- Indicates you won an award for which you didn't apply
- Does not supply valid contact information
- Guarantees you will win an award
- Requires personal financial information (such as, credit card numbers, checking account numbers, and/or Social Security numbers to verify or hold a scholarship)

How do I recognize a legitimate scholarship services?

- Does not guarantee you will win an award
- Sends information about awards when you request it
- Makes contact information available upon request
- Should not direct you to a fee-based provider because they know that financial aid information is readily available for free

What if you suspect a scam?

- Save all of the forms you receive from the company
- Keep copies of written details about the offer and any correspondence, emails or other paperwork
- Make sure all materials are dated
- Take notes during seminars and phone conversations (record the date, time, phone number and the person's name with whom you spoke), include a detailed account of your conversation
- Take a copy of all literature and correspondence concerning the scholarship to your school's financial aid office, who can verify if the organization is legitimate.

Financial Aid Seminars & Consultants

How do I protect myself from being scammed by a consultant or financial aid seminar?

- When choosing to utilize the services of a consultant, consider their qualifications carefully. Find someone who has worked as a college financial aid administrator, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Financial Planner (CFP).
- If a financial aid consultant refuses to sign the paid preparer section of the FAFSA that is a red flag.
- Some seminars use high pressure tactics to get you signed up for their service, while only answering questions after you agree to pay a fee. Don't trust anyone who encourages you to do something unethical. If you falsify financial aid forms, you can be fined \$20,000, sent to prison, or both. If you need help understanding the financial aid process, contact your financial aid office as soon as possible.

Beware of False Claims

"For a small fee, we'll give you a list of scholarships."

- Never spend money on a fee-based matching service. The biggest and best award databases are free online.

"We'll help you complete complicated forms."

- Information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other forms is available for free from your guidance counselor, your library and the U.S. Department of Education. You still have to fill out the same basic information for a fee-based service that you would directly for the FAFSA.

- Your school financial aid administrator and College Goal Sunday programs can help: www.collegegoalsundayusa.org.

- For general financial aid or FAFSA-related questions, call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

"You are guaranteed a minimum of \$1000 in awards."

- A service can't guarantee any scholarships because they have no control over the scholarship judges' decisions.

"We have a 96% success rate."

- These false success rates indicate the percentage of students they've successfully matched with the database, NOT the number of students who actually receive money.

"We'll need a bank account and pin or credit card number to verify your information."

- A legitimate scholarship provider won't ask for bank account, credit card or Social Security information.

"We will do all the work for you."

- To win a legitimate scholarship, you must submit your own applications, write your own essays and solicit your own letters of recommendation.

Report suspected scams to the following organizations:

National Fraud Information Center (NFIC)

800-876-7060 / www.fraud.org

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357)

www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov

Better Business Bureau (BBB)

703-276-0100 / www.bbb.org

US Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

800-654-8896 / postalinspectors.uspis.gov/

State Attorney General's Office - Visit your state's website for state attorney general's contact information. Ask them about filing a complaint with the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Key Scholarship Application Information Quick Reference Guide

Tips for Applying for and Managing the Scholarship Search

- Start searching for scholarships as soon as possible. There are many scholarships available to students in grades K-11, so don't wait until spring of your senior year. Continue searching for scholarships even after you are enrolled.
- Use a free scholarship matching such as Fastweb.com. The Fastweb database is updated daily and the site will email notifications of new scholarships that match your profile.
- Answer all of the optional questions on a scholarship matching web site to create as many matches as available.
- Look for local scholarships on bulletin boards near the guidance counselor or financial aid offices, or the library's jobs and careers section. Improve grades for more matches.
- To win more scholarships, apply to every scholarship for which you are eligible. It gets easier after several applications. Also, pursue small awards and essay contests. Essays can be reused and tailored to each new application.
- Don't miss deadlines. Use checklists to get organized.
- Tailor your application to the sponsor's goals. Read and follow the instructions carefully.
- If you have difficulty writing essays, record yourself as you answer the question out loud and transcribe the recording. Most people think and speak faster than they can write or type. Write an outline afterward to organize your thoughts.
- Personalize your essay and be passionate. Write about something of interest to you. Make your application stand out from the crowd, talk about your impact on other people and give specific examples.
- Check your online presence to ensure that it looks professional. Review your social media profiles and remove inappropriate and immature material. Use a simple email address, such as firstname.lastname@gmail.com.
- Proofread a printed copy of your essay and the application for spelling and grammar errors.
- Make a copy of your application before mailing it. Send by certified mail, return receipt or with delivery confirmation.

Common Scholarship Application Mistakes

- Missing deadlines
- Failing to proofread the application
- Failing to follow directions, especially regarding essay length and the number of recommendations
- Omitting required information
- Applying for an award when you don't qualify
- Failing to apply for an award for which you are eligible
- Failing to tailor the application to the sponsor
- Writing a boring essay
- Writing an essay that may offend the reviewer
- Including exaggerations or lies on your application

Beware of Scholarship Scams

- If you have to pay money to get money, it's probably a scam.
- Never invest more than a postage stamp to get information about scholarships or to apply for a scholarship.
- Nobody can guarantee that you'll win a scholarship.
- Do not give out personal information like bank account, credit card or Social Security numbers.
- Beware of the unclaimed aid myth. The only money that goes unclaimed is money that can't be claimed

Essential Scholarship Resources

- Fastweb Free Scholarship Matching Service: www.fastweb.com
- FinAid's Scholarships Section: www.finaid.org/scholarships
- Search for Scholarships on the Web: www.finaid.org/websearch
- Beware of Scholarship Scams: www.finaid.org/scholarshipscams and www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams
- Education Tax Benefits: www.finaid.org/taxbenefits and www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf
- Federal Student Financial Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Key Scholarship Application Information

Quick Reference Guide

Top Scholarships by Category

Most Unusual Scholarships

- Scholarship for Left-Handed Students
- Duck Brand Duct Tape Stuck at Prom Contest
- David Letterman Telecommunications Scholarships
- Zolp Scholarships
- Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarships
- Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year Award
- National Marbles Tournament Scholarships
- Klingon Language Institute Scholarships
- National Beef Ambassador Program
- Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarships

Most Prestigious Scholarships

- Marshall Scholarships
- Rhodes Scholarships
- Winston Churchill Scholarship Program
- Harry S. Truman Scholarships
- Henry Luce Foundation Scholarships
- Morris K. Udall Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program
- Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships
- Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest
- National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Most Generous Scholarships

- Intel Science Talent Search
- Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology
- NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program
- Elks Nat'l Foundation Most Valuable Student Competition
- Davidson Fellows
- Intel International Science and Engineering Fair
- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Collegiate Inventors Competition
- Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarships
- Gates Millennium Scholars

Scholarships for Age 13 and Under

- National Spelling Bee
- National Geography Bee
- National History Day Contest
- Jif Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich Contest
- Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- Christopher Columbus Community Service Awards
- Dick Blick Linoleum Block Print Contest
- Gloria Barron Prize for Your Heroes
- Patriot's Pen
- Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Scholarships for Community Service

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards
- The Do Something Awards
- Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarships
- Discover Card Tribute Awards
- Echoing Green Fellowships
- The Heart of America Christopher Reeve Awards
- Kohl's Kids Who Care Program
- Samuel Huntington Public Service Awards
- National Caring Awards
- Youth Action Net

Scholarships that Don't Need an A

- US Department of Education (Federal Student Aid)
- AXA Achievement Scholarship Program
- Horatio Alger Association Scholarships
- Ayn Rand Institute
- Girls Going Places Scholarships
- Holocaust Remembrance Project Essay Contest
- Americanism Essay Contest
- AFSA National Scholarship Essay Contest
- Red Vines Drawing Contest
- Community Foundation Scholarships

Scholarships for Military Families

Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit rather than financial need.

Air Force ROTC

The Air Force ROTC college scholarship program targets students pursuing technical degrees, although students entering a wide variety of majors may be accepted. Call 1-866-4-AFROTC (1-866-423-7682) or visit afrotc.com/scholarships for more information.

Army ROTC

Army ROTC scholarships are offered at more than 1,000 colleges. For application packets, information about eligibility, and the telephone number of an ROTC advisor in your area, call 1-888-550-ARMY (1-888-550-2769) or visit goarmy.com/rotc.

Marine Officer Navy ROTC

The Marine Officer Navy ROTC program helps you pay your way through college at approved Navy ROTC schools. Visit marines.com/becoming-a-marine/commissioning-programs/four-year-colleges/nrotc for more information.

Navy ROTC

The Navy ROTC offers both four-year and partial scholarships. To learn more, call 1-800-NAV-ROTC (1-800-628-7682) or visit www.nrotc.navy.mil.

Veterans Service Organization Scholarships

The following organizations offer scholarships primarily to active duty military, veterans, and their families. Further information is available at the websites listed below.

American Legion
legion.org/scholarships

AMVETS
amvets.org/amvets-in-action/scholarships/

Paralyzed Veterans of America
pva.org/scholarships

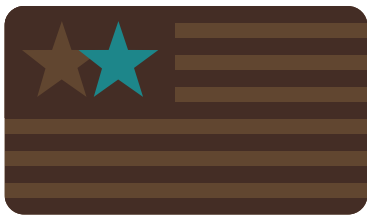
Veterans of Foreign Wars
vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support

U.S. Department of Education (ED) Grants

If your parent or guardian died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11, you may be eligible for ED grant funds. To determine your eligibility, visit

StudentAid.gov/pell-grant#iraq-afghanistan.

Before you can receive such grant funds, you must fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) at fafsa.gov. Additional information about the FAFSA and finding money for college is available at StudentAid.gov.



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

2016–2017

LIST OF UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DON'T REQUIRE PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCY

INCLUDES BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA, AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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CAUTION: Scholarship requirements and deadlines often change from year to year. Please double-check all information listed below with the scholarship directly. If you find any errors, please email us at **info@e4fc.org** so we can update the list!

**ARIZONA FUNERAL, CEMENTARY & CREMATION
ASSOCIATION: WILLIAM AARON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Due: December

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: Other. Mesa Community College

Eligibility: Applicant must be a full time student enrolled in the Mortuary Science Program at Mesa Community College, Williams Education Center; Resident of Arizona.

Link: <http://scholarships.dreamersroadmap.com/scholarship/arizona-funeral-cementary-cremation-association-wi>

CHAMELEON JOHN SCHOLARSHIP

Due: December

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Visit website for full guidelines.

Link: <http://scholarships.dreamersroadmap.com/scholarship/chameleon-john-scholarship>

**ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS FOUNDATION ESSAY
CONTEST**

Due: December

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Registered undergraduate full-time Juniors or Seniors at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the U.S. United States during the Fall 2016 Semester.

Link: <http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/entercontest.aspx>

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: December

Award: 10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Illinois

Eligibility: DACAmented student and resident of Illinois; Graduate high school in 2017; 2.5 GPA

Link: <http://www.goldenapple.org/high-school-students>

GOOGLE LIME SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: December

Award: \$5000 - \$10000

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be an undergraduate, graduate or PhD student currently enrolled at a university in the U.S. or Canada (freshmen/first years and international students studying in the U.S. or Canada are eligible to apply)

Link: <http://www.limeconnect.com/opportunities/page/google-lime-scholarship-program>

LEDA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Due: December

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be a junior in a public high school (11th grader) at the time of applying; Students must be U. S. citizens, Permanent Residents, or have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. GPA of at least 3.6 and class ranking within the top 10% of the high school class.

Link: <http://ledascholars.org/our-program/recruitment-admissions/apply/>

SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA DREAM AWARD

Due: December

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: DACA students, U.S. citizens and permanent residents may apply. Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at the sophomore-year level or higher at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school in the United States for the entire 2017-2018 academic year. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)

Link: <https://scholarshipamerica.org/dreamaward>

STUDENT EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Due: December

Award: \$5000 - \$10000

Field of Study: Any

Region: State. District of ColumbiañMarylandñVirginia

Eligibility: Live in District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia; Will have graduated from high school by July 1, 2017; Plan to enroll in a post-secondary educational program for 2017; Plan to use post-secondary education to have a lasting impact on your community.

Link: <http://www.selfmadescholars.org/apply>

THE COMCAST LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: December

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: All nominations for the Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program must be made exclusively by the School's Principal or Guidance Counselor. A student nominated by a Principal or Guidance Counselor.

Link: <http://corporate.comcast.com/news-information/news-feed/recognizing-the-best-and-brightest-nationwide>

THE SCIENCE AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP: OPEN TO UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Due: December

Award: Not Specified

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Full tuition (for up to four years) scholarship opportunity for woman who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in science, Engineering, or math. Must attend college or plan to attend college in the U.S.

Link: <http://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org>

UNITED STATES HISPANIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: DR. JUAN ANDRADE, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

Due: December

Award: \$500 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student, in an accredited four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. Territories. Demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support. At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. Recipients must also be available to attend the 35th National USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL, February 16-17, 2017.

Link: <http://www.ushli.org>

ADSUM EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Due: January

Award: \$500 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Santa Barbara

Eligibility: Must have attended at least four of the six years between grades 7-12 AND graduate or receive a GED from Santa Barbara County high school by June 2017. Must be planning to attend full-time as an undergraduate, medical (M.D.), or graduate student at a Title IV-approved school. Must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or AB 540 eligible.

Link: <http://www.sbscholarship.org/apply-for-a-scholarship/>

1-800-WHEELCHAIR SCHOLARSHIP

Due: January

Award: \$500

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Must be enrolled at an accredited high school, college or university in the U.S.; Must be enrolled at the undergraduate level or final year of high school; Must be 16 years or older; Must carry a status of "Good Standing" ; GPA of at least 3.0; Must submit poem and Personal Statement.

Link: <http://www.1800wheelchair.com/scholarship/#urscholarship/-1>

AFFINITY PLUS FOUNDATION

Due: January

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Must be a primary member of Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union

Eligibility: Freshman, upperclassmen, and non-traditional students. Applicant must be a primary member in good standing of Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union; Scholarship evaluation is based on scholastic standing, extracurricular and volunteer activities, leadership, community involvement, and a two-page essay.

Link: <https://www.affinityplusfoundation.org/scholarship>

AFL-CIO THE DREAMS OF JOBS AND FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

Due: January

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Member of unions participating in any Union Plus Program

Eligibility: Current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus program, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations) are eligible. Grandchildren are not eligible unless a legal dependent (as defined by IRS regulations). At least one year of continuous union membership by the applicant, applicant's spouse or parent (if applicant is a dependent). The one year membership minimum must be satisfied by May 31, 2017. Members of participating unions from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada.

Link: <http://www.aflcio.org/About/Member-Benefits/Scholarships>

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COLLECTORS

Due: January

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: California. None

Eligibility: Awarded to California high school seniors for their use as full-time students at any accredited public or private college, university or trade school. Scholarship recipients must start attendance within 12 months of the award and show proof of enrollment in a minimum of 12 credit hours. Essay subject is: Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Financial Credit During Your College Years. Entries must be typed, 12 point font, double spaced, and be between 700 and 1,000 words (include word count at the top of your essay). Each entry must include the completed application, signed by the applicant and his/her parent or guardian, and the essay, and must be submitted at the same time. Each entry Must be a well written essay. Should tell the reader a story. Needs to leave the reader engaged. DO NOT submit application and essay more than ONCE.

Link: http://cacesf.org/rules_app.html

HISPANIC EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Due: January

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. Orange County

Eligibility: Latino or latina who has lived in Orange County (OC), CA for the past six years. An OC public or private high school graduate who enrolls fulltime at a four-year college or an OC community college transfer who enrolls fulltime at a four-year college. Dream Act/ AB 540 applicants must complete the iApplicant Financial Information section of the online application. First generation college student. Family income limit of \$45,000. An OC public or private high school graduate who enrolls fulltime at a four-year college or an OC community college transfer who enrolls fulltime at a four-year college.

Link: <http://www.heef.org/eligibility-requirements/>

IF GIVEN A CHANCE

Due: January

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Napa

Eligibility: The nominee must have graduated from a Napa High School (or be a resident of Napa County and graduated from an out of area high school) or completed an equivalent (GED, CHSPE).

Link: <http://www.ifgivenachance.org/programs.html>

KOSHLAND YOUNG LEADER AWARDS

Due: January

Award: \$5001 - \$10000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. San Francisco

Eligibility: San Francisco public high school junior students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are strongly motivated to achieve, but whose daily responsibilities to their families as wage earner, caretaker, or household manager place an undue burden upon them.

Link: <http://www.sff.org/programs/awards-programs/koshland-young-leader-awards>

MERITUS COLLEGE FUND

Due: January

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. San Francisco

Eligibility: SFUSD student. Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 ñ 3.7 (unweighted) Demonstrate financial need. Plan to attend a four-year accredited college. Demonstrate an outstanding personal record of achievement as determined by: Academic preparation to succeed in college Ability to overcome challenges and a desire to succeed.

Link: <http://meritus.org/scholars/how-to-apply/>

MICROSOFT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Due: January

Award: not specified

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. US, Canada, Mexico

Eligibility: Attend a 4-year university in United States, Canada, or Mexico. Be completing an undergraduate degree in computer science, computer engineering, or a related technical discipline such as electrical engineering, math, or physics and demonstrate an interest in computer science. Because the scholarship is merit based. 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Link: <http://www.microsoft.com/university/scholarships>

POINT FOUNDATION: COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LGBT STUDENTS

Due: January

Award: Not Specified

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: No citizenship requirements. History of leadership and/or allyship in issues that affect the LGBT/ Queer community. Must plan to continue this leadership in the future. Must be enrolled or intending to enroll at an accredited college or university based in the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska, in the fall of 2017. No specific GPA but seeking candidates with high academic performance.

Link: <https://www.pointfoundation.org/point-apply/apply-now/>

PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS

Due: January

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. San Francisco, among other cities outside

Eligibility:

Link: <http://www.princeton.edu/pprize/>

RAISE: REVOLUTIONARY ASIAN AMERICAN IMMIGRANT STORIES ON THE EAST COAST SCHOLARSHIP

Due: January

Award: \$500

Field of Study: Any

Region: National.

Eligibility: Applicants must be pan-Asian and undocumented living in the U.S.; Applicants must demonstrate financial need;

Link: <http://aaldef.org/raise.html>

THE ANHELO PROJECT DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

Due: January

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Illinois

Eligibility: Must attend a college or university in the State of Illinois. Must be enrolled full time for Spring 2017 and Fall 2017 at an accredited college. GPA minimum 2.5. Must demonstrate ineligibility for federal financial aid. DACA recipients are eligible to apply.

Link: <http://www.theanheloproject.org/dream-scholarship/>

826 VALENCIA SCHOLARSHIPS

Due: February

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. San Francisco

Eligibility: Be a high school senior in San Francisco, first generation of their family to attend college, and participant in 826 Valencia programming at some point during their schooling.

Link: <http://scholarships.dreamersroadmap.com/scholarship/826-valencia-scholarship-application>

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM (UC BERKELEY)

Due: February

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Attending UC Berkeley

Eligibility: Gross family income of \$86,000 or less. Completed high-school, GED or community college transfer requirements in California, please note this is regardless of immigration status. Submit a UC Berkeley application for Fall/Spring enrollment. Submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley by May 1.

Link: <http://alumni.berkeley.edu/community/scholarships/achievement-award-program>

ASCEND EDUCATIONAL FUND

Due: February

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. New York City

Eligibility: born outside the United States, or have two parents born outside the United States. graduating senior at a high school in one of the five boroughs of New York City (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island). plan to enroll full-time at an accredited public or private college or university in the 2017-2018 academic year.

Link: <http://ascendfundny.org>

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INCORPORATED OF SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Due: February

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Attending SFSU

Eligibility: See list of ASI scholarships for specific eligibility requirements. Minimum enrollment of parttime status attending SFSU or enrolled in at least half time at another college. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA

Link: http://asi.sfsu.edu/asi/stud_resources/index.html

BANATAO FAMILY FILIPINO AMERICAN EDUCATION FUND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: February

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: County. Northern California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma or Stanislaus.

Eligibility:

Link: <http://asianpacificfund.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

BMI STUDENT COMPOSER AWARD

Due: February

Award: \$500 - \$5000

Field of Study: Arts

Region: Regional. Western Hemisphere

Eligibility: Citizens of a country in the Western Hemisphere; Enrolled in an accredited public, private, or parochial secondary school, in an accredited college or conservatory of music, or engaged in the private study of music with a recognized and established teacher (other than a relative); Born on or after February 2, 1989. Applicants must be age 27 or younger, as of the competition deadline on February 1, 2017;

Link: https://bmifoundation.org/applications/rules/bmi_student_composer_awards_rules

CHIN: SHUI KUEN AND ALLEN CHIN SCHOLARSHIP

Due: February

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Grade level: Incoming freshman or current, full-time undergraduate at a four-year college or university. Student or parent currently/formerly employed at an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant. Community advocacy and social justice work on behalf of Asian American, immigrant, gay and lesbian and/or other progressive causes. Minimum GPA: 3.0. Financial need. No citizenship status requirement

Link: www.asianpacificfund.org

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE

Due: February

Award: \$1000 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Full-time enrollment in an accredited four-year university in the United States or Puerto Rico for the 2017-2018 academic year; A declared major related to media, specifically consumer marketing, journalism, communications, digital or social media, news, radio and television broadcasting, research, sourcing, or sports; Demonstrated financial need; Consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities; Strong writing skills; Housing and transportation in the greater Miami or Tampa, Florida area; Applicants must be U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees, or individuals who are lawfully authorized to work full-time without restriction for any U.S. employer and who, at the time of application, possess lawful evidence of employment authorization

Link: http://chci.org/programs/scholar_intern/chci-zgs_communications_scholar_intern_program/

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE (WYNDHAM WORLDWIDE SCHOLAR INTERN PROGRAM)

Due: February

Award: \$1000 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Full-time enrollment in an accredited four-year university located in the United States or Puerto Rico for the 2017-2018 academic year; A declared major related to accounting, communications, computer science, journalism, marketing, media, public relations, or other fields; see job descriptions for exact requirements; Demonstrated financial need; Consistent, active participation in public and or community service activities; Strong writing skills; Applicants must be U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees, or individuals who are lawfully authorized to work full-time without restriction for any U.S. employer and who, at the time of application, possess lawful evidence of employment authorization

Link: http://chci.org/programs/scholar_intern/chci-wyndham_scholar_intern_program/

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE (SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

Due: February

Award: \$1000 - \$3000

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. Chicago, ILñDallas, TXñGreater Los Angeles/ Orange County California

Eligibility: Full-time enrollment in an accredited four-year university located in the United States or Puerto Rico for the 2017-2018 academic year; A declared major in business or human resources, or interest in the field of human resources; Demonstrated financial need; Consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities; Strong writing skills; Housing and transportation in the close to the internship placement during summer 2017; Applicants must be U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees, or individuals who are lawfully authorized to work full-time without restriction for any U.S. employer and who, at the time of application, possess lawful evidence of employment authorization.

Link: http://chci.org/programs/scholar_intern/chci-shrm_scholar_intern_program/

EQUALITY SCHOLARSHIP COLLABORATIVE

Due: February

Award: \$5001 - \$10000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Northern California

Eligibility: Applicants for all scholarships must have demonstrated service to the LGBTQ community. Applicants of all sexual orientations and gender identities are eligible. No citizenship required.

Link: <http://www.equalityscholarship.org>

FRANK KAZMIERCZAK MEMORIAL MIGRANT SCHOLARSHIP

Due: February

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Child of a migrant worker or a migrant worker (priority will be given to those with mobility in the last 3 years) Teaching as a career goal. Scholastic achievement. Financial need

Link: <http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/kazmierczak.htm>

HISPANIC COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Due: February

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Alameda

Eligibility: A Hispanic heritage as defined by the U.S. Department of Education; A graduating senior, past-year GED recipient, community college student, transferring community college student, student attending a four-year institution, or a student accepted into a post-graduate program or teacher credential program; A resident of Alameda County. Applicant must show proof of Alameda County residence (e.g., Alameda County address on application, Alameda County address on 1040 tax forms); Plan to attend an accredited community college, university or approved technical or vocational school.

Link: <http://hcac-ac.org/scholarship/>

KENNEDY-KING MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: February

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Diablo Valley, Contra Costa, or Los Medanos Colleges

Eligibility: Be of African-American, Latino, Native American, or of Pacific Islander descent, i.e. a minority group underrepresented at four-year colleges and universities in California. Be enrolled for the fall semester prior to the award (or have completed your course work within the past year) at Diablo Valley, Contra Costa, or Los Medanos Colleges. Applicants may not be currently enrolled nor intend to enroll before next June in a four-year college or university. Be eligible (have sufficient and proper units) to transfer to a four-year institution with junior standing for the next fall term (or at the latest the next spring term) following the award. Provide evidence of financial need. Complete and submit on time the application with required attachments. If selected for interview, you MUST attend the Saturday morning Selection Committee interviews in the spring.

Link: <http://www.kennedyking.org/>

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Due: February

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Los Medanos College students

Eligibility: Must be a Los Medanos College student, have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (a higher GPA may be required depending on the scholarship), submit supporting documents i.e. essay, two letters of recommendation and a copy of your unofficial transcript, and meet all of the eligibility requirements of scholarship(s) for which you are applying. All LMC Foundation scholarships have no citizenship requirements with the exception of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Contra Costa Delta Branch Scholarship

Link: <http://www.losmedanos.edu/scholarships/list.asp>

MAISIN SCHOLARS

Due: February

Award: \$6000 - \$12000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. San Francisco

Eligibility: Are a San Francisco Unified School District senior with at least a 2.0 GPA Will attend college or an educational program in the fall of your high school graduation year Are committed to your educational goals beyond high school Have displayed courage to overcome personal hardship

Link: <http://www.maisinscholars.org/>

MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Due: February

Award: \$1,500 to \$6,000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Mountain View-Los Altos High School District

Eligibility: Applicants are chosen based on financial circumstances, individual characteristics, and college readiness

Link: <http://www.mvlacommunityscholars.org/>

NAPA COUNTY HISPANIC NETWORK

Due: February

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Napa County

Eligibility: Residents of Napa County and. Students of Latino parentage and Students with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and College-bound high school seniors or Napa Valley College students transferring to a four year college or students currently

Link: <http://www.napacountyhispanicnetwork.org/scholarships.html>

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Due: February

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Alaska, Idaho, North Dakota, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, West Virginia

Eligibility: Have graduated or will graduate from high school in a locked out-state by the end of the 2016-2017 academic year with a GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale; Have taken the SAT or ACT;

Link: <http://www.thedream.us/scholarships/opportunity-scholarship/>

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

Due: February

Award: \$501 - \$6000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. SF Peninsula, South Bay

Eligibility: See website for details

Link: <http://poescholarships.org/POE/Home.html>

QUE LLUEVA CAFE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: February

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. including Puerto Rico

Eligibility: Chicano or Latino descent; Undocumented student, or someone who was born outside the US but lives here without legal permission from the federal government; High school or GED graduate who will enroll for the first time in an accredited college or university.

Link: <http://www.ca-core.org>

SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION-HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Due: February

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. San Mateo County and Santa Clara County

Eligibility: Scholarships for graduating H.S. seniors and college undergrads use the same common application and most have the following eligibility requirements: Graduate from a public or private high school and/or reside in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County, demonstrate financial need, plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university (Eustace-Kwan and Ruppert recipients can attend a vocational/career/ trade school that focuses on providing formal preparation for skilled, technical or professional occupations such as dental hygienist, x-ray technician, court reporting, emergency medical technicians, etc.), be current full-time students and plan to attend college on a full-time basis, and be United States citizens or eligible non-citizens (legal residents and AB 540* students). Please see individual scholarships for exact eligibility requirements.

Link: <http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships/community-foundation-managed>

THE ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP (TACT)

Due: February

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: City. San Francisco

Eligibility: Student of Chinese descent; volunteer service including, but not necessarily exclusive to, the Chinese American community; a career goal in education, human services, arts, or communication; min 2.5 GPA; participation in school and extracurricular activities; demonstrated leadership in school and/or community

Link: <http://www.tactsf.org>

THE KRUTTSCHNITT ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: February

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Attending UC Berkeley

Eligibility: Gross family income of \$86,000 or less

Link: <http://alumni.berkeley.edu/community/scholarships/kasp>

THE PENINSULA COLLEGE FUND

Due: February

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Peninsula

Eligibility: Current graduating senior attending Aspire East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy, East Palo Alto Academy, Eastside College Preparatory School, Gunn High School, Menlo-Atherton High School, Palo Alto High School, Sequoia High School, Summit Preparatory High School, Carmont High School, or Woodside High School

Link: <http://www.peninsulacollegefund.org/>

THE VEGETARIAN RESOURCE GROUP

Due: February

Award: \$5001 - \$10000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. Vegetarians do not eat meat, fish, or fowl. Vegans are vegetarians who do not use other animal products such as dairy or eggs.

Link: <http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm>

10,000 DEGREES UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: March

Award: \$10,000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Marin County, Sonoma County

Eligibility: Demonstrated financial need

Link: <http://www.10000degrees.org/students/scholarships>

BERKELEY UNDERGRADUATE DREAM ACT SCHOLARSHIP (UC BERKELEY)

Due: March

Award: \$5001 - \$10000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Attending UC Berkeley

Eligibility: You must have a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) to be eligible. You must qualify for the AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption. You must be ineligible for federal financial aid

Link: http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/undergraduates/types_dream.htm?mid=50

BLACKHAWK WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Due: March

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Contra Costa

Eligibility: Female, residing in Contra Costa County

Link: <http://www.bwscholarshipfund.com/qualifications--guidelines.html>

CHICANA/LATINA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Due: March

Award: \$1001 - \$1500

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Alameda, Sacramento, Solano, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, Yolo, Monterey, Santa Clara, Napa, Santa Cruz

Eligibility: Chicana/Latina women who have resided for at least two years in one of the listed Northern California counties. Undergraduate Chicana/Latina students must be enrolled as a full-time college student (as defined by your institution) when applying and for the following academic year, have completed a minimum of 12 college units after high school graduation, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 college coursework.

Link: <http://www.chicanalatina.org/scholarship.html>

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE (UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION SCHOLAR PROGRAM)

Due: March

Award: \$1000 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Full-time enrollment in an accredited community college, four-year university, or graduate/professional program in the United States or Puerto Rico during the 2017-18 academic year; Pursuit of academic degrees that will lead to careers as primary care health professionals. For purposes of this scholarship, primary care health professionals are defined as general practitioners, internists, family practitioners, OB/GYNs, pediatricians, dentists, public health professionals, mental health professionals, nurses (including advanced practice nurses, and nurse practitioners), physician assistants, and pharmacists; Minimum 3.0 GPA; Demonstrated financial need; Consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities; Strong writing skills; Applicants must be U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees, or individuals who are lawfully authorized to work full-time without restriction for any U.S. employer and who, at the time of application, possess lawful evidence of employment authorization.

Link: http://chci.org/programs/scholar_intern/chci-united_health_foundation_scholar_intern_program/

DR. AMANDA PEREZ SCHOLARSHIP

Due: March

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: States. Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah, Washington

Eligibility: Applicants should demonstrate a desire to advance the state of health care and education in Latino and underserved communities. Must be High School senior or Freshmen at 4-year university during the 2016-2017 academic year. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship regardless of immigration or citizenship status. Financial need. Must be a resident or attending school within the LMSA-West region states (Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah, Washington). Must be a dues-paying pre-med member of LMSA-West. Winners must be available to be interviewed for the LMSA-West Newsletter.

Link: <http://lmsa.net/west/what-we-do/scholarships/dr-amanda-perez/>

E4FC NEW AMERICAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Due: March

Award: \$1000-\$7000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo

Eligibility: Foreign-born. Financial need. Do not have permanent residency (green card) or citizenship in the U.S. Current or intended enrollment in an accredited college or graduate program for 2017-2018. For high school students: 3.3 cumulative high school GPA. For college/graduate students: 3.0 cumulative college GPA. Demonstrated academic preparation and community/extracurricular involvement. San Francisco Bay Area residency requirements (See Region above)

Link: <http://e4fc.org/scholarsprogram/scholarsoverview.html>

EDUCATION FIRST

Due: March

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. San Francisco, Los Angeles among other cities outside

Eligibility:

Link: <http://educationfirst.org/>

GRIP DREAMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Due: March

Award: \$500 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Berks County

Eligibility: Applicants must be seniors at or graduates of a high school located in Berks County, Pennsylvania; and the applicant's current primary home at time of application must be located in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Applicants must be age 30 or under, and it is preferred that applicants have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Status; Applicants who are high school seniors or who have not yet attended college must have obtained a high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or an 85% or higher on a 100% scale. Applicants who are currently attending college or who previously attended college must have obtained a college cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above in order to apply. Family income must be 187% of the federal poverty level or less (approximately \$44,000 for a family of four)

Link: <http://www.readinggrip.org/grip-dreamer-scholarship-fund/>

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Due: March

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Must be of Hispanic Heritage

Link: <http://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/>

HUMANE EDUCATION NETWORK: A VOICE FOR ANIMALS HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

Due: March

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Participants must currently be attending middle or high school, or be home-schooled and under 19 years of age on the date the contest opens for entries. No exceptions!

Link: <http://www.hennet.org/contest.php>

KAISER PERMANENTE ASIAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: March

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Northern California

Eligibility: To be eligible for a KPAA scholarship, you must be graduating from high school in Spring, 2017, and planning to attend an accredited college, university, trade or technical school in Fall, 2017. Your residence or high school must be located in the Northern California Kaiser Permanente service area, and you must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Link: <http://kaiserpermanente-asianassociation.org/scholarship/application/>

LEADERSHIP AWARD (UC BERKELEY)

Due: March

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: Bay Area. UC Berkeley

Eligibility: Demonstrate innovative, motivational leadership impacting academic, work, or community environments. Incoming Freshman: Submit a UC Berkeley application for Fall 2016/ Spring 2017 enrollment, interview in-person in the United States, London, or Hong Kong in May 2016, and submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley by May 1, 2016. Incoming Junior Transfer: Submit a UC Berkeley application for Fall 2016/ Spring 2017 enrollment, interview in-person on campus in September 2016, and submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley by June 1, 2016. For current students: registration and enrollment as UC Berkeley undergraduate student in at least the minimum number of units approved by major college or school for Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017, and interview in-person on campus in September 2016 (Study-abroad students interview by telephone).

Link: <http://alumni.berkeley.edu/community/scholarships/leadership-award>

LEONARD M. PERRYMAN COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP FOR RACIAL ETHNIC MINORITY STUDENTS

Due: March

Award: \$1000 - \$3000

Field of Study: Humanities

Region: National. None

Eligibility: intends to pursue a career in religion journalism through study at an accredited U.S. college or university;

Link: <http://www.umcom.org/about/leonard-m-perryman-scholarship>

MANA DE SAN DIEGO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: March

Award: \$500 - \$1500

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. San Diego

Eligibility: Applicant must be a Latina with a permanent residence in San Diego County. Applicant must show proof of enrollment in both Fall 2015 and Winter 2016 (for those in the quarter system) or Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 (for those in the semester system) at a community college, four year university when submitting application. High School Seniors who are in the MANA de San Diego HermanitasÆ Program are eligible to apply for the 2015-2016 scholarship and must have a cumulative weighted 2.9 grade point average or higher for 9th-11th grades. Undergraduate applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher. Applicant must demonstrate financial need. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement preferably in their related field. Returning applicants should be current members of MANA de San Diego. Applicant must be available for a panel interview in the Spring 2016.

Link: <http://www.manasd.org/node/13>

MARCUS FOSTER EDUCATION FUND (VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS)

Due: March

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Oakland and Pleasanton

Eligibility: *Currently an OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (OUSD) high school senior

Link: <http://marcusfoster.org/programs/scholarships/>

MCCONNELL FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Due: March

Award: \$5001 - \$10000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Northern California (Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties)

Eligibility: Are a resident of The McConnell Foundation Scholarship Programs service area

Link: <http://www.mcconnellfoundation.org/application/>

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

Due: March

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: The contest engages high school students each year in learning and writing about issues of peace and conflict, encouraging appreciation for diplomacy's role in building partnerships that can advance peacebuilding and protect national security. The 2016-2017 contest challenges students to closely examine the causes and impact of the refugee crisis.

Link: <http://www.usip.org/AFSAEssayContest>

QUESTBRIDGE COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARSHIP

Due: March

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Students must be juniors who are planning to apply to college during the fall of their senior year. Open to all: U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents and students, regardless of citizenship, currently attending a high school in the United States.

Link: <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>

RUBEN SALAZAR FUND

Due: March

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: National. including Puerto Rico

Eligibility: Students must demonstrate a sincere desire to pursue a career in the field of journalism.

Link: <http://www.nahj.org>

SEG SCHOLARSHIP

Due: March

Award: \$500 - \$14000

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Attending high school and planning to enter college next fall; An undergraduate college student whose grades are above average. Intending to pursue a college curriculum directed toward a career in applied geophysics or a closely related field, such as geosciences, physics, geology, or earth and environmental sciences

Link: <http://seg.org/Scholarships>

SLAS/EOP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Due: March

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. UC Berkeley

Eligibility: Must be an EOP student, meeting ANY of the 3 criteria. Low income (Pell Grant or Dream Act Scholarship eligible as verified by Financial Aid), first generation college student, or historically underrepresented student. Demonstrated leadership and service on campus and/or the community, have a minimum UCB cumulative grade point average of 3.0, and be registered as a full-time undergraduate student (extenuating circumstances will be considered).

Link: <http://eop.berkeley.edu/eop-achievement-awards-1/>

THE DREAM SUMMER PROGRAM

Due: March

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Not provided. Not provided

Eligibility: At least 18 years of age by June 13, 2016. An Interest and commitment to social justice. Full-time availability from Monday, June 13, to Friday, August 19, 2016. Available to travel on Sunday, June 12 to attend the orientation retreat hosted in Los Angeles from Monday, June 13, to Friday, June 17, 2016. Available to travel on Tuesday, August 16 to attend the closing retreat hosted in Los Angeles from Wednesday, August 17, to Friday, August 19, 2016.

Link: <http://www.labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/dream-summer/dsapplicants/>

THE DREAM.US NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Due: March

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday; Be a first time college student applying to an associate's or bachelor's degree program at one of our partner colleges. Are eligible for in-state tuition at the Partner College you want to attend; Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater (or equivalent GED score). Be DACA or TPS eligible and have applied for or received DACA or TPS approval.

Link: <http://www.thedream.us/nationalscholarship/>

THE ED FUND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: March

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. West Contra Costa County

Eligibility: Current public high school senior attending a WCCUSD school.

Link: <http://edfundwest.org/program/ed-fund-scholarships/>

THE NEW LEADER SCHOLARSHIP OF THE MARIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Due: March

Award: \$5001 - \$10000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Bay Area

Eligibility: Enrollment in one of the following Bay Area public universities: California State University, East Bay; San Francisco State University; San Jose State University; Sonoma State University; or University of California at Berkeley

Link: <http://newleaderscholarship.org/apply/>

A.W. BODINE - SUNKIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Due: April

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. California and Arizona

Eligibility: Applicant must demonstrate: Character, Leadership, Seriousness of purpose, Service to others, Financial need, Academic achievement. A background in California or Arizona agriculture, the student or someone in the student's immediate family must have derived the majority of his or her income from agriculture; Financial need; and GPA and extracurricular activities indicative of potential for success

Link: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/bodine-sunkist-memorial-scholarship>

BERKELEY STUDENT FOUNDATION (UC BERKELEY)

Due: April

Award: \$2000 - \$4000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. UC Berkeley

Eligibility: Candidates for scholarship must belong to one of the following under-represented ethnic categories according to the standards set by the University of California): African American Native American Chicano, Latino Southeast Asian Pacific Islander, Filipino. Multi-ethnic (at least one parent must be a member of one of the aforementioned groups) Disabled Must be incoming or first year students to UC Berkeley (freshman or junior transfers) Candidates who did not have a chance to apply prior to entering UC Berkeley may apply in the Fall semester.

Link: <http://bsf.asuc.org/>

CONTINUING THE DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

Due: April

Award: \$1000 - \$2000

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. Georgia

Eligibility: Be of Hispanic/Latino(a) descent; Identify as undocumented student and/or a DACA student; Demonstrated leadership and service to the Hispanic/Latino community; Be a graduating senior from a Georgia high school OR be currently enrolled at a Georgia college or University; High school students must have a 3.0 GPA; Community college and university students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA

Link: <http://scholarships.dreamersroadmap.com/scholarship/continuing-the-dream-scholarship>

DAVIS-PUTTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Due: April

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund aids people active in movements for social and economic justice. These need-based scholarships are awarded to students who are able to do academic work at the college or university level and who are active in the progressive movement.

Link: <http://www.davisputter.org>

DENNY'S HUNGRY FOR EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (OFFERED THROUGH THE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: April

Award: \$500 - \$1000

Field of Study: Business

Region: Other. Must be attending a HACU-member institution; check website for eligibility

Eligibility: Full-time or part-time undergraduate students attending HACU-member institutions in AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, GA, IL, NM, NY, NV, SC, and TX. Students must possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the field of Business or Hospitality.

Link: <http://www.hacu.net/hacu/scholarships.asp>

GLORIA AND JOSEPH MATTERA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN

Due: April

Award: Less than \$500

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Recent history of movement for agricultural employment - priority will be given to currently interstate migrant youth. Scholastic potential. Financial need. Enrolled in or accepted at an accredited public or private college, technical or vocational school, or a dropout or a potential dropout from high school who shows promise of ability to continue schooling.

Link: <http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/mattera.htm>

GREAT MINDS IN STEM HEENAAC AWARDS

Due: April

Award: \$1000 - \$10000

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Applicants must demonstrate leadership through academic achievements and campus/ community activities, be Science, Technology, Engineering or Math related majors, must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher, be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program for the preceding fall semester, at an accredited 2-yr or 4-yr college/university in the U.S. or its territories, and be of Hispanic origin and/or must significantly participate in and promote organizations and activities in the Hispanic community.

Link: <http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/professionals/henaac-awards>

LATPRO SCHOLARSHIP

Due: April

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Students must: (1) Be enrolled in a school that has registered for LatPro's scholarship program. (2) Be a full-time student when applying for the scholarship. (3) Like us on Facebook. (4) Complete the scholarship application

Link: <http://learn.latpro.com/scholarship/>

SF STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP (SFSU SENIORS)

Due: April

Award: \$1001 - \$1500

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Attending SFSU

Eligibility: SF State students who will have full-time senior status in the fall, applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25

Link: <http://www.sfsu.edu/~alumni/scholarship.htm>

BAY AREA GARDENER'S FOUNDATION

Due: May

Award: \$1500 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara

Eligibility: Students must reside within the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo or Santa Clara.

Link: <http://bayareagardenersscholarshipfoundation.com/bagsf/bagsf-scholarship-applications-opens-january-05-2015-deadline-may-04-2015/>

BERTHA WOLF - ROSENTHAL FOUNDATION FUND FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE STIPEND

Due: May

Award: \$5000 - \$10000

Field of Study: Not provided

Region: California. California

Eligibility: Show a history of community service work (in and/or out of school).

Link: <https://www.libertyhill.org/bertha-wolf-rosenthal-foundation-fund-community-service>

BETSY PLANK/PRSSA SCHOLARSHIPS

Due: May

Award: \$1000 - \$5000

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: You must be a PRSSA member in your junior or senior year of college, preparing for a career in public relation

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/plank/

ELMIRA SANDERSON FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (SFSU)

Due: May

Award: \$1001 - \$1500

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. SFUSD high school students only

Eligibility: Students who come from an educationally or environmentally disadvantaged background, currently attending a San Francisco Public High School, has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 for the junior and senior high school years, must enroll at San Francisco State University as a full-time student with at least 12 units for incoming Fall semester

Link: <http://www.sfsu.edu/~alumni/scholarship.htm>

GARY YOSHIMURA SCHOLARSHIP

Due: May

Award: \$1500 - \$2500

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be pursuing a higher education in the public relations field; Have a minimum 3.0 GPA; Demonstrate financial need

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/yoshimura/

HEALTH CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: May

Award: \$5000 - \$10000

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: National. None

Eligibility: The Scholarship Program is open to all full-time undergraduate students who are entering their Junior or Senior Year of their undergraduate study in the Fall of 2014. If the student is in a program that is not a 4-year program, they are eligible if they will be entering either their final year of undergraduate study or their second-to-last year of undergraduate study in the Fall of 2014. Additionally, students must be enrolled in an accredited institution in a program of study that prepares them for a career in health care. Examples of qualifying degree programs include, but are not limited to premedicine, nursing, public/community health, physical therapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy, biology, chemistry, psychology, social work, dentistry, and optometry. Students eligible to be considered for the award must demonstrate financial need. Financial need will be determined using information provided by the school's Financial Aid office on the form provided in the scholarship application materials. Students must also meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards set by their institution and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

Link: <https://www.gallagherkoster.com/scholarship/>

JOHN D. GRAHAM SCHOLARSHIP

Due: May

Award: \$1000 - \$3000

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: You must be enrolled in a journalism program, public relations studies or courses preparing for a career in public relations, and entering your senior year of undergraduate studies in fall after the application deadline

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/graham/

LOS HERMANOS DE STANFORD

Due: May

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: California. None

Eligibility: Open to female and male Latino students who are committed to academic excellence, community service, and cultural awareness. Financial need is taken into account.

Link: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/hermanos/>

MARCIA SILVERMAN MINORITY STUDENT AWARD

Due: May

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be enrolled in a journalism program, public relations studies or courses preparing for a career in public relations; Be entering your senior year of undergraduate studies this fall; Have a minimum 3.0 GPA; Be of African-American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, Alaskan Native or Pacific Islander ancestry

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/silverman/

NEUMEIER FAMILY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Due: May

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: Regional. Georgia or Florida Accredited College or University

Eligibility: Undergraduate student in good standing; Current PRSSA member who has demonstrated an outstanding record of effective leadership in the Public Relations Student Society of America and/or other campus or community organizations.

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/neumeier/index.html

OFIELD DUKES MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AWARD

Due: May

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be enrolled in a journalism program, public relations studies or preparing for a career in public relations; Be entering your junior year of undergraduate studies this fall; have a minimum 3.0 GPA; Demonstrate the commitment to service and social responsibility that Ofield Dukes Personified; Be of African-American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, Alaskan Native or Pacific Islander Ancestor

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/dukes/index.html

RADIO TELEVISION DIGITAL NEWS ASSOCIATION

Due: May

Award: Varies

Field of Study: Media

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Scholarships are open to undergraduate students pursuing careers in radio, television, or digital journalism. Winners must be officially enrolled, full-time sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing when scholarships are awarded for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Link: <http://www.rtdna.org/content/scholarships>

PRSA DIVERSITY MULTICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

Due: May

Award: \$1001 - \$1500

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: You must be registered as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited four-year college or university. Membership in the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is preferred, but is not a requirement. A major or minor in public relations is also preferred. A student who attends a school that does not offer a public relations degree or program must be enrolled in a communications degree program (e.g., journalism or mass communications). You must be of African-American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, Alaskan Native or Pacific Islander ancestry. You must have attained, by Fall 2016, at least junior status and have at most one full term remaining. You also must have earned and maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale in all courses.

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/diversity

ROBIN M. URBANSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Due: May

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Must be entering his/her junior or senior year in college in fall 2016; Must be a major in public relations, journalism, or a related field; Must be studying to prepare for a career in public relations; must possess a minimum overall GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; Must be attending a four year accredited institution; Must be in good standing as a member of a PRSSA Chapter

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/urbanski/

RON CULP SCHOLARSHIP FOR MENTORSHIP

Due: May

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Must be entering his or her senior year in college in Fall 2016; Must be a major in public relations, journalism, or related fields; Must be studying to prepare for a career in public relations; Must be attending a four year accredited institution; Must be in good standing as a member of a PRSSA Chapter

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/culp/

SNOW, CARPIO & WEEKLEY, PLC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Due: May

Award: \$1001 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Must Be a DREAMer; Must plan to attend college by fall semester 2017; Have a minimum GPA of 3.0; Demonstrate both Merit and their need for the scholarship

Link: <http://workinjuryaz.com/phoenix-workers-compensation-lawyers/#dreamers>

STEPHEN D. PISINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Due: May

Award: \$1001 - \$1500

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be a journalism, communications or public relations major; Be in your junior or senior year of college; Have at least a 3.3 overall grade point average on a 4.0 scale; Be a PRSSA member

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/pisinski/

THE NATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE (IN SAN FRANCISCO GOLDEN GATE PARK)

Due: May

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: All applicants must describe their current leadership experience, its significance to the HIV and AIDS epidemic, as well as their how their future career plans or public service will be an extension of their current efforts.

Link: <http://www.aidsmemorial.org/uncategorized/scholarship-instructions>

TRIPLE-IMPACT COMPETITOR SCHOLARSHIP - POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE

Due: May

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Boston/Eastern Massachusetts, Chicago Area, Colorado, Greater New York Metropolitan Area, Houston Area, North Texas, San Francisco Bay Area/ Sacramento Area, Washington, DC Area (see website for specific counties in each area).

Eligibility: Current High School Junior (class of 2017)

Link: <http://www.positivecoach.org/our-awards/triple-impact-competitor-scholarships/>

AORN FOUNDATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Due: June

Award: TBA

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Nursing students (applicant must be in an accredited program leading to initial licensure as an RN), baccalaureate, master, and doctoral candidates with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. International students are welcome to apply

Link: <http://www.aorn.org/aorn-foundation/scholarships-available>

LAWRENCE G. FOSTER AWARD

Due: June

Award: \$1001 - \$1500

Field of Study: Public Relations

Region: National. None

Eligibility: All PRSSA members are welcome to apply

Link: http://prssa.prsa.org/scholarships_competitions/individual/foster/

MANOS DE ESPERANZA (HANDS OF HOPE)

Due: June

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Alameda-Contra Costa- Fresno-Marin-Monterey-Napa-Sacramento- San Francisco-San Mateo-Santa Clara-Santa Cruz-Solano-Sonoma-Tulare-Yolo

Eligibility: Demonstrate community service. Have a cumulative of 3.0 on undergraduate college work. Be enrolled full-time and for the following academic year at an accredited college, university, or community college in: Alameda-Contra Costa- Fresno-Marin-Monterey-Napa-Sacramento- San Francisco-San Mateo-Santa Clara-Santa Cruz-Solano-Sonoma-Tulare-Yolo counties. Commit to attend annual benefit event held in early December. Demonstrate financial need.

Link: <http://www.manosdeesperanza.org/2552/2573.html>

MAPES LAW OFFICES SCHOLARSHIP

Due: June

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent resident status not required. Evidence that you are currently attending college or college acceptance letter. Financial need.

Link: <http://mapesbankruptcyattorneys.com/mapes-law-offices-scholarship/>

SHPE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: June

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. none

Eligibility: SHPE members who demonstrate significant motivation and aptitude for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are encouraged to apply

Link: <http://shpe.org/scholarships>

TYLENOL FUTURE CARE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: June

Award: Multiple

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be a resident of the 50 United States, Puerto Rico or the District of Columbia. Undergraduate student: must have completed at least one year of undergraduate course study by the Spring of 2015 at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational ñ technical school,

Link: <http://www.tylenol.com/news/scholarship>

ASIAN AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

Due: July

Award: Multiple

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: Bay Area. Bay Area

Eligibility: Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled full-time with at least 12 credit units for the fall 2016 and spring 2017 school year. Additionally, they must be taking or planning to take journalism courses and/or pursuing journalism as a career. Finally, they must be attending school in the San Francisco Bay Area or have a permanent address in the San Francisco Bay Area. Applicants need not be Asian American/Pacific Islander in order to apply.

Link: <http://www.aajasf.org/scholarship/>

LEVIN-GOFFE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR LGBTQI STUDENTS IN NEW YORK

Due: July

Award: 10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: city. New York

Eligibility: Openly self-identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex; Hold neither U.S. citizenship nor a green card; Do not have a criminal record in the United States; Can prove full-time enrollment at an accredited, nonprofit New York City college or University with intention of receiving a Bachelors's degree; Do not have a tuition that exceeds \$12,500 annually; Have successfully completed at least one full academic year at a New York City college or University; and have a current, most recent, or cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher.

Link: <https://stonewallfoundation.org/grants/scholarships>

MIGRANT FARMWORKER BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: July

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Recent history of movement for agricultural employment

Link: <http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/mfb.htm>

MATT FONG ASIAN AMERICANS IN PUBLIC FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: July

Award: \$1001 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: California. California

Eligibility: Grade level: Incoming sophomore, junior or senior at a four-year college or university in 2016-17

Link: <http://asianpacificfund.org/what-we-do/scholarships/apply-for-scholarship/#mattfong>

SALEF FULFILLING OUR DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Due: July

Award: \$2500 - \$3000

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: City. Pico Union, South Los Angeles, Central

Eligibility:

Link: <http://www.salef.org/scholarship>

AMIGOS DE EL SALVADOR

Due: September

Award: \$1501 - \$2500

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Contra Costa

Eligibility: Graduating from an accredited high school this academic year or currently enrolled at a college or University. Earning a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. Demonstrated need for financial assistance. Latino/Hispanic resident of Contra Costa County. Enrolled or planed to enroll full-time in a bacheloris degree program at an accredited higher education institution in the fall after your graduation from high school. Eligible candidates should apply to the ADESiS Scholarship Committee. The scholarships will not be granted to attend conferences, meetings, congresses, etc.

Link: <http://www.amigosdeelsalvador.org/becas.html>

CHISPAS: OUT OF THE SHADOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Due: September

Award: \$500 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. Florida

Eligibility: Be undocumented; Have graduated from a florida high school or have a GED certificate; Be enrolled in a Florida college, university, vocational school or technical institution for the Fall 2016 semester.

Link: <https://chispasuf.com/scholarship/>

QUESTBRIDGE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH PROGRAM

Due: September

Award: \$10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents

Link: <http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/ncm-scholarship-details>

THE MEXICAN AMERICAN DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

Due: September

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: County. Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Inland Empire, and Ventura County

Eligibility: Be an AB-540/DACA Student. If not an AB-540/DACA student, must be a member or related to a member of a COFEM affiliated Federation or Club. Must be considered a full-time student or enrolled in at least 12 units at a 4 year

Link: <http://www.cofem.org/scholarshipprogram>

ATLAS SHRUGGED ESSAY CONTEST

Due: October

Award: \$1500 - \$2000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Global

Eligibility: No application is required. The contest is open to students worldwide, except where void or prohibited by law. Entrant must be a 12th Grader, College Undergraduate or Graduate Student.

Link: <http://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#overview>

CYNTHIA FELIX SCHOLARSHIP

Due: October

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Humanities & Social Sciences

Region: National. Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah, Washington

Eligibility: Must be committed to pursuing a career in medicine and dedicate to serving the Latino and underserved communities. Applicants should demonstrate a desire to advance the state of health care and education in Latino and underserved communities. Must be sophomore level or higher at 4-year university or post-baccalaureate student. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship regardless of immigration or citizenship status. Financial need. Must be a resident or attending school within the LMSA-West region states (Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah, Washington). Must be a dues-paying pre-med member of LMSA-West.

Link: <http://lmsa.net/west/what-we-do/scholarships/cinthyafelix-scholarship/>

GOLDEN DOOR SCHOLASRHIP

Due: October

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Goden Door Scholars provide scholarship for DACA studentd and scholarships for undocumented students. Students may be high school or recent graduates.

Link: <http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/app/open>

GOOD TIDINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Due: October

Award: \$2501 - \$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. Contra Cosa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Jaoquin, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, or Yolo.

Eligibility: High school seniors who recognize the benefits of serving their community. No citizenship requirements but must show proof of acceptance into a university in order to receive the scholarship money

Link: <http://www.goodtidings.org/>

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

Due: October

Award: 10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be current student at an accredited U.S. community college or two-year institution with sophomore status by December 31, 2016, or a recent graduate (since spring 2012). Plan to enroll full time in a baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university in fall 2017. Have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.5 or better on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent). Demonstrate significant unmet financial need. Have not previously enrolled at or attended a four-year institution.

Link: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/undergraduate-transfer/>

LA UNIDAD LATINA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Due: October

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.80 out of a 4.0 GPA scale. Cumulative GPAs below 2.80 do not qualify for a scholarship

Link: <http://www.lulfoundation.org>

SEQUOIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due: October

Award: \$5001 - \$10000

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. Redwood

Eligibility: Have performed voluntary community service, be present at all required interviews, attend awards banquet in March. Be a high school senior ñ live in Redwood City

Link: <http://www.sequoiaawards.org/nomination-forms/>

YOUTH AWARDS

Due: October

Award: \$2500 - \$3000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Latino high school seniors. 3.5 GPA. Letter of recommendation, GPA verification form. Attend regional ceremony

Link: <http://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/>

ACT SIX LEADERSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

Due: November

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. Tacoma-Seattle, Portland, Yakima Valley, Spokane, and Minnesota

Eligibility: High School seniors planning to graduate in 2017 or Have previously graduated from high school in 2016 or 2015; passionate about learning; eager to foster intercultural relationships; willing to step out of their comfort zones; committed to serving those around them; ready to make a difference on campus and at home.

Link: <http://www.actsix.org/about/scholars/>

ASUCD SCHOLARSHIP (DAVIS)

Due: November

Award: \$501 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Attending UC Davis

Eligibility: All continuing undergraduate students enrolled and in good academic standing at the University of California, Davis are eligible for an ASUCD Scholarship. Students must be enrolled after Spring quarter of 2017 to receive the scholarship. Note that applicants with current disciplinary sanctions in effect are ineligible to apply.

Link: <https://asucd.ucdavis.edu/scholarship/>

BERRIEN FRAGOS THORN ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Due: November

Award: \$1000 - \$3000

Field of Study: Arts

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Minimum 16 years of age; Applicant need not be enrolled in school; A history of movement to obtain work in agriculture is REQUIRED

Link: <http://migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/thorn.htm>

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Due: November

Award: 10000+

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Plan to graduate from a US high school in spring 2017; Intent to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in Fall 2017; Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above; SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1200 (based on the old SAT scores) or above and/or ACT composite score of 26 or above; Demonstrate significant unmet financial need.

Link: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/>

QASYMPHONY SOFTWARE TESTING SCHOLARSHIP

Due: November

Award: \$500 - \$1000

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. None

Eligibility: High School students who graduate in 2017 and have been accepted into a college or university; Students enrolled in college or university.

Link: <https://www.qasymphony.com/scholarship/>

THE NEW YORK STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Due: November

Award: \$100 - \$500

Field of Study: Any

Region: City. New York City

Eligibility: Residing in NYC and Attending or planning to attend a NY school; be a graduating high school senior, have a high school or GED/HSE/TASC diploma and planning to attend college in the Spring; OR current undergraduate student; Be actively engaged, or wishes to be engaged, in social justice causes; Be recommended by an educator, peer, community member, or religious leader; Be able to volunteer 10 hours with the NYSYLC; Be able to attend an awards ceremony in NYC (details TBD).

Link: <http://www.nysylc.org/scholarship>

THE QUEENS COLLEGE DREAM TEAM SCHOLARSHIP

Due: November

Award: \$500 - \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Queens College

Eligibility: Be a graduating high school senior, have a high school or GED, HSE or TASC diploma and planning to attend Queens College in the spring, OR current Freshman, Sophomore, Junior in Queens College. Be able to volunteer 25 hours with the Queens College Dream Team. Be interested in immigration issues.

Link: <http://www.nysylc.org/scholarship>

A.R.E. SCHOLARSHIP

Due: TBA

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: city. San Diego

Eligibility: Must demonstrate leadership in extra-curricular activities; a commitment to improve the conditions of your community, financial need, and most importantly you must demonstrate a high level of community involvement; Must be a student/community member residing in San Diego at time of applying; Must be an Undocumented/ AB 540/ Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) student or an active community member; Must be enrolled in an accredited College or University for fall 2017 with a full-time schedule; Must have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above

Link: <https://sites.google.com/site/aresandiego/a-r-e-scholarship-informaiton>

CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (CTA) CESAR E. CHAVEZ MEMORIAL

Due: TBA

Award: Varies

Field of Study: Any

Region: California. California

Eligibility: Multiple scholarships available. Must be a CTA member or dependent of a member

Link: <http://www.cta.org/About-CTA/CTA-Foundation/Scholarships.aspx>

CHRISTIAN STUDENTS OF CONSCIENCE

Due: TBA

Award: \$500

Field of Study: Any

Region: Los Angeles. UCLA

Eligibility: Must be DACA and AB-540/AB-2000 eligible

Link: www.jesusforrevolutionaries.org

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR UTAH'S CHILDREN

Due: TBA

Award: \$1,000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. Utah

Eligibility: Undocumented students in Utah, participation to community service

Link: www.educationopps.org

EL CAFÈ DEL FUTURO

Due: TBA

Award: \$5,000

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: The Contest is open to legal residents of the 50 United States, D.C. and Puerto Rico, 18 years of age or older who are currently enrolled as a full-time student at a HACU member institution and are of Latino descent. Employees, officers and directors of HACU or Rowland Coffee Roasters, Inc. (iSponsors), their parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, distributors, sales representatives, website developers and administrators, advertising, sales promotion and judging agencies and all other service agencies involved with the Contest, and members of the immediate families (parent, child, sibling and spouse of each) or households of any of the above are not eligible.

Link: <http://www.hacu.net/hacu/scholarships.asp>

ESPERANZA EDUCATION FUND

Due: TBA

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: TBA

Link: <http://apps.esperanzafund.org/2016/closed.php>

HERITAGE FUND

Due: TBA

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: TBA. TBA

Eligibility: 2.5 GPA

Link: www.heritagefundbc.com

INLAND EMPIRE IMMIGRATION YOUTH COALITION

Due: TBA

Award: \$500

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. Inland Empire, CA

Eligibility: Undocumented and show economic need

Link: www.ieiyc.org

ISAC AMAYA FOUNDATION

Due: TBA

Award: \$3,000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. Yuma and Southern Arizona community colleges

Eligibility: Attend a community college on Yuma or Southern Arizona

Link: www.IsacAmayaFoundation.org

KIPP LA SCHOOLS

Due: TBA

Award: \$1,000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. Los Angeles

Eligibility: students are required to show proof of full-time enrollment at the college/university they attend. Additionally, the selection process also requires graduating high school seniors to have a minimum 2.75 GPA and college students a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Link: www.kippla.org

LATIN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Due: TBA

Award: \$500 - \$3000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. Colorado

Eligibility: All Colorado residents regardless of legal residency status or citizenship. Hispanic origin or actively involved in the Hispanic community. HS or college GPA of 3.0 or higher. High school and undergraduate students welcome.

Link: <http://www.laef.org/Scholarship>

MILLIE DEIN SCHOLARSHIP

Due: TBA

Award: \$500

Field of Study: Any

Region: Los Angeles. Los angeles mission college

Eligibility: Must be enrolled in 12 or more units per semester; Demonstrate financial need; Must demonstrate good citizenship; 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA;

Link: <http://www.lamission.edu/foundation/docs/Millie%20Dein%20App%20Fall%202013%20updated.pdf>

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY BRIGHT MINDS SCHOLARSHIP

Due: TBA

Award: 10000+

Field of Study: STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Be a minimum of 16 years of age and be a high school student or graduate; Have received General Education Development (GED) certification or be a current postsecondary undergraduate student; Live within the PG&E service area; Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire academic year

Link: https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/in-your-community/education-programs/grants-and-scholarships/bright-mind-scholarships/bright-mind-scholarships.page

PERALTA COLLEGES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Due: TBA

Award: not specified

Field of Study: Any

Region: Bay Area. Attending a Peralta Community College (Laney College, Merritt College, College of Alameda, or Berkeley City College)

Eligibility: Scholarship criteria vary; however, most scholarships are for individuals with financial need. Scholarships are available for both full-time and part-time students. International students are welcome to apply. Some scholarships are for specific areas of study or for individuals with specific backgrounds or needs. Please see scholarship listing for details, located in the left hand navigation bar under Available Scholarships. Applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they are applying assuming all pertinent and required materials are included and all eligibility requirements are met.

Link: <http://web.peralta.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-grants/available-scholarships/>

PG&E SAMAHAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Due: TBA

Award: \$1500 - \$2000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Live in PG&E service area

Eligibility: Minimum GPA 3.25, active participant and/or leader in school and the community, applying to community colleges and/or four-year colleges/ universities. No ethnicity requirement.

Link: <http://www.pge.com/about/community/education/ergscholarships/>

PITZER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Due: TBA

Award: Varies

Field of Study: Any

Region: Other. Attending Pitzer College

Eligibility: Students must be nominated. Must not be a permanent resident or citizen of the USA, be born in a Latin American country, have attended a California high school for all four years, have achieved a superior academic record (minimum academic GPA of 3.7) while taking a challenging academic program, have actively participated in the community through activities that demonstrate community service, leadership and/or talent (e.g., visual or performing arts, math, science, writing, etc.), embody the four core

Link: http://www.pitzer.edu/admission/applying/forms_applications.asp

SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROSPECTIVE EDUCATORS

Due: TBA

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Education

Region: National. None

Eligibility: High school senior intending to major in education who is a good standing member of Educators Rising; High school senior intending to major in education who is the child or grandchild of a Kappan in good standing; High school senior intending to major in education who has one of his/her reference letters written by a Kappan in good standing; An undergraduate member of PDK who is enrolled in a college education program; An undergraduate member of Educators Rising who is enrolled in a college education program

Link: <http://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/prospective-educator-scholarships/>

SCHOLARSHIPS A-Z

Due: TBA

Award: \$725

Field of Study: Any

Region: National.

Eligibility: ScholarshipsA-Z awards two different scholarships to high school and college students

Link: www.scholarshipsaz.org

SCHOLARSTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

Due: TBA

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Arts

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Variety of scholarships and summer programs available, check website

Link: <http://www.artandwriting.org>

TED ROLLINS ECO SCHOLARSHIP

Due: TBA

Award: \$1,000

Field of Study: Business

Region: National. None

Eligibility: High school seniors and college undergraduate students; Major (or plans to major) in a field related to sustainability; Must plan to take at least 10 credit hours during the spring 2017 semester.

Link: <http://www.tedrollinsecoscholars.com/apply-now/>

THE ANDRES Y MARIA CARDENAS FAMILY FOUNDATION

Due: TBA

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. Los Angeles

Eligibility: Attend or have graduated from qualifying school, visit website for more information

Link: <http://cardenasfoundation.org/apply>

THE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION OF ST. LOUIS

Due: TBA

Award: TBA

Field of Study: Any

Region: Regional. St. louis, Missouri

Eligibility: Undocumented or DACA individual in St. Louis Area

Link: www.sfstl.org

TULSA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Due: TBA

Award: \$3000 -\$5000

Field of Study: Any

Region: College. Oklahoma State University

Eligibility: Undocumented student at Oklahoma State University

Link: www.TulsaCF.org

U-LEAD ATHENS

Due: TBA

Award: \$3,000

Field of Study: Any

Region: Not provided. Not provided

Eligibility: TBA

Link: uleadathens.org

UNIVISION'S ES EL MOMENTO SCHOLARSHIP

Due: TBA

Award: not specified

Field of Study: Any

Region: National. None

Eligibility: Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students, community college transfers and current college students

Link: https://forms2.hsf.net/view.php?id=14119#

ABOUT US

EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION (E4FC)

Founded in 2006, Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) empowers undocumented young people to achieve education and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation. We envision an America where all young people can pursue and complete an education with confidence and without constraint. For more information, please find us online at **www.e4fc.org**.

HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS

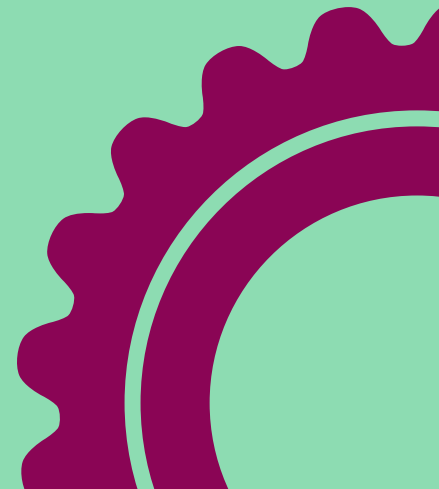
PART 1 OF E4FC'S 2016 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDES



In This Mini-Guide:



- E4FC's Scholarship Lists
- School-Specific Scholarships
- Educators, Administrators & College Access Support Staff
- Additional Scholarship Lists



Educators for Fair Consideration

E4FC's scholarship lists and guides are a significant resource for undocumented students as they carve their own paths through higher education.

<http://e4fc.org/resources/scholarshiplist.html>



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2015-2016 LIST OF UNDERGRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE
PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL
PERMANENT RESIDENCY



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

2015-2016 LIST OF GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS
THAT DO NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF U.S.
CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL PERMANENT
RESIDENCY

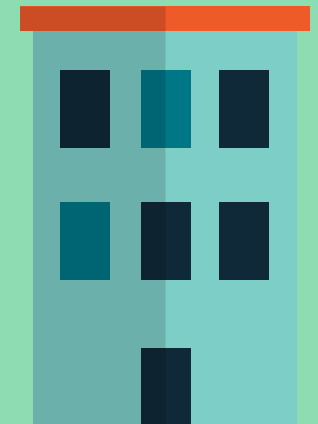
School-Specific Scholarships



Find school-specific scholarships, which are generally less competitive and more tailored to you.

Look for scholarships specific to:

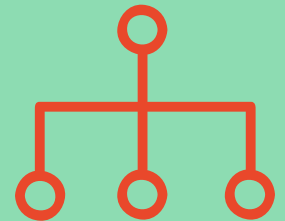
- your high school
- school district
- community college and/or
- the college you're attending.



College Access Support Staff

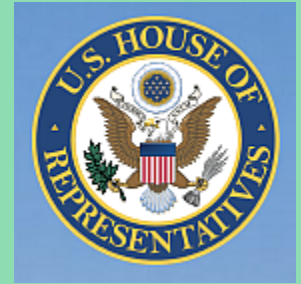
Ask the following if they know of any resources:

- your high school counselor,
 - the financial aid office staff,
 - the admissions office staff, and even
 - teachers and professors who are sympathetic to you
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- +referrals to other support staff from any of the above!



Additional Scholarship Lists

- My (Un)documented Life: Contains up-to-date resources & information written by an undocumented student, with a robust scholarship section
<http://mydocumentedlife.org/>
- Pre-Health Dreamers: A scholarship list for health-related graduate programs
http://www.phdreamers.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/PHD-Graduate-Scholarship-List-5_28_2015.pdf
- Harvard's Act on a Dream: A searchable scholarship database with over 200 scholarships
<http://www.actonadream.org/resources/scholarships/>
- Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard: A student resource guide for paying for college; includes scholarships
http://roybal-allard.house.gov/uploadedfiles/student_resource_guide_2014-2015.pdf
- 10,000 Degrees: A list of scholarships for undocumented students
<http://www.10000degrees.org/students/scholarships/undocumented-students/>
- Selected Funding Opportunities Open to Non-U.S. Citizens: includes undergraduate and graduate scholarships
file:///Users/E4FC_KC/Downloads/Selected%20Funding%20Sources%20Open%20to%20Non-US%20Citizens.pdf



**PRE-HEALTH
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10,000  **Degrees**

Act on a Dream
at Harvard College

My (Un)Documented Life

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

STEPS FOR SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

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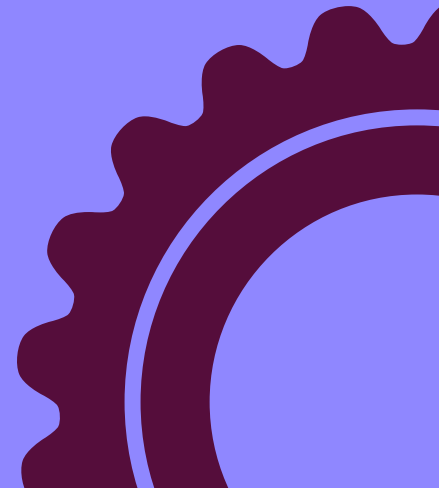


EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

In This Mini-Guide:



- Writing Your Personal Statement: Telling Your Story
- Writing Tips
- How to Get a Winning Letter of Recommendation
- Different Ways for Recommenders to Talk about Your Immigration Status
- Before Mailing: Do a Final Check!
- Scholarship Interviews
- If you are awarded a scholarship...



Writing Your Personal Statement: Telling Your Story

The personal statement is the opportunity to make yourself stand out from other applicants. Make sure your essay tells readers something they would not have otherwise found out in your application.

Usually instructions are very general, such as “Tell us a little bit about yourself,” or “What is important for us to know about you?” The broadness of this topic can be overwhelming. Here are some questions to help you brainstorm some ideas:

- What is special, unique, and/or impressive about you or your life stories?
- Have you ever had to overcome unusual obstacles or hardships (economical, familial, physical)? What have you learned from these challenges?
- What details of your life will help the reader better understand you and set you apart from others? You might include personal challenges, personal history, people or events that have shaped and influenced you and your life goals.
- How are you the best fit for the scholarship? What have you done to prove that you are worth this scholarship’s funding?
- What are your personal, academic, and professional goals? What has led you to pursue these goals?
- How have you contributed to the community (extracurricular activities, community involvement, family responsibilities, employment)? What have you learned from these experiences?
- Are there any gaps or discrepancies in your academic record that you should explain?
- Why might you be a stronger candidate or more successful in your chosen profession or field than other applicants?
- What are the most compelling reasons you can give to the scholarship committee to be interested in you?
- How do you plan to give back to your community once you finish your education?

Note: Follow the directions carefully and adhere to word and page limits, formatting requirements and subject guidelines. Please keep in mind that selection committees will be reading multiple applications, and you do not want to be penalized because you went over the page limit. That being said, make sure to use all the available space they give you. a little bit of body text

Writing Tips



- Tell a story. Show or demonstrate an experience through concrete examples. If your statement is fresh, lively and different, the selection committee will remember you and put you on the top of the pile.
- The most memorable paragraph is the opening one, so focus on that one. The opening paragraph is where you can grab the reader's attention. Or you can make the reader yawn and say "What's this applicant's name again?" Distinguish yourself from other applicants right away.
- Topic-Specific Essay Tips: Some scholarships might ask you to write an essay, rather than a personal statement. Make sure that your essay directly addresses the topic and that you aren't simply pasting on a new topic sentence to an old essay. By all means, use sections of your personal statement, but don't just copy and paste it.

How to Get a Winning Letter of Recommendation



Identify and speak to potential recommenders EARLY in the process.
DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. Notes on Timing:

- Arrange talks with potential recommenders
- Decide on best recommenders for you
- Ask for a letter of recommendation (ideally 2 months before due date)
- Give recommendation forms (at least 1 month before)
- Politely remind recommenders about the letter (at least one week before due date)
- Thank recommenders
- Update them on the scholarship selection process – if you have been selected for an interview, if you have been awarded the scholarship, etc.
- Teachers are very busy. Make their jobs as easy as possible. Give them a copy of your personal statement (even if it's just a draft), a list of your accomplishments/achievements/awards/extra-curriculars. Let them know what you'd like them to highlight/emphasize about you. This is not being overbearing; this is being helpful.

How to Get a Winning Letter of Recommendation



- Make information clear to recommenders. Pull together all scholarship info (scholarship name, your full name, due date, address to be mailed). Add information about the scholarship and its requirements and priorities.
- Make sure they are addressing recommendations correctly. Don't use a recommendation written for a different scholarship without changing the name of the scholarship throughout!
- Make sure your recommender is knowledgeable about you and can speak highly of your academic accomplishments, strengths, interests, academic and professional goals. Have an open talk with recommenders about your need for money and your immigration status.
- This is especially important if you are not comfortable talking about your status, since your recommenders can do so for you. It is important for them to fully understand your situation so they can advocate for you effectively. If you think your recommender is not supportive of you because of your immigration status, find a new one.
- Don't be afraid to ask recommenders to submit recommendations for multiple scholarships. Once they've written on recommendation, it's easy for them to modify it.

How to Get a Winning Letter of Recommendation



- Update them on your progress (whether or not you've been awarded scholarships).
- Ask recommenders if they will share a copy of their recommendation with you. If so, ask them for a “generic” recommendation (not addressed to any particular scholarship fund) that you can have on file and use if necessary.
- I'm a college student. Is it okay for me to ask my high school teacher to recommend me? Ideally you should have a current instructor write you a recommendation, but it is better to have a former teacher who knows you well rather than someone who doesn't know you very well.

If you are going to ask a former teacher, make sure to talk to that teacher about your current activities and progress in school, so they can update their old recommendation letter.

- Stay in touch with your former mentors and teachers!

Different Ways for Recommenders to Talk about Your Immigration Status



- Least Direct

Yoshi works harder than any student I have ever taught. She is more determined than any student I have ever taught. Her heart is filled with positive energy. Her mind races to accumulate and assimilate new information. And she faces heart-breaking obstacles—poverty, immigration status, financial independence since was sixteen, an utter lack of local family support and an almost untenable living situation with a generally uninterested aunt. She works so hard for herself because she feels she has no choice but to continually learn and grow so that one day she may be of great service to others. As difficult as her path has been and will continue to be, it is her goal to ease the path for those who come after her.

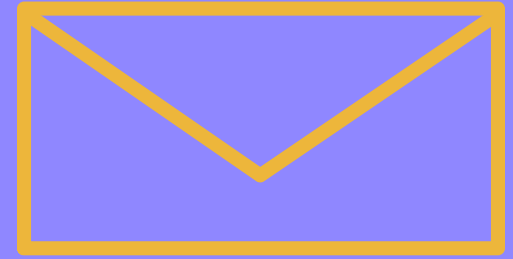
- More Direct

Julio is a first generation college student. He is a second year student majoring in Civil Engineering at San Jose State University...Julio is considered a minority at San Jose State University because of his ethnic background and low-income status, yet he has been able to compete and excel with students who have no economic needs or better educational resources than him before starting their college career....Unlike most San Jose State University students who do not need to worry about finances, Julio has to. He faces financial struggles on an ongoing basis due to his legal status which does not grant him any source of government financial aid.

- Very Direct

Luis is a non-native English speaker and an undocumented immigrant who will also be the first in his family to graduate from high school and attend a four-year college. And he will graduate—that's the type of person Luis is. Luis turned his back on the drugs and violence in his community to face the challenges of preparing for a post-secondary education. More aware and introspective than most young adults, Luis has realized that competing with more privileged students at the college level requires him to compensate for the inequities of life in East Palo Alto by preparing better and working harder.

Before Mailing: Do a Final Check!



1. Is your application filled out completely? Have you signed your application?
2. Do you have all required documents, including transcripts and proof of income?
3. Have you proofread and edited your essays? Did you follow the essay guidelines?
4. Re-read the whole package
5. Send it in before deadline - WAY BEFORE THE DEADLINE

Scholarship Interviews



Getting ready for the Interview:

- Make sure you know the interview time and location, and how to get there
- Do a mock interview with a teacher, counselor, or mentor
- Dress nicely
- Learn about the scholarship (background of funders, key people involved, activities required of recipients)
- Have questions ready to ask interviewers (you can ask them about one of the organization's programs that you might be interested in or other specific questions about the organization)
- Think of three things you definitely want to tell your interviewers (make sure you talk about these three things)
- Prepare your resume, bring it to the interview (in case they want to look at it) and read through it so you remember what your experiences/responsibilities were
- If you can, prepare a budget with your academic and personal expenses, committed/pending funds, and unmet need and bring copies of it to the interview

Scholarship Interviews



During the interview:

- Be early (know the location ahead of time)
- Shake hands with every person
- Say thank you (at LEAST once)
- Look them in the eyes
- Be prepared to ASK questions if it is appropriate and if you are invited to do so
- Sample Questions that Might be Asked During the Interview
- Why did you apply to this scholarship?
- What makes you stand out from all other candidates?
- How will you be able to contribute to our community?
- Tell us about one event or person in your life that has shaped you.
- Talk about your academic achievements/aspirations.
- Talk about your community involvement.

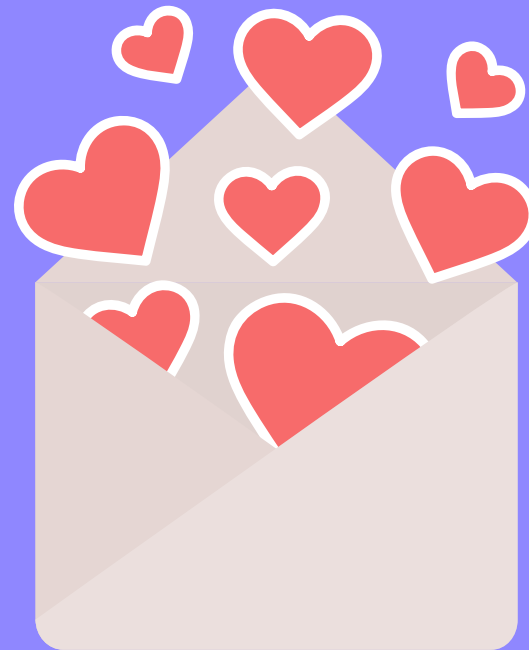
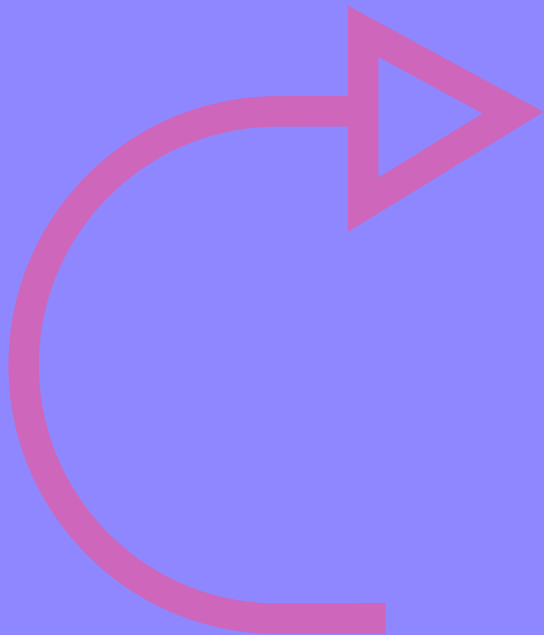
After the interview:

- Send a thank-you note -- preferably by mail, but email is better than no thank-you note at all.

If you are awarded a scholarship...

Send a thank-you note to all your recommenders

Follow-up regularly with donors



BEST PRACTICES

PART 5 OF E4FC'S 2016 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDES



In This Mini-Guide:



- Find as many scholarships as possible
- Make sure to research and apply to scholarships EARLY
- Apply to every single scholarship you can.
- Be very explicit in talking about your story.
- Answer questions clearly and directly
- State your financial needs
- Research the particular organization
- Put A LOT of time and energy into scholarship applications.
- It's all about the package.



Best Practices - Pt. 1



- Find as many scholarships as possible

Find as many scholarships as possible (especially local ones) that do not require citizenship. Local scholarships are less competitive because they limit the pool of applicants.

- Make sure to research and apply to scholarships EARLY!

Make sure to research and apply to scholarships EARLY – ideally starting in the spring of junior year in high school. Many scholarships are exclusively available to high school seniors and not for college students, so make sure to start building a college fund with these high school-specific scholarships.

Note: If you have good grades in high school, you should take advantage of them and apply to scholarships that are focused on academics. In general, when going on to college, even stellar students' GPAs drop dramatically, which affects their level of competitiveness.

- Apply to every single scholarship you can.

Scholarships are very competitive, especially ones that award large amounts of money. Focus on throwing your net wide and applying to as many scholarships as you can. Plus, once you have created a solid personal statement and gathered all the documents that scholarship applications require, you will be able to use the same materials over and over.

Best Practices - Pt. 2



- Be very explicit in talking about your story.

The personal statement is what will set you apart from all other applicants. Don't hesitate to talk about your immigration status. Tips for how to share your story can be found in the "Writing Your Personal Statement" section.

- Answer questions clearly and directly

Type and proofread essays. Spelling mistakes and bad grammar turn readers off. Express yourself clearly and concisely. Adhere to the word and page limits. Have at least two people look over your personal statements. More than three people will give you too many opinions to juggle. If English is not your first language, ask for your English teacher's help.

- State your financial needs

Don't be shy about it. Even scholarships that are not need-based should know your financial needs. If you are high-need and high-merit, you have been able to persevere despite numerous challenges and should highlight this in your essay.

Here's how you might talk about your situation: Are you expecting family assistance to pay for college? What would happen if you did not get this scholarship? How would your financial limitations impact your academics and/or your chance to finish your education?

Best Practices - Pt. 3



- Research the particular organization

Research the particular organization offering the scholarship to understand what they are looking for in applicants. If you clearly articulate why you're a good fit for a particular organization, you help the selection committee in choosing you as the right candidate. Make sure to use concrete examples when you write about your strengths, but never write in an arrogant manner. Don't act like you know what's best for the scholarship organization.

- Put A LOT of time and energy into scholarship applications.

Revise your personal statement multiple times, get feedback about your essays from multiple people, gather transcripts, income statements, etc. The more effort you put in, the better your scholarship packet will be and the higher the likelihood of winning the award.

- It's all about the package.

As soon as you're about to finish the scholarship application, read over all the application materials to see if they reflect who you are as a whole. Materials should complement one another. Do a final checklist to ensure that you have enclosed all necessary documents needed. Make sure your scholarship application is signed.

Looking for more ways to pay for college or career training?



Whether you're planning to go to college or pursue a career education, there's money to help you pay for it. Just because you may not qualify for one type of financial aid doesn't mean you won't qualify for other types. Here are more options to explore.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- www.calgrants.org
- www.icanaffordcollege.com
- www.mappingyourfuture.org

START AT A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

You may qualify for a fee waiver or other assistance.

- www.icanaffordcollege.com
- www.cccco.edu

CAL GRANTS AND OTHER STATE AID

Check out Cal Grants—even if you miss the March 2 Cal Grant deadline, you should still complete the FAFSA to be considered for other state, federal and college financial aid. If you're a high school senior and need your senior-year grades to improve your GPA, apply by March 2 following graduation.

- www.csac.ca.gov
- www.calgrants.org

CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

If you are or were in foster care, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 for college or job training in addition to other student aid. Learn more about the California Chafee Grant and services for foster youth.

- www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
- www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov
- www.calyouthconn.org
- www.orphan.org
- www.orangewoodfoundation.org

FEDERAL PELL GRANTS AND OTHER FEDERAL AID

Learn more about federal Pell Grants and other federal grants you don't have to repay, as well as low-interest federal loans for students and parents.

- www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov
- www.edfund.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are free money for college—you should never have to pay to find, apply or receive one. Start your search with these free Web sites or ask your school for assistance. (See page 2 for more information.)

- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.com/pay

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

You may be able to earn money for college by becoming a volunteer with AmeriCorps or a member of the California Conservation Corps.

- www.americorps.gov
- www.californiavolunteers.org
- www.ccc.ca.gov

MORE HELPFUL WEB SITES

- California Cash for College workshops for help completing the FAFSA and other forms
www.calgrants.org
- California colleges
www.californiacolleges.edu
- University of California
www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- California State University
www.calstate.edu
www.csumentor.org
- Independent colleges
www.aiccumentor.org
- Colleges nationwide
www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
- Campus tours
www.campustours.com
- Military education benefits
www.myfuture.com
- Veterans education benefits
www.gibill.va.gov
- Tax benefits for education
www.irs.gov/publications/p970/index.html

SCHOLARSHIPS

Think of applying for a scholarship as having a part-time job. Let's say you spend 20 hours searching and putting together applications and you receive a \$1,000 scholarship—that's like making \$50 an hour!

Where to find them?

- Your school will have a list of scholarships offered by your local community organizations, such as Rotary International, 4-H and others, as well as those provided by neighborhood banks and businesses.
- Ask your teachers, counselors or coaches—and look at magazines or on Web sites devoted to your interests or skills.
- Your parents' work or labor union may offer scholarships for the children of employees.
- Check out the free scholarship Web sites, starting with www.fastweb.com
www.collegenet.com/mach25
www.collegeboard.com/pay
- Use the free Internet search engines, such as www.google.com, www.dogpile.com, www.yahoo.com and www.ask.com.

Free scholarship or a scam?

A scholarship or grant is *free* money—you should never have to pay to find, apply for or receive one. Here are some tips:

- Do your own research before spending your money. Most scholarship information is available for free
- Don't fall for claims that "guarantee" a scholarship. Any claim should include qualifications or disclaimers.
- Never give your credit card information, bank account information, Social Security number or student identification number over the telephone or Internet unless you made the call and know who you're talking to. And never provide any personal or financial information to hold a scholarship or grant.

To learn more, visit www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams or www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/lsa.

Make Your Scholarship Application Stand Out

Be sure you submit everything that is required to apply for the scholarship and to meet the deadline. Send originals whenever you can or clean photocopies. Consider binding materials in a brightly colored report folder to keep everything together. Also, send your materials flat, not folded, in a large envelope.

MORE HELPFUL WEB SITES

- Scholarships for Specific Populations
www.uncf.org
www.apiasf.org
www.enan.bia.edu
www.collegefund.org
www.latinocollegedollars.org
www.hsf.net
www.maldef.org
- Careers
www.healthjobsstarthere.com
www.careervoyages.gov
www.collegegrad.com
- Jobs
www.coolworks.com
www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov
www.studentjobs.gov
- Citizenship
www.uscis.gov

For More Information

Contact:

- your high school counselor or college financial aid administrator
- the California Student Aid Commission toll free at 888-224-7268 or e-mail studentsupport@csac.ca.gov
- the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll free at 800-433-3243 or e-mail studentaid@ed.gov

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM FOR VETERAN DEPENDENTS

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION
CONTAINED ON THE REVERSE SIDE



I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Phone #: () _____ - _____ Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single Student E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

STUDENT'S relationship to veteran in Section III below: _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THIS BENEFIT BEFORE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

ARE YOU *receiving*, OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY *eligible to receive* VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNDER CHAPTER 35? ☐ YES ☐ NO

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (AGI) of student from last year (January 1st through December 31st): \$ _____

*NOTE: Refer to "Who May Apply Under Plan B" on the next page for required statements if you entered zero on AGI and Annual Value of Support.

ANNUAL VALUE OF ANY SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM A PARENT \$ _____

*NOTE: Examples of support include, but are not limited to: college housing, transportation, books, school supplies, medical care etc. Under plan B, the total amount of the child's income and value of support, as listed above, cannot exceed the "national poverty level" as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau and published by the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Refer to "Who May Apply Under Plan B" on the next page for required statements, if you entered zero on AGI and Annual Value of Support.

II. SCHOOL INFORMATION

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY you are attending or plan to attend: _____

ACADEMIC YEAR for which you are requesting waiver of tuition/fees: _____

III. VETERAN INFORMATION

Name served under: Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: () _____ - _____ Branch of Service: _____ VETERAN'S E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Date of Death (if applicable): ____/____/____ VA Claim #: _____ - _____ - _____

Dates of Active Duty service FROM: _____ UNTIL: _____ Service#/SSN#: _____

If the veteran is alive, current percentage of service-connected disability adjudicated by the military or USDVA: _____ %

If the veteran is deceased, was the death "service-connected," or did the veteran have a service-connected disability at the time of death? ☐ YES ☐ NO

I hereby certify under penalties of perjury that the information contained in this application and supporting documents is given for the purpose of obtaining educational benefits and is true, correct, and complete. I authorize the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) employees, officers, and designees to verify these documents. I hereby authorize the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, Internal Revenue Service, and the Franchise Tax Board, to release information regarding my service-connected disability rating and/or income to CalVet with the understanding that the department will keep such information confidential. I understand that educational benefits may be denied or found to be my responsibility to repay if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

Signature of VETERAN : _____ Date: ____/____/____

(If veteran is unable to sign, parent/veteran spouse must complete and attach a VSD-021)

Signature of STUDENT: _____ Date: ____/____/____

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Waiver of all mandatory system wide tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, Campus of the University of California, or Campus of the California State University system.

WHO MAY APPLY?

1 - Students must meet the California residency requirements as determined by the college they will attend.

AND

2 - Students who meet the requirements of *at least one* of the following plans :

PLAN A: The *spouse, unmarried child, or unmarried surviving spouse* of a veteran who is totally service-connected disabled (rating must have occurred prior to the child's 21st birthday) or who has died of service-related causes, may qualify. The veteran must have served during a period of war declared by Congress, or been awarded a Campaign or Expeditionary Medal. This program does not have an income limit. A child must be under 27 years of age to receive the fee waiver benefit. The age limit is extended to 30 years of age if the child is a veteran. There are no age limits for a spouse, unmarried surviving spouse. ***NOTE:** A dependent cannot receive this benefit if they are in receipt of VA Chapter 35 benefits.

OR,

PLAN B: The *child* (no age limit) of a veteran who has a service-connected disability, or had a service-connected disability at the time of death, or who died of service-related causes, may also qualify for a waiver. The child's income, which includes the student's **ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME, PLUS THE VALUE OF ANY SUPPORT** received from a parent, *cannot exceed the "national poverty level" as published by the U.S. Census Bureau on December 31st of last year.* ***NOTE:** This figure changes annually. To obtain the applicable national poverty level, contact your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO). In cases where the DVS 40 reports \$0 AGI & \$0 Value of Support, a certified statement must be completed which explains how the student affords to attend college and supports himself.

OR,

PLAN C: Any dependent or unmarried surviving spouse of a member of the California National Guard who was killed, permanently disabled or died of this disability that resulted from activation under Military and Veterans Code Section 146.

OR,

PLAN D: Available to Medal of Honor (also known as Congressional Medal of Honor) recipients and their children.

HOW TO APPLY:

(1) This form must be fully completed and signed by the student and the veteran. If a question does not apply, write "N/A". If veteran is unable to sign, parent/ must complete and attach a VSD-021.

(2) A child, under PLAN B, must submit either a student-**SIGNED** copy of their federal income tax form 1040 or state income tax form 540, from "Last Year" or, if a child does not have a copy of their income tax, or if a child did not file a return, they must submit a *statement* from the Internal Revenue Service (800-829-1040) or the Franchise Tax Board (800-852-5711) which **must verify the amount of Adjusted Gross Income** or the fact that a return was not filed. ****NOTE**:** Current academic year entitlement is based upon last year's adjusted gross income and value of support. For example: If applying for benefits for academic year 2017-2018, the total amount of your reported adjusted gross income and value of support from calendar year 2016 will be used to determine eligibility.

(3) If you are a child of a veteran, **you must attach a Verification of Dependency.** Acceptable verifications include, but are not limited to, government-issued birth certificates, adoption records, and marriage certificates. Those seeking status as an Adopted Child or as a Stepchild must have entered into such status prior to the child's 23rd birthday.

WHEN TO APPLY:

Always try to apply for these benefits prior to attending school. Benefits are awarded on an academic year basis and students are required to reapply each year for ongoing benefits. **NOTE:** The earliest effective date fee waiver benefits may be awarded is the first day of the academic year in which an application is received.

WHERE TO APPLY:

To obtain an application, additional information and to apply for benefits under this program, contact your local County Veterans Service Office at: www.cacvso.org.

If eligibility criteria are met, use of the CalVet College Fee Waiver for Veterans Dependents may be applied to state-supported programs in the CCC, CSU, and UC systems. Some academic programs at these institutions that are considered self-supported, commonly referred to as extension courses or extended education are not covered under the CalVet College Fee Waiver program because these courses, degrees, and certificates are neither funded by the state nor are they system-wide programs. **Veteran dependents applying for this waiver should research residency requirements and specific academic programs thoroughly before applying to the college or university.**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS YOU HAVE EARNED, VISIT:

www.cacvso.org or www.calvet.ca.gov

PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

The Information Practices Act of 1977 (Civil Code Section 1798.17) and the Federal Privacy Act (Public Law 93-579) require that this notice be provided when collecting personal information from individuals. Information requested on this form is voluntary and will be used for the purposes of identification and to determine eligibility for benefits under the provisions of Education Code Section 66025.3. The program is administered by: Deputy Secretary, Veterans Services Division, 1227 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Failure to provide requested information will result in the delay or denial of benefits. Individuals may review available personal records during normal business hours. Appeals of denied benefits shall be filed with the Veterans Services Division (note address above) and must be in writing, stating the reasons the benefits should be granted, and filed within 90 days after the date of the "letter of denial."

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California Veteran Reintegration Program Fact Sheet Education

As a veteran there are several educational programs available which you may use for a wide variety of VA-approved education and training programs.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) have partnered together to assist service members, veterans, and family members by streamlining their application to a California Community College.

If you're not qualified for any VA education benefits, don't let that discourage you from enrolling in college. icanaffordcollege.com is a great tool to assist you in finding a way to further your education. Financial aid is available to cover enrollment fees and help with other costs such as books, supplies and even rent. Financial aid experts are located on all 112 campuses and are available to provide free one-on-one assistance.

You can also find contact information on the California Community College [financial aid offices](#) nearest to you. Depending on where you live, you might have received information for one office or for several.

The information includes the name of the college, its physical address (in case you want visit them in person), its web site address, a direct telephone number for the financial aid office, as well as an email address that you can use if you want to ask your questions online.

CCCApply.org is your online gateway to the California Community Colleges. Each year nearly three million students from all over the world build their career skills, prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, or simply enrich their lives through learning at one of the 112 Community Colleges in California.

Visit CCCApply.org today and begin your path to higher education!

NON-RESIDENT COLLEGE FEE WAIVER

The Non-Resident College Fee Waiver waives non-resident fees at all State of California Community Colleges, California State University, or University of California campuses.

Who is Eligible?

- A student who is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged is entitled to

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resident classification. This classification is valid for the length of time the veteran lives in this state after being discharged up to the minimum time necessary to become a resident.

- An undergraduate student who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in this state on active duty is eligible, except a member of the armed forces assigned for educational purposes to a state-supported institution of higher education.
- An undergraduate student who is a natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse who is a dependent of a member of the armed forces stationed in this state on active duty is eligible.
- A student seeking a graduate degree, who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in this state on active duty except a member of the armed forces assigned for educational purposes to a state-supported institution of higher education, is eligible. There is a two-year limit for graduate-level studies.
- A student seeking a graduate degree who is a natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse who is a dependent of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in this state on active duty is eligible. There is a one-year limit for graduate level studies.

To apply, contact the Admissions Office of any State of California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus or the local County Veterans Service Office.

TROOPS TO COLLEGE

Troops to College, was created to attract more veterans to California public universities and colleges by making campuses more veteran friendly. The initiative was designed to showcase the full range of curriculums and services available to veterans at California state universities.

The program is designed to help veterans, especially combat veterans, transition to civilian life and the college environment. Veterans and their families may enroll in a course about combat stress, post-traumatic stress disorders, and other issues affecting veterans returning to civilian life. The course is taught by a VA counselor who is also a combat veteran. The curriculum is specifically designed to increase the student veteran's academic, work, and social success. The class provides participants instruction in interpersonal skills, methods of adapting to civilian life and work careers, and techniques for managing military operational stress.

For more information, go to <http://www.calstate.edu/veterans/>

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARD PROGRAM (CNGEAAP)

The California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNG EAAP) issues financial awards to qualifying members of the California National Guard (CNG) and State Military Reserve (SMR). This financial education benefit can pay for up to 100% of fees at the Universities of California, California State Universities, and California Community Colleges. It can also be used for eligible California proprietary and public institutions. With combined military training and a civilian education in areas such as engineering, nursing, communications and information technology, California's National Guard members will be able to serve on two fronts.

How to Apply

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) found at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Complete the CNGEAAP application found at <https://nationalguard.csac.ca.gov/Disclaimer.aspx>.
- Download and print the Statement of Understanding found at www.calguard.ca.gov/education and have it signed by the veteran's Commander.

Note: Discretionary summers will not be covered by the CNGEAAP. Only participants attending mandatory summers will be eligible for an award check.

For additional information visit the Commission's website at www.csac.ca.gov.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EDUCATION BENEFITS

EDUCATION BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

There are several education programs veterans can use for a wide variety of VA-approved education and training programs, including: apprenticeship and on-the-job training, college degree and certificate programs, flight training, and correspondence courses. Each program provides different benefits to different groups of individuals and offers a specified number of benefits "months".

Typically, most education benefits can be collected for 36 months; however, the maximum that can be collected under any combination of VA education program is 48 months. Please note that veterans can only use one VA education benefit for training at a time. For more detailed information regarding VA education benefits, go to <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/> or call (888) GI BILL1 (442-4551).

Please note that the following list of education programs is not all inclusive and that each individual's situation is different. It is important to pay careful attention when choosing an education program. If a veteran gives up one education benefit in favor of another, it is an irrevocable choice. Veterans are encouraged to check with the school's certifying official to determine which benefit best meets their educational goals.

POST-9/11 GI BILL

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 also known as Chapter 33, boasts the most comprehensive education benefits package since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944 by providing financial support for education and housing to eligible individuals.

A veteran may be eligible if they have at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001 or were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. Veterans must also have received an honorable discharge or have been medically discharged to be eligible.

Based upon the length of aggregate active service, veterans are eligible for a percentage of tuition and housing benefits under Chapter 33 that range from 40% to 100%. The following depicts the percentage of benefit ranges:

- **100% of benefit** - 36 months of active duty service, or have been discharged for a service-connected disability after 30 days of continuous service
- **90% of benefit** - 30 total months of active service
- **80% of benefit** - 24 total months of active service
- **70% of benefit** - 18 total months of active service
- **60% of benefit** - 12 total months of active service
- **50% of benefit** - 6 total months of active service
- **40% of benefit** - 90 or more days of active service

Note: Qualifying service time excludes service on active duty in entry level and skill training; however, active service performed by National Guardsmen under Title 32 USC for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the National Guard or under section 502(f) for the purpose of responding to a national emergency now counts towards eligibility.

What Benefits do Students Receive under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

This new education benefit goes well beyond only helping to pay for tuition. Depending on each individual's "rate of pursuit" (full- or part-time study) and situation, veterans may qualify for:

- **Tuition and Fees:** These payments are issued directly to the school on behalf of the individual at the time the certificate of enrollment is processed.

On Active Duty: Individuals on active duty may be allotted the total amount of tuition and fees for all public schools. The amount is not limited to the state maximum; however, effective August 1, 2011, private and foreign school costs are capped at \$17,500 annually. Effective October 1, 2011, students on active duty may receive a books-and-supplies stipend.

Not On Active Duty: The amount allotted is prorated according to length of service. The amount is limited to the highest amount of tuition and fees charged for full-time, undergraduate training at a public institution of higher learning in the state in which the student is enrolled. Effective August 1, 2011, private and foreign school costs are capped at \$17,500 annually. The Yellow Ribbon Program still exists for out-of-state fees and costs above the cap.

- **Monthly Housing Allowance:** This payment is issued directly to the student at the beginning of each month for education and training pursued the previous month. The amount is prorated based upon rate of pursuit, rounded to the nearest multiple of 10. If a student is training at a rate of pursuit of 75%, he/she would receive 80% of the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate. In prior years, students enrolled exclusively in online training were not eligible for the housing allowance; however, it is now payable to students (other than those on active duty). The housing allowance payable is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents. In 2013, the payable rate for a full-time student online was \$684.00. Effective August 1, 2011, break or interval pay is no longer payable under any VA education benefit program unless under an Executive Order of the President or due to an emergency, such as a natural disaster or strike. That

means that if the semester ends December 15th, the housing allowance is paid for the first 15 days of December only. If the next semester begins January 10th, payment will be made for the remaining days of January.

Note: Students using other VA education programs are included in this change. Monthly benefits will be pro-rated in the same manner.

- **Books and Supplies Stipend:** This payment is issued directly to the student when the school certifies and VA processes the enrollment. This benefit is prorated based on length of service. The books and supplies stipend can also be paid to students attending school while on active duty.
- **Yellow Ribbon Payments:** This program allows degree-granting institutions to enter into a voluntary agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate for individuals eligible for the 100% payment tier. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution. This payment is issued to the school when the school certifies and VA processes the student's enrollment.
- **College Fund or "Kicker":** These payments are issued directly to the student based on "rate of pursuit" and the education benefits program under which the kicker is payable. These payments are now made on a monthly basis. In the past they were made through a lump sum.
- **Rural Benefit Payments:** This one-time, lump-sum payment of \$500 is issued directly to a student who resides in a county with six persons or fewer per square mile (as determined by the most recent decennial census), and who either:
 - physically relocates at least 500 miles to attend an educational institution, or
 - travels by air (any distance) to physically attend an educational institution, if no other land-based transportation exists.

What Kind of Education and Training Does the Post-9/11 GI Bill Cover?

- **Graduate and Undergraduate Degrees:** Courses must be offered by a degree-granting institution of higher learning and approved for GI Bill benefits.
- **Tutorial Assistance and Reimbursement:** Available for more than one "licensing or certification" test reimbursement; however, entitlement is now charged.
- **National Exams:** Reimbursement of fees paid to take national exams used for admission to an institute of higher learning (e.g., SAT, ACT, GMAT, LSAT).
- **Non-College Degree (NCD) Programs:** Pays actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees at public NCD institutions. At private and foreign institutions, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees or \$17,500, whichever is less. Also pays up to \$83 per month for books and supplies.
- **On-The-Job and Apprenticeship Training:** Pays a monthly benefit amount prorated based on time in program and up to \$83 per month for books and supplies.
- **Flight Programs:** Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$10,000, whichever is less.
- **Correspondence Training:** Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$8,500, whichever is less.

Transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits to a Dependent

The Post-9/11 GI Bill also offers some service members the opportunity to transfer their GI Bill to their spouse or children. Any member of the Armed Forces (active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted) on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill, and:

- Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election.;
- Has at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or selected reserve) on the date of election, is precluded by either standard policy (service or DoD) or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute; or
- Is or becomes retirement eligible during the period from August 1, 2009, through August 1, 2013. A service member is considered to be retirement eligible if he or she has completed 20 years of active duty or 20 qualifying years of reserve service.

An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to:

- The individual's spouse;
- One or more of the individual's children;
- Any combination of spouse and child.

A family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits

Note: After an individual has designated a child as a transferee under this section, the individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.

To apply for the Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefit, complete VA Form 22-1990 found at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990-ARE.pdf> or apply online at <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL

The Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program, commonly known as Chapter 30, provides up to 36 months of education benefits. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following a veteran's release from active duty. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. The monthly benefit paid is based on the type of training taken, length of service, and whether the Department of Defense (DOD) put extra money in the veteran's MGIB Fund (called "kickers").

To be eligible, a veteran must have an honorable discharge, a high school diploma or GED or, in some cases, 12 hours of college credit, and meet the requirements of one of the categories below:

- **Category I:** Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985; paid \$1,200 into the MGIB program; and continuously served for 3 years, or 2 years if that is what the veteran first enlisted for, or 2 years if the veteran entered the Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served 4 years ("2 by 4" Program);
- **Category II:** Entered active duty before January 1, 1977; served at least 1 day between October 19, 1984 and June 30, 1985, and stayed on active duty through June 30, 1988, (or June 30, 1987 if the veteran entered the Selected Reserve within 1 year of leaving

active duty and served 4 years); and on December 31, 1989, the veteran had entitlement left from Vietnam-Era GI Bill;

- **Category III:** Not eligible for MGIB under Category I or II; on active duty on September 30, 1990 and separated involuntarily after February 2, 1991; or involuntarily separated on or after November 30, 1993; or voluntarily separated under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) program; before separation, had military pay reduced by \$1,200;
- **Category IV:** On active duty on October 9, 1996, had money remaining in a VEAP account on that date, and elected MGIB by October 9, 1997; or entered full-time National Guard duty under Title 32, U.S.C., between July 1, 1985 and November 29, 1989, and elected MGIB during the period of October 9, 1996, through July 8, 1997; had military pay reduced \$100 a month for 12 months or made a \$1,200 lump-sum contribution.

APPRENTICESHIP AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

GI Bill benefits are available for more than college enrollment. Many veterans are not ready or able to commit to a college program, but few veterans and employers know that benefits are also paid to those who are employed and learning a new skill. Use MGIB benefits to learn new skills while training on-the-job and earning a full-time wage.

OJT training usually requires six months to two years for completion for professions such as a cook, machine tool operator, medical secretary, pharmacist assistant, police officer, or paramedic. Apprenticeship is usually much longer than OJT training, lasting from two to five years in length and includes occupations such as aircraft mechanic, automotive technician, electrician, and welder. Approved programs involve a combination of theoretical instruction and skill training.

For more information about eligibility, contact the VA at <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/> or call (888) 442-4551. For more information about OJT Programs, contact the CSAAVE at <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/CSAAVE> or call (916) 503-8007. For more information about Apprenticeship Programs, contact the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards at www.dir.ca.gov/das or call (916) 263-2877.

To apply for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) education benefit, complete VA Form 22-1990 found at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990-ARE.pdf> or apply online at <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL: SELECTED RESERVE

The Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Program, Chapter 1606, may be available to a veteran who is a member of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. Veterans may use this education assistance program for up to 36 months on a degree program, certificate or correspondence courses, cooperative training, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and vocational flight training programs. Remedial, refresher and deficiency training are available under certain circumstances.

Eligibility for this program is determined by the Selected Reserve components; the VA only

makes the payments under this program. Generally, a Reservist has 10 years from the date they first become eligible under this program to use the benefits, provided he/she remains in the Selected Reserve during this time. The 10-year period may be extended if the Reservist is unable to train because of a disability caused by service in the Selected Reserve. If the Reservist is called to active duty, the period of eligibility will be extended by the length of the period of active duty service plus four months.

To apply for the Montgomery GI Bill: Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) education benefit, complete VA Form 22-1990 found at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990-ARE.pdf> or apply online at <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.

POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEAP)

The Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Education Assistance Program (VEAP), Chapter 32, is available if a veteran elected to make contributions from military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Contributions are matched on a \$2 for \$1 basis by the government. A veteran may use these benefits for degree, certificate, correspondence, apprenticeship/on-the-job training programs, and vocational flight training programs. In certain circumstances, remedial, deficiency, and refresher training may also be available.

Benefit entitlement is 1 to 36 months depending on the number of monthly contributions. A veteran has 10 years from the veteran's release from active duty to use VEAP benefits. If there is unused entitlement after the 10-year period, the veteran's portion remaining in the fund will be automatically refunded.

Contributions may be withdrawn if the veteran does not meet the basic eligibility requirements, or if the veteran formally request a refund of the contributions withheld.

To apply for the Post-Vietnam Veterans' Education Assistance Program (VEAP) education benefits, complete VA Form 22-1990 found at www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/vba-22-1990-are.pdf or apply online at www.gibill.va.gov.

SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DEA)

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, Chapter 35, provides education and training opportunities to dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled with a VA rating of 100% due to a service-related condition, or who died while on Active Duty or as a result of a service related condition. The program offers dependents up to 45 months of education benefits, which may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. In addition, spouses may take a correspondence course. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

To apply for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA), complete VA Form 22-5490 found at www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/vba-22-5490-are.pdf or apply for DEA online at www.gibill.va.gov.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (VR&E)

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E) is authorized by Congress

under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 31 (sometimes referred to as the Chapter 31 program). The mission of VR&E is to help veterans with service-connected disabilities of 20% or higher prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. For veterans with service-connected disabilities so severe they cannot immediately consider work, VR&E offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible.

The VR&E Program is designed to help a service-connected disabled veteran overcome employment handicaps imposed by such disability, so that the veteran is able to find and keep suitable employment as well as achieve maximum independence in daily living. The primary goal of the program is to train disabled veterans for appropriate employment. Education benefits for school attendance may be authorized if that is determined to be the best way to prepare a particular veteran for entry or re-entry into the labor force. Services generally last up to 48 months, but they can be extended in certain instances.

Who is Eligible?

Usually, a veteran must first be awarded a monthly VA disability compensation payment to be eligible for the VR&E Program. In some cases, a veteran may be eligible even if they are not receiving VA compensation. For example, a veteran who is awaiting discharge from the service because of a disability may be eligible. Veterans must also meet the following conditions:

- Served on or after September 16, 1940; and
- Service-connected disabilities are rated at least 20% disabling by VA; and
- Need vocational rehabilitation to overcome barriers to employment; and
- Less than 12 years since the VA notified the veteran of qualified service-connected disabilities.

Recent legislation now allows those who are eligible for both VR&E benefits and Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to choose the Post-9/11 GI Bill's monthly housing allowance instead of the VR&E subsistence allowance.

To apply for Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program (VR&E), complete VA Form 28-1900 found at www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-28-1900-ARE.pdf or apply online at www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre.

VA WORK-STUDY PROGRAM

The VA Work-Study Program is available to any eligible veteran or their dependents who are receiving VA education benefits and attending school three-quarter time or more. An individual working under this program may work at a school's veterans office, VA Regional Office, VA Medical Facility, CalVet or other approved State employment office. Work-study students are paid at either the State or federal minimum wage, whichever is greater.

How does it Work?

To apply for an internship with an approved State Office, the student must attain an enrollment certification VA Form 22-1999-6 from their schools veterans office. The veteran will earn an hourly wage equal to the federal minimum wage or the state minimum wage, whichever is greater, for work completed during or between periods of enrollment. If a veteran is in a work-study job at a college or university, the school may pay the veteran the difference between the amount the VA pays and the amount the school normally pays other work-study students doing the same job as the veteran. A veteran may arrange with the VA to work any

number of hours during enrollment, but the total number of hours worked cannot be more than 25 times the number of weeks in the enrollment period.

What are Some Examples of Acceptable Work?

- Processing VA paperwork at schools or VA offices.
- Performing outreach services under the supervision of VA staff.
- Performing services at VA medical facilities or the offices of the National Cemetery Administration.

The work the veteran actually does will depend on the veteran's interests and the type of work available; however, it must be related to the VA. To apply, complete VA Form 22-8691. For more information about education benefits, contact the local County Veterans Service Office.

Web Resources: Scholarships

1. **Finding Scholarships**
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
2. **Scholarship Application Tips & Advice**
<https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/tips-advice/>
3. **Avoiding Financial Aid Scams**
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams>
4. **Fastweb – Scholarship Search Engine**
<http://www.fastweb.com>
5. **Scholarships.com – Scholarship Search Engine**
<https://www.scholarships.com/>
6. **Peterson’s – Scholarship Search Engine**
<https://www.petersons.com>
7. **Unigo – Scholarship Search Engine**
<https://www.unigo.com/>
8. **Scholarships For Military Families**
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/scholarships-for-military.pdf>
9. **CalVet – College Fee Waiver for Veteran Dependents**
<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx>
10. **Scholarships For Undocumented Students**
<http://e4fc.org/scholarshiplist.html>
11. **Foster Youth – Financial Aid Information**
<http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov/College.html>