



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

2013-2014

LIST OF 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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BAY AREA/CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarships in this section are specifically for students who reside in California with a focus on the San Francisco Bay Area. If there is a specific region requirement within California, it is noted within the scholarship description. Scholarships are listed alphabetically by the month that they are due. Check with EACH scholarship individually to find out the exact DUE DATE.

OCTOBER

The Mexican American Dream Scholarship

<http://cofem.org/programs/scholarships.html>

- » **Year:** Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate program at a 4-year accredited University or a 2-year program at a Community College
- » **Due:** Late October
- » **Award:** \$500 to Community College students, \$1,000 to undergraduate students at a four-year College/University
- » **Eligibility:** Be an AB-540 Student. If not an AB-540 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 institution or 2-year community college. Have a minimum GPA of 2.8. Demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Demonstrate involvement in the community and/or work experience. Be able to participate in the 2013 Annual Scholarship Reception on November 22, 2013 and COFEM's 2014 Annual Conference and Expo on August 16 and 17, 2014. Other volunteer opportunities will be available throughout the year (i.e. Immigration marches, DACA clinics, Citizenship Fairs). Any student who becomes a scholarship recipient must complete a total of 25 hours (Community College recipients) or 50 hours (4 year College/University) of volunteer service to COFEM.
- » **Notes:** Any student who becomes a scholarship recipient must complete a total of 25 hours (Community College recipients) or 50 hours (Four year College/University and Graduate Student

recipients) of volunteer. AB 540 students strongly encouraged to apply.

- » **Region:** Must reside or attend school in the following counties only: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Inland Empire, and Ventura County.

Sequoia Awards Scholarship Program

<http://www.sequoiaawards.org/forms.asp>

- » **Year:** High School Senior
- » **Due:** Late October
- » **Award:** Unknown
- » **Eligibility:** Have performed voluntary community service, be present at all required interviews, attend awards banquet in March
- » **Region:** Must reside at a Redwood City mailing address

NOVEMBER

Adsum Education Foundation Scholarship

<http://www.sbscholarship.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/2014-2015Online-AdsumApp-Form-FINAL.pdf>

- » **Year:** Full-time college student
- » **Due:** November 15
- » **Award:** \$1,000–\$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** AB 540 students who have completed at least four years in a Santa Barbara County school between grades 7-12 and who will graduate from a County school by June 2014 may apply. Scholarships are for use at any California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus. Recipients must enroll as full-time students.

Good Tidings Community Service Scholarships

<http://www.goodtidings.org/index.php?id=23>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** November 12
- » **Award:** 20 awards of \$5,000 each
- » **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.

- » **Notes:** Winners will be notified with a phone call between November 22-28, 2013. All winners of the Good Tidings Foundation Community Service Scholarship will be recognized at our Annual Awards Luncheon on Sunday, December 8th.
- » **Contact:** (800) 824-7366 or stacy@goodtidings.org
- » **Region:** San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Merced, Stanislaus, Alameda, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo, Napa, Sonoma or Marin

DECEMBER

No scholarships due this month.

JANUARY

California Association of Collectors

<http://cacesf.org/>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** January 15, 2014
- » **Award:** First Award: \$2,500, Second: \$2,000, Third: \$1,500
- » **Eligibility:** No SSN required.
- » **Region:** California

CASA 2 Scholarship

<http://ltacasa2.webs.com/scholarships.htm>

- » **Year:** High School Senior or continuing undergraduate student
- » **Due:** January
- » **Award:** (3) \$500 scholarships
- » **Eligibility:** Be an Undocumented Student in the United States. Reside in California. Will be attending a higher education institution in Fall 2014 (e.g. Trade School, Two-year College, Four-Year Universities, etc.). Must be a high school senior or continuing undergraduate student (will not have a Bachelor's by Fall 2014).
- » **Region:** California
- » **Contact:** ltacasa2scholarship@gmail.com

If Given a Chance

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

- » **Year:** High school senior or in college
- » **Due:** January
- » **Award:** \$1,000
- » **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).
- » **Notes:** The nominee must have faced adversity and overcome challenging life circumstances. The nominee must have turned his/her life around or must have maintained high standards in the face of adversity.
- » **Contact:** Isadora Asch at 707 260-5656 or 707-815-4114 or Isadoraigac@att.net
- » **Region:** Napa County

Meritus College Fund

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

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** January 24, 2014
- » **Award:** \$14,000 over 4 years
- » **Eligibility:** SFUSD student with 3.0-3.7 GPA. Must attend a four-year college.
- » **Region:** San Francisco

The Peninsula College Fund

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

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** January 13, 2014
- » **Award:** \$12,000 (over 4 years)
- » **Eligibility:** Students from Palo Alto High School, Gunn High School, Sequoia High School, East Palo Alto Academy, Eastside College Preparatory School, Menlo-Atherton High School, Summit Preparatory Charter High School, and Woodside High School. Cumulative GPA is between 3.2 and 3.8. Students must document financial need, demonstrate ability to overcome obstacles to achieve academic and personal goals, demonstrated quality involvement with others via work, school, family or in the community, be an underrepresented minority and/or first-generation college student.

» **Contact:** Sushini Chand at (650) 779-5002 or info@peninsulacollegefund.org

» **Region:** Peninsula

Princeton Prize in Race Relations

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

» **Year:** High school students grades 9-12

» **Due:** January 31

» **Award:** \$1,000

» **Eligibility:** Students whose efforts have had a significant, positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities.

» **Contact:** Princeton Prize Office at pprize@Princeton.edu. You may also call 800-742-1036

» **Region:** San Francisco, among other cities outside of CA (check website)

FEBRUARY

East Bay College Fund Scholarship

<http://www.eastbaycollegefund.org/our-programs/scholarships/>

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** February

» **Award:** \$4,000 per year (up to \$16,000 for undergraduate degree)

» **Eligibility:** Targets students with GPAs between 3-3.7; prioritizes scholarships for Latino/African-American males. Students are ineligible if they are awarded either one of the following: Berkeley Incentive Award, UC Berkeley Cal Opps/Cal Works, Students Rising Above, Gates Millennium, IDEAL, or any other scholarship over \$3,500

» **Notes:** Must be available to attend in-person interview, orientation, award ceremony, and Scholars/Mentor retreat (see site for dates)

» **Region:** Oakland

Education First

<http://educationfirst.org/>

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** February

» **Award:** \$5,000 or \$3,000 honorable mention

» **Eligibility:** Students at Balboa, Marshall, and Mission High Schools (note, these are the schools in the SF area, other participating high schools located in Austin, Denver, Portland, Los Angeles, and Seattle, must check website to see if your high school qualifies)

» **Notes:** Applications available online or from school counselors.

» **Region:** San Francisco, among other cities outside of CA (check website)

PG&E Scholarship Opportunities

<http://www.pge.com/en/about/community/education/ergscholarships/index.page>

» **Year:** High school senior or current college student

» **Due:** Early February

» **Award:** \$1,000–\$5,000

» **Eligibility:** Family must be PG&E customer. No ethnicity or citizenship requirements. Proof of residency may be established by providing a copy of a PG&E or phone bill within the past six months for your home address, a driver's license, etc.

» **Notes:** PG&E offers several scholarship opportunities from various employee groups within PG&E. This includes the Black Employee Resource Group, InspirAsian-Asian Employee, NuEnergy-New Employees Resource Group, the Pride Network Employee Resource Group, the Latino Employee Resource Group, the PG&E Access Group, the Samahan-Filipino Employee Resource Group and the PG&E Women's Network Employee Group. Check website for individual scholarship requirements.

» **Region:** Must be PG&E customer.

Pursuit of Excellence

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

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** February 21, 2014

» **Award:** Amount varies (\$500 to \$5,000)

» **Eligibility:** High school seniors enrolled at Eastside College Preparatory, Summit Prep, East Palo Alto Academy, Phoenix Academy, or high schools in the Sequoia Union District, Palo Alto District, or Mountain View/Los Altos District.

» **Notes:** Awards renewable throughout recipient's

college career (with interview); repeat award amounts vary.

- » **Contact:** Carol Mullin poeboard@gmail.com
- » **Region:** Peninsula (San Mateo County and Santa Clara County)

eQuality Scholarship Collaborative

<http://www.equalityscholarship.org>

- » **Year:** High school senior, community college transfer student, nursing student or medical student
- » **Due:** February 16
- » **Award:** \$6,000
- » **Eligibility:** Northern or Central California resident who has promoted understanding of and equality for LGBTQ community. No citizenship requirements.
- » **Region:** Northern California

Kaiser Permanente Asian Association Scholarship Program

<https://kpaaonline.atlassian.net/wiki/x/EgAJ>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** February 9, 2014
- » **Award:** 4 awards of \$3000 each
- » **Eligibility:** Must have brought demonstrable, tangible benefit to an Asian community and have the potential to be future leaders. Students may have demonstrated this potential through their activities in school, in the community, or in the face of unusual circumstances., must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, live in Kaiser Permanente Northern California service area (check zip eligible zip codes in the online Service Area Directory: <http://www.KPAAonline.org>), plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year university, college, trade, or technical school.
- » **Region:** Northern California Kaiser Permanente service area (see Eligibility)

Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** Students transferring from community college and graduate students
- » **Due:** February 3
- » **Award:** Two-year scholarships of \$4,000 per year for transfer students, one-year graduate scholarships of \$4,000.

- » **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 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. Must attend the Saturday morning Selection Committee interviews in the spring.
- » **Notes:** Application available in November. 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.
- » **Region:** Contra Costa County

Mountain View Los Altos Community Roundtable

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

- » **Year:** High School Senior
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** \$1,000 to \$6,000
- » **Eligibility:** Applicants are chosen based on financial circumstances, individual characteristics, and college readiness.
- » **Notes:** Applications are available mid-December. Documentation required: Form 1040 or FAFSA. There are 6 scholarship award types with varying ranges.
- » **Contact info:** mvla_scholars@losaltoscf.org
- » **Region:** Mountain View-Los Altos High School District

Hispanic Community Affairs Council Scholarship Fund

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

- » **Year:** High school graduates, GED recipients, community college students, students attending a four-year college or university, and students accepted into a postgraduate education or credential program.
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** \$750 for community college students, \$1,500 for others

- » **Eligibility:** Hispanic heritage, applicant will be evaluated based on financial need, scholastic work, essay and interview.
- » **Notes:** Must provide 1040 tax form(s) or W2 if you did not file a tax return
- » **Region:** Alameda County resident
- » **Contact:** <http://hcac-ac.org/contact-us/>

The Association of Chinese Teachers Scholarship (TACT)

<http://www.tactsf.org>

- » **Year:** High school seniors
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** Up to \$2,000/scholarship
- » **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.
- » **Notes:** Some of the criteria for selection include potential careers in education, human services, the arts or communication, demonstrated community service, leadership qualities, and above-average scholarship. Four scholarship types are offered on behalf of Robert Louie, Lawrence C. Lowe, Henry Shue Tom, and Alice Fong Yu.
- » **Contact:** tactsf@yahoo.com
- » **Region:** San Francisco

Silicon Valley Community Foundation-High School Senior and Undergraduate Programs

<http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/content/community-foundation-managed-scholarship-funds#calderilla>

- » **Year:** High school senior or planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a two- or four- year college or University
- » **Award:** Various scholarships ranging from \$1,000–\$10,000
- » **Due:** February
- » **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 (eligible non-citizens include United States legal residents and AB 540* students). To be considered “AB 540,” students must have completed three years of high school in California, graduated with a high school diploma or attained equivalent and filed an AB 540 affidavit at the college or university where they are enrolled. Please see individual scholarships for exact eligibility requirements.

- » **Notes:** It is strongly recommend that you start gathering your required documents and begin the application process at least three to four weeks before the application deadline. You will be able to save and return to your application at any time prior to hitting “Submit.” Once you submit your online application, you will not be able to make changes to your application or upload additional documents.
- » **Region:** San Mateo County and Santa Clara County

MARCH

826 Valencia Scholarships

<http://826valencia.org/our-programs/scholarships/>

- » **Year:** High school graduating senior
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$15,000/award
- » **Eligibility:** Demonstrate financial need, go to school in the Bay Area, demonstrate intent to enroll in a vocational school, college, or university.
- » **Notes:** Preference given to students who attend public high schools in San Francisco. Applicants should also have an extracurricular interest in the written word.
- » **Contact:** Raúl J. Alcantar 415.642.5905 x 209, raul@826valencia.org
- » **Region:** Bay Area

10,000 Degrees Undergraduate Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** College Student
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$500-\$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** Criteria will vary. Once you fill out the general undergraduate scholarship application, you will be able to provide supplemental information indicating what specific scholarships you want to apply for.
- » **Notes:** The two scholarships available to undocumented students administered by 10,000 Degrees are The New Leader Scholarship and The Undergraduate Scholarship. The Undergraduate Scholarship Application will be available online January 1st 2014.
- » **Contact:** (415) 451-4002, Info@10000degrees.org
- » **Region:** Marin County Residency

AACE TS/AACE UB/SFCAC Scholarship Fund

<http://www.jcycdhub.org/scholarship>

- » **Year:** Enrolled in AACE UB or a high school senior served by the AACE TS or SFCAC program
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$500-\$3,000
- » **Eligibility:** Demonstrate financial need or be a first generation college students, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation. Have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (9th-12th grades, NOT including PE/ROTC, Health Ed, or Driver Ed). Been enrolled full-time at a 2 or 4 year college or university for the academic year 2014-2015. Students will be considered for the AACE TS/ AACE UB/ SFCAC scholarship regardless of citizenship status. Students enrolled in our Upward Bound program at ISA & John O Connell are also eligible to apply.
- » **Notes:** If you are eligible as a new applicant you must contact your current schools' AACE UB, AACE TS or SFCAC advisor for more information. Renewal recipients must have received a scholarship continuously beginning in the 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, or 2013-2014 school year, currently meet minimum college GPA of 2.0, demonstrate financial need, and will be enrolled full time at a 2- or 4-year college or university during the academic year for which they

are applying.

- » **Region:** San Francisco County (Balboa, Burton, Galileo, Marshall, Mission, and Washington High Schools) or San Mateo County (Jefferson High School)

Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund College Scholarship

<http://www.asianpacificfund.org/information-for-student-applicants#banatao>

- » **Year:** Incoming freshman enrolled full-time at an accredited four year-college or university in 2014-15
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$5,000 renewable (\$20,000 total)
- » **Eligibility:** Financially needy student of at least 50 percent Filipino heritage majoring in engineering, mathematics, computer science, environmental or physical science and living in specified counties. Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- » **Notes:** Applications available late December/early January
- » **Contact:** scholarship@asianpacificfund.org
- » **Region:** Northern California: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus; Southern California: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego

Blackhawk Women Scholarship Fund

<http://www.bwscholarshipfund.com/scholarships.htm>

- » **Year:** A graduating High School senior, or Junior College student ready to transfer, who will be attending a 4-year college/university in the fall
- » **Due:** March 1
- » **Award:** \$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** Female, residing in Contra Costa County. Have at least a 3.5 unweighted GPA. Be active in community service. Be in need of financial aid. (W2 form or last year's tax return, etc).
- » **Notes:** Award recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA during the period in which they are receiving the scholarship money. Recipients are required to complete the school term for which the award is paid out. Failure to do so will require re-payment of the amount awarded.

- » **Region:** Contra Costa

CANFIT Scholarship

<http://canfit.org/scholarships/>

- » **Year:** Enrolled in approved bachelor level program in nutrition or physical education at an accredited WASC university in California or enrollment in culinary arts college in California.
- » **Due:** March 31st every year
- » **Award:** \$500–\$1,500
- » **Eligibility:** Undergraduate Requirement: Enrollment in an approved bachelor level program in Nutrition or Physical Education at an accredited (WASC) university in California. Have 50 semester units (or equivalent) of college credits completed with an official copy of college transcript and a 2.5 or better GPA (cumulative). Ethnic student affiliation of African-American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian-American, Pacific Islander or Latino/Hispanic descent. Culinary Arts Requirement: Enrollment in a culinary arts college in California. Ethnic student affiliation of African-American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian-American, Pacific Islander or Latino/Hispanic descent. Prior completed units (or equivalent) of college credits not necessary to apply.
- » **Region:** California

Chicana/Latina Foundation Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** Enrolled in an accredited college, university, or community college
- » **Due:** March of every year
- » **Award:** \$1,500
- » **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.
- » **Notes:** You must commit to attending the CLF Leadership Institute (one weekend in August after being selected and one weekend the following year in February) and to volunteering ten (10) hours for CLF before March the year after being selected. Past

CLF awardees may not re-apply until four years after receiving our scholarship

- » **Region:** Northern California counties: Alameda, Sacramento, Solano, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, Yolo, Monterey, Santa Clara, Napa, Santa Cruz

College OPTIONS Scholarships

<http://www.collegeoptions.org/#!college-options-scholarships/c1qow>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Award:** \$500–\$1,000 for community college students, \$500–\$4,000 for four-year college students
- » **Due:** March
- » **Eligibility:** High school seniors from Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity County schools who will earn a high school diploma or GED in the year 2013-14 and who will start college in Fall 2014 as a full-time student. Must be first-generation, have an estimated family contribution (EFC) as determined by the 2014-2015 FAFSA that is \$4,995 or less, have a 2.75 GPA or higher, have completed A-G requirements with a “C” or better, and enroll full-time as a full-time freshman fall 2014 in Shasta College, College of the Siskiyous or qualified four-year college or university to earn a Bachelor's degree. Examples of qualified institutions include but are not limited to all CSU and UC campuses; all U.S. state public institutions (such as University of Oregon); St. Mary's College, BYU, or Simpson University.
- » **Region:** Northern California (Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties)

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) – New American Scholars Program

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

- » **Year:** High school seniors and current college students
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** Varies up to \$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** For foreign-born, low-income immigrant college and graduate students living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Do not have permanent residency (green card) or citizenship in the U.S. Current or intended enrollment in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program for 2014-

2015. Demonstrated academic preparation and community/extracurricular involvement. Minimum cumulative GPA: 3.0 for college students and 3.3 for high school students. You must have lived in California for two or more years of your high school career and you must fulfill at least one of the following: 1) previous or intended graduation from a San Francisco Bay Area high school, or 2) current or expected enrollment in a San Francisco Bay Area college or university.

- » **Notes:** Applicants are assessed based on academic performance, financial need, and personal character. Scholars are expected to participate in E4FC programming, events, and activities; and maintain ongoing communication with the program.
- » **Region:** Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo Counties

Koshland Young Leader Awards

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

- » **Year:** High school junior
- » **Due:** Must be nominated in winter of junior year
- » **Award:** Up to 8 awards of \$7,000 each (awarded over two years)
- » **Eligibility:** San Francisco public high school 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.
- » **Notes:** Must be nominated by high school teacher or counselor. Part 1: Teacher/Counselor submits online nomination form, Part 2: Teacher/Counselor submits complete official student high school transcript (all pages, front and back), Part 3: Student submits online self-nomination form; Part 4: Selected students interview; after the Awards Committee reviews nominations, certain students will be invited to interview. You may nominate more than one student.
- » **Region:** San Francisco
- » **Contact info:** kyla@sff.org, Joshua Jones (415) 733-8587

Marcus Foster Education Fund (Various Scholarships)

<http://www.marcusfoster.org>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$500–\$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** High school senior presently enrolled in Oakland Unified School District and some scholarships available to Pleasanton Public High School seniors. For OUSD applicants- must have attended an OUSD public or charter school at least two years. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00. Plan to attend a two or four-year institution in the fall following your graduation from high school. Be an educationally motivated youth that embodies Dr. Foster's vision that education requires the involvement of the whole community. No social security number needed.
- » **Notes:** Applicant can select which scholarships he/she would like to be considered for when submitting application. Every year the scholarship application becomes available and is linked to website from January through the end of March. Applicants are notified of their award status by mid-May and all recipients are required to attend an orientation and scholarship awards ceremony.
- » **Contact:** (510) 777-1600, info@marcusfoster.org
- » **Region:** Oakland and Pleasanton

Maisin Scholars

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

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** 1st Friday in March each year
- » **Award:** Up to \$2,000 annually up to 4 years
- » **Eligibility:** High School Seniors within the SFUSD who are on track to graduate in the current school year. Attending an accredited educational institution, or vocational training program by the fall semester of the award year.
- » **Notes:** Looking for financial need and commitment to educational and career goals.
- » **Region:** San Francisco Unified School District

McConnell Foundation Scholars Program

<http://www.mcconnellfoundation.org/programs/scholars>

- » **Year:** First-time freshman or transfer students
- » **Award:** Up to \$7,500 per year with a maximum of \$30,000 total
- » **Due:** March 2nd every year
- » **Eligibility:** Must be a resident of The McConnell Foundation Scholarship programs service area, which includes Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity counties, and high school districts in contiguous counties which serve counties in the service area, will be entering a “qualified” college or university in the fall term following the current application period, be a first-time freshman or transfer junior from Shasta College or College of the Siskiyous, have completed a high school diploma or GED with a grade point average of 3.0 or better or completed a transfer AA degree from College of the Siskiyous or Shasta College with a grade point average of 2.0 or better, have financial need, have not already completed a bachelor’s degree, have not been convicted of a felony, or have satisfied the terms of any conviction prior to applying, and are not, or are not a family member of, any McConnell Foundation board member, Program Services staff member, exempt employee, or current Scholarship Review and Selection Committee Member.
- » **Region:** Northern California (Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties)

Napa County Hispanic Network

<http://www.napacountyhispanicnetwork.com>

- » **Year:** College-bound high school seniors or Napa Valley College students transferring to a four year college or students currently attending a four-year university or Trade or Vocational School students
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$1,000; some students may be eligible for awards up to \$2,500
- » **Eligibility:** Residents of Napa County and Students of Latino parentage and Students with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0
- » **Notes:** Students who are otherwise qualified but have below a 3.0 GPA may still be eligible for a "Si Se Puede" scholarship if they have overcome hardship.

- » **Region:** Napa County

The New Leader Scholarship of the Marin Community Foundation

<http://www.newleaderscholarship.org/apply.php>

- » **Year:** Upper division college students; undergraduate recipients may apply as graduates
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** Up to \$8,000 annually (may be renewed)
- » **Eligibility:** You may qualify if you: 1) Are enrolled at one of the following universities: California State University, East Bay; San Francisco State University; San Jose State University; Sonoma State University or University of California, Berkeley; 2) Are an upper division student who has attended the school for one academic year or more, with 60 units or more, 24 of which need to have been attained at your present university; 3) A minimum 3.5 GPA either at the current school or at a combination of the current school plus all schools previously attended. Consideration will be given to students with a GPA of 3.2 to 3.49 under special circumstances; 4) studying the social sciences, human services, public interest law, health-related fields or public service; 5) Have demonstrated financial need; 6) OR, if you are a previous New Leader Scholarship recipient and plan to attend graduate school at a public university in California. Must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units each in the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015
- » **Notes:** Awardees may receive additional support for graduate school application costs. Application available mid-January
- » **Region:** Bay Area (see eligible colleges). Applicants do NOT need to be Marin County residents to apply.

Peninsula Works

http://www.peninsulaworks.org/Youth_Scholarships.html

- » **Year:** Ages 14 to 21 years old
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** Not Specified
- » **Eligibility:** Must be current or past Jobs for Youth participant
- » **Contact:** (650) 301-8444, ateglia@smchsa.org
- » **Region:** San Mateo County

The ED Fund College Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$1,000–\$2,500
- » **Eligibility:** Scholarships are for high school seniors attending any public or charter high school in West Contra Costa County. Have a minimum of 2.5 GPA in core curriculum subjects throughout 4 years of high school. Students must pass the high school exit exam. Students must demonstrate financial need. Demonstrate active participation in extra-curricular activities, especially community service activities. Have a family income of less than \$85,000.
- » **Notes:** Scholarship applications available January 2014
- » **Contact:** (510) 233-1464
- » **Region:** West Contra Costa County

California Strawberry Scholarships applications

www.californiastrawberries.com/scholarships

- » **Year:** High School seniors and college students who will be enrolled full-time in a trade school, community college, four-year university, or graduate/professional program during the period for which scholarship is requested.
- » **Due:** March 1st
- » **Award:** \$400–\$5,000; All scholarships are one-year allocations
- » **Eligibility:** The scholarship amount is based on merit. First-time applicants must have a parent that is currently employed as a California strawberry fieldworker (Applicants may also qualify if they are employed as a California strawberry fieldworker). Must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or greater.
- » **Contact:** Dyann Meschi, Scholarship Coordinator at dmeschi@calstrawberry.org or by calling 831.724.1301.
- » **Region:** California

Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarship

<http://www.asianpacificfund.org/information-for-student-applicants#human>

- » **Year:** College Undergraduate
- » **Award:** \$1,500
- » **Due:** March
- » **Eligibility:** Must be enrolled in California college or university, majoring in political science, public policy, business administration or related fields, be of Asian ethnic heritage (at least 50%), have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and have financial need. Preference is given to those with record of community service or volunteer work.
- » **Region:** California

Bertha Wolf - Rosenthal Foundation Fund for Community Service Stipend

<http://www.libertyhill.org/Page.aspx?pid=301>

- » **Year:** Ages 18 to 25
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** Multiple awards of \$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** Work at a non-profit organization during the entire calendar year.
- » **Notes:** Help cover basic living costs (e.g., rent, food, utilities, transportation and childcare). New application and guidelines released February 2014. Contact: glazerscholarship@libertyhill.org
- » **Region:** California

Silicon Valley Association of Realtors Scholarship

<http://www.silvar.org/index.cfm/scholarships.htm>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** The Charitable Foundation Trustees meet quarterly (March, June, September, and December) to evaluate applications. Applications must be received by February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15 in order to be considered at the quarterly meeting.
- » **Award:** \$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** The principals and faculty at each school nominate three graduating seniors with exemplary records. Superior academic achievement is necessary, but not the only parameter. Scholarship candidates must be well-rounded, students/citizens

who are involved in the broader community.

- » **Region:** Eligible Silicon Valley High Schools (Cupertino High School, Fremont High School, Homestead High School, Leigh High School, Los Altos High School, Los Gatos High School, Lynbrook High School, Gunn High School, Menlo Atherton High School, Monta Vista High School, Mountain View High School, Palo Alto High School, Prospect High School, Santa Clara High School, Saratoga High School, Westmont High School, Wilcox High School, Woodside High School)

APRIL

Asian American Journalists Association

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

- » **Year:** High school senior and current college student
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** Up to 8,000; awards typically range from \$1,000–3,500
- » **Eligibility:** Asian-American students who live in or attend school in the Bay Area who are interested in journalism. Applicants must be currently taking or planning to take journalism courses and/or pursuing journalism as a career. Applicant does not need to be Asian American but would like applicants to have interest in and develop stories about Asian American issues.
- » **Region:** Bay Area
- » **Contact info:** Melissa Moy at moystress@aol.com and Ling Woo Liu at lliu605@yahoo.com

A.W. Bodine – Sunkist Memorial Scholarship

http://www.sunkist.com/about/bodine_scholarship.aspx

- » **Year:** High School senior, or current college student
- » **Award:** \$2,000 (renewable)
- » **Due:** April 30
- » **Eligibility:** 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.
- » **Notes:** Scholarship recipients must maintain good academic and disciplinary standings, carry at least 12 graded units per term and earn a minimum 2.7 grade point average.

- » **Region:** California and Arizona

Bay Area Gardener's Foundation

<http://www.bagf.org/>

- » **Year:** High school senior or current college students
- » **Due:** April 1
- » **Award:** \$1,500
- » **Eligibility:** Minimum 2.5 GPA, Financial Need
- » **Notes:** Must be willing to do 20 or more hours of community service.
- » **Region:** Bay Area (9 Counties)
- » **Contact:** bagfoundation@yahoo.com, (650) 655-2002

CCNMA: Latino Journalists of California Scholarship

<http://www.ccnma.org/>

- » **Year:** High school senior or college student
- » **Due:** First Friday in April
- » **Award:** \$500-\$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Latino students who are pursuing broadcast (television/radio), print, photo and/or online journalism. Students may major in any field, but must be committed to the field of journalism, scholastic achievement, community awareness and prove financial need. Finalists must be able to participate in an oral interview.
- » **Notes:** Three scholarship types are awarded on behalf of Joel Garcia Memorial, Frank del Olmo Memorial, and the George Ramos Memorial Scholarship.
- » **Region:** Students must be enrolled full-time and either attend a California college or university, or, for those attending a school outside of the state, must be a California resident.

Los Hermanos de Stanford

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

- » **Year:** High school seniors with plans to attend any 2-year or 4-year institution of higher learning
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** 2 awards of \$1,000 each
- » **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.

- » **Notes:** Do not have to apply to or gain admission to Stanford to be eligible.
- » **Contact:** loshermanosscholarship@gmail.com
- » **Region:** California

Markowski-Leach Scholarship Fund

<http://www.mlscholarships.org>

- » **Year:** Undergrad and Grad Students
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** up to \$1,500
- » **Eligibility:** LGBTQ graduate and undergraduate students who plan to attend University of California Berkeley, San Francisco State University, or Stanford University. Minimum 2.5GPA. Applicants do not need be enrolled at the time of the application. All undergraduate recipients must have earned a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 in all prior college level coursework. (High school students applying for admission will be considered eligible upon admission to an affiliated University.)
- » **Region:** UC Berkeley, SFSU, and Stanford

Sun & May Gee Scholarships of the United Administrators of San Francisco (UASF)

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** two (2) of \$2000 for seniors going on to community college, \$5000 for seniors going to 4-year colleges
- » **Eligibility:** API (Asian Pacific Islander) immigrant or child of API immigrant
- » **Notes:** Ask your school counselor for information and an application.
- » **Region:** San Francisco Unified School District

San Joaquin Human Resource Association Scholarship Fund

<http://www.sjhra.org/default.asp?PageID=10008660>Year: High school senior

- » **Due:** April 18
- » **Award:** \$500
- » **Eligibility:** Applicants must major in Human Resources, Business Administration, Management, Psychology or Education; reside in San Joaquin County; have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 or

higher, demonstrate commitment to community service in community and demonstrate financial need.

- » **Region:** San Joaquin County

Palo Alto Medical Foundation

<http://www.pamf.org/premedscholar/form.cfm>

- » **Year:** High School senior
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** \$5,000 per year for five years (\$25,000 per recipient)
- » **Eligibility:** Anticipate careers as doctors. Plan to take undergraduate pre-medical courses to help prepare for medical school. Be in the top 20 percent of his or her high school graduating class (as verified by high school transcript). Demonstrate a need for financial assistance to attend college.
- » **Notes:** All students who meet the criteria and are interested are welcome to apply, regardless of citizenship status. The FAFSA requirement is intended for the committee to be able to assess the estimated family contribution to the student's educational needs. If an applicant is able to provide the same or similar information from the FAFSA without SSN if they' don't have it, they can submit that or similar type of information with the application. If they can't provide that information either, the committee will just make their best judgment with the information they have about student need. So basically, you can submit the same info as the FAFSA that you have available without having submitted a FAFSA to the government.
- » **Region:** Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties

Queen of the Festival Scholarship Program

<http://www.northfairroaksfestival.org/queen-festival>

- » **Year:** High school senior women who will be attending university
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** The Queen will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. One princess will receive a \$6,000 scholarship. One princess will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. One princess will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.
- » **Eligibility:** Applicants must be university-bound

females with excellent academic, community service credentials and must submit a community involvement essay.

- » **Contact:** 650.368.2497, carol@northfair Oaks festival.org
- » **Region:** Applicants must live in or attend school in San Mateo County

East Bay Consortium of Educational Institutions / Cal-SOAP Scholarship

<http://www.eastbayconsortium.org/scholarship/267>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** \$500-\$5,000 (approximately 35 awards), recipients can apply for scholarship renewal
- » **Eligibility:** High School Seniors who have participated in EBC programs (i.e. College and Career Information Centers (CCIC), College Information Day at UC Berkeley, tutoring, College Crunch, Cash for College, EBC workshops, CCIC etc.) and will graduate in June 2014 from: Oakland Unified School District High Schools, Berkeley High School, Richmond High School, St. Elizabeth High School, OR Seniors who have participated in the East Bay Consortium's Pre-Collegiate Academy (PCA) at Merritt College regardless of high school they attend. Have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.8 if attending a 4-year institution or 2.0 GPA if attending a community college, be active in their school or community, and demonstrate financial need.
- » **Region:** Oakland, Berkeley, and Richmond

MAY

Amigos de El Salvador

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

- » **Year:** Open to high school, community college, university and tech schools.
- » **Due:** May (but will extend deadline if not enough applicants)
- » **Award:** 2 of \$1,000, 2 of \$1,500, and 1 of \$2,000
- » **Eligibility:** Low-income students graduating from a public high school with a min 2.5 GPA.
- » **Region:** California

SALEF Fulfilling Our Dreams Scholarship Fund

http://www.salef.org/programs#!__programs

- » **Year:** High School seniors, current undergraduate, graduate and professional students, or community college students (must be AB540)
- » **Due:** May
- » **Award:** Varies
- » **Eligibility:** Applicants must be of Central American or other Latino ethnicity, must demonstrate financial need, minimum 2.5 GPA, history of community involvement. Must be low-income.
- » **Contact:** (213) 480-1052, cmerino@salef.org
- » **Region:** San Francisco/Bay Area (must be pursuing a health related field); greater Los Angeles Area (specifically Pico-Union, South Los Angeles, and surrounding schools); San Fernando Valley (must be pursuing a health related field).

Student Advocates for Higher Education Scholarship

- » **Year:** High school, undergraduate, graduate
- » **Due:** May
- » **Award:** \$300-\$500
- » **Eligibility:** Recipient must be enrolled or planning to enroll next Fall quarter or semester at a Community College (CC), California State University (CSU), University of California (UC) or private University in California, as a Undergrad or Graduate student. Minimum of a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- » **Notes:** Must be present at the Scholarship Ceremony to receive award in late July or early August. (Recipients will be notified in advance)
- » **Contact:** ab540students@yahoo.com
- » **Region:** Bay Area, Including Santa Cruz

The Women's Foundation of California, Smart Cookie Scholarship

<http://www.womensfoundca.org/project/smart-cookie-scholarship-fund>

- » **Year:** a) eligible to enroll in community college or an undergraduate program b) current undergraduate college students c) current community college students including students enrolling in a public technical training program resulting in a certificate.

- » **Due:** May
- » **Award:** Scholarship awards are determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the financial need of the student including the number of classes a student is taking, the type of school they attend and if they are AB540 status.
- » **Eligibility:** Attend a California public university or community college. Students enrolling in California private colleges or out of state colleges will not be considered. In addition to scholarships to finance education, the program provides advising, personal development and enrichment activities, networking opportunities, and other scholarship events to ensure students succeed at the university level and beyond.
- » **Notes:** Application available in the Fall. First generation: students who are the first in their family to attend college, parents did not attend college. First and second generation immigrants: we support Latina/o students who are immigrants to this country or whose parents are immigrants to this country.
- » **Region:** Fremont, Newark, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, Hayward, Union City, Santa Clara or the unincorporated area of North Fair Oaks.

JUNE

Manos de Esperanza (Hands of Hope)

www.manosdeesperanza.org/

- » **Year:** Open to full time students enrolled in a community college, four-year university or graduate/professional program.
- » **Due:** June 30th of every year.
- » **Award:** \$500-\$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Show an average 2.8 GPA, demonstrate financial need (refer to application), have been accepted to a University or College full time or be a full-time enrolled student attending an accredited community college, four-year university or graduate/professional program, must have history of community service, must attend an interview with the committee, and attend our annual benefit event held in December.
- » **Notes:** Manos de Esperanza grants scholarships to students who have a history of performing public service activities in their communities and who plan on contributing in the future.

- » **Contact:** (925) 756-7029
- » **Region:** Bay Area including Fresno

Silicon Valley Community Foundation-Re-entry and Non-traditional Student Programs

<http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/content/community-foundation-managed-scholarship-funds#calderilla>

- » **Year:** High school senior or community college student
- » **Award:** Scholarships range from \$2,000-\$5,000
- » **Due:** June
- » **Eligibility:** Two scholarships administered for re-entry and non-traditional students. To apply for the Marie A. Calderilla Scholarship, must demonstrate financial hardship, be a female student serious about improving her life through education and planning to attend community college in the San Mateo County Community College District (Cañada College, San Mateo Community College, and Skyline Community College). To apply to the Kumin Scholars Scholarship, must graduate from a high school in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County or be a resident of San Mateo County or Santa Clara County who completed a GED Program and received a California High School Equivalency Certificate, be currently enrolled (part-time or full-time) in a community college, completed at least 20 graded semester or quarter units before application deadline, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, plan to transfer to a four-year college or university in the following fall or later, and demonstrate financial need. AB540 students can apply.
- » **Region:** San Mateo or Santa Clara County

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarships in this section are either open to students across the nation or have a broad geographic eligibility criteria. If there are specific regional requirements, they are noted within the scholarship description. Scholarships are listed alphabetically by the month that they are due. Check with EACH scholarship individually to find out the exact DUE DATE.

SEPTEMBER

Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest

<http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/AtlasShrugged.aspx?theme=blue>

- » **Year:** High school seniors, college undergraduates, and graduate students
- » **Due:** September
- » **Award:** First prize: \$10,000; (3) Second prizes: \$2,000; (5) Third prizes: \$1,000; (25) Finalists: \$100; and (50) Semifinalists: \$50
- » **Eligibility:** No application is required. The contest is open to students worldwide, except where void or prohibited by law.
- » **Region:** Global

QuestBridge National College Match Program

<http://www.questbridge.org>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** September
- » **Award:** Strong academic record, must take ACT or SAT, family income less than \$60,000. International students, Permanent Residents, and U.S. citizens attending high school in the United States are eligible to apply.
- » **Notes:** Application open in August. The QuestBridge National College Match is designed for high school seniors who have shown outstanding academic ability despite facing economic challenges. Most College Match scholarship recipients come from households earning less than \$60,000 annually (for a typical family of four) and have experienced long-term economic hardship. The following partner colleges will consider undocumented students (students who live in the U.S. and do not have a

current visa) for the full College Match scholarship: Brown, Carleton, Grinnell, Pomona, Princeton, Swarthmore, University of Chicago, Vanderbilt, Washington & Lee, Williams, and Yale.

- » **Region:** National

OCTOBER

La Unidad Latina Foundation Scholarship

<http://www.lulfoundation.org>

- » **Year:** Current undergrad and grad students
- » **Due:** October and February
- » **Award:** \$250-\$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Hispanic undergraduate applicants who have a cumulative GPA of 2.80 out of a 4.0 GPA scale. No GPA mentioned for graduate applicants. Eligible degrees include: all Bachelor degrees, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Public Administration/Policy, Master of Social Work, Master of Education, and Master of Divinity.
- » **Notes:** Must have completed at least one full-time year of study for undergraduate applicants, and at least one full-time semester of study for graduate applicants.
- » **Region:** National

NOVEMBER

Golden Door Scholars

<http://www.goldendoorscholars.org>

- » **Year:** Applicants can be current high-school students or recent graduates not enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program. Community college students are welcome to apply.
- » **Due:** November
- » **Award:** Full tuition, room and board for a four-year degree
- » **Eligibility:** Applicants must be eligible for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).
- » **Region:** National with a strong preference for candidates from NC and SC

Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders

<http://www.uskli.org/student/scholarship.php>

- » **Year:** High School Senior or current College student
- » **Due:** November
- » **Award:** \$500 (community college student) - \$1,000 (four-year college student)
- » **Eligibility:** Applicant must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student, in a four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories, and demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support. At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. Recipients must also be available to attend the National USHLI Conference.
- » **Notes:** Must provide SSN or ITIN
- » **Contact:** Contact the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute at (312) 427-8683.
- » **Region:** National

The National AIDS Memorial Grove (in San Francisco Golden Gate Park)

<http://www.aidsmemorial.org/namg-news/young-leaders-scholarship-program>

- » **Year:** Current high school seniors and college undergraduates
- » **Due:** November
- » **Award:** \$1,000 to \$2,500
- » **Eligibility:** Must demonstrate an active commitment to fighting AIDS (for example: providing peer-based prevention and education; advocacy or activism; public awareness; and/or practical, emotional or treatment support to people living with HIV/AIDS). Must describe their leadership experience and its significance to the future of the epidemic in an essay of up to 1,000 words. Applicants will be asked to provide a recommending letter. Applications will be judged by a panel of community leaders.
- » **Notes:** Award presentations are on World AIDS Day
- » **Contact:** Steve Sagaser 415-765-0497
- » **Region:** National

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

- » **Year:** Current high school seniors

- » **Due:** November 7
- » **Award:** Up to \$30,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school
- » **Eligibility:** Applicant must plan to graduate from a US high school in spring 2014, intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2014, earn a cumulative un-weighted GPA of 3.5 or above, receive standardized test scores in the top 15%: SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1200 or above (must test by October 5, 2013) and/or ACT composite score of 26 or above (must test by September 21, 2013), and demonstrate significant unmet financial need. Will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000.
- » **Notes:** Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholars are selected based on exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, a desire to help others, and leadership. A rigorous application review includes analysis of grades, standardized test scores, participation in available advanced courses, student essays, letters of recommendation, and family finances. Each year 30-40 students will be selected into the program.
- » **Region:** National

Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/selection-eligibility/>

- » **Due:** November 7
- » **Award:** up to \$30,000 per year
- » **Eligibility:** Be a current student at an accredited US community college or two-year institution with sophomore status by December 31, 2013, or a recent graduate (since spring 2009). Applicant must plan to enroll full time in a baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university in fall 2014, have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.5 or better on a scale of 4.0 (or the equivalent), demonstrate unmet financial need and have not previously been nominated for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.
- » **Notes:** While the Foundation considers academic excellence first in evaluating candidates, competitive applicants must also demonstrate unmet financial need, which has two components: education costs that are appreciably greater than the total amount of

other scholarships or grant awards and insufficient student and family income to meet educational costs.

» **Region:** National

Univision's "Es El Momento" Scholarship

<https://www.scholarshipaid.net/app/univision/>

» **Year:** High school senior, community college student, or undergraduate student enrolled in a 4-year university

» **Due:** November 18

» **Award:** \$5,000

» **Eligibility:** Be a Latino/a student, have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 on a scale of 4.00, and have a history of extracurricular activities.

» **Region:** National

» **Contact:** Univision@hsf.net

DECEMBER

Comcast Scholarship

<http://corporate.comcast.com/our-values/community-investment/youth-education-leadership#accordion-2>

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** December 5, 2013

» **Award:** \$1,000

» **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 must demonstrate a strong commitment to community service and display leadership abilities in school activities or through work experience, and have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher.

» **Notes:** Applications are sent to eligible high schools. Students should check with their counselor and principal. They can also contact Comcast@applyists.com to find out if their high school is eligible.

» **Region:** National

CustomMade Scholarship

<http://www.custommade.com/scholarships/consumer-advantages-of-buying-custom-furniture-scholarship/>

» **Year:** Any student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in Fall 2013 or Spring

2014 at any accredited American college, university or trade school.

» **Due:** December 15

» **Award:** \$1,000

» **Eligibility:** Applicants must submit one exceptional essay of 1,000 words minimum on the following topic: "Why buy custom furniture?" Winner(s) will be confirmed ONLY after providing proof of enrollment in the form of a copy of a tuition bill OR letter of proof from the accredited United States college or university at which the winner(s) is enrolled. Upon confirmation of enrollment, winners will be publicly announced on CustomMade.com, and CustomMade will mail the winner(s) their check.

» **Contact:** scholarships@custommade.com

» **Region:** National

Scholarship America

http://scholarshipamerica.org/dream_award.php

» **Year:** Be a sophomore year level or higher during the 2014-2015 academic year

» **Due:** December 19, 2013

» **Award:** Between \$5,000 and \$15,000 annually, growing by \$1,000 each year until graduation.

» **Eligibility:** Be U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card), or individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA), have received a high school diploma or the equivalent from a U.S. school, by September, 2013, have completed or expect to successfully complete a minimum of one full year of postsecondary education by June 2014, 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 2014-15 academic year, have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent), and demonstrate financial need.

» **Notes:** Dream Award scholarships for 2014-15 will include general scholarships; STEM scholarships (for study in science, technology, engineering and math-related majors); and scholarships for Chinese-American students. Financial need will be considered in determining award amounts

» **Region:** National

Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Foundation Essay Contest

http://center.uoregon.edu/EWF/FORMS/CFP/cfp_login.php?formid=2496802

- » **Year:** College juniors or seniors
- » **Due:** December 2, 2013
- » **Award:** Awards: First Prize - \$ 5,000, Second Prize - \$ 2,500, Third Prize - \$1,500, and Two Honorable Mentions - \$ 500 Each
- » **Eligibility:** The contest is open to registered undergraduate full-time Juniors or Seniors at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the United States during the Fall 2013 Semester. The essay must be the original, unpublished work of one student. Only one essay per student per year may be submitted.
- » **Region:** National

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

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

- » **Year:** High school seniors, community college students, and college undergrads
- » **Due:** From October 2013- February 2014 (most due in December and January)
- » **Award:** Various awards ranging from \$1,000-\$20,000
- » **Eligibility:** Specific eligibility varies by scholarship. Have plans to enroll full-time at a two- or four-year U.S. accredited institution.
- » **Notes:** Hispanic Scholarship Fund "is in the midst of finalizing [a] policy for young people who have had their deportations temporarily suspended through an executive order of the President." Read more here: <http://nbclatino.com/2013/10/25/hispanic-scholarship-fund-to-aid-immigrants-with-suspended-deportations/>. Please visit their website frequently to determine updated eligibility requirements for undocumented applicants. Most scholarships administered by HSF are due December and January 2013.
- » **Region:** National

JANUARY

Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students

<http://www.pointfoundation.org/apply.html>

- » **Year:** High school senior and current college, including graduate and post-graduate work, excludes current community college students
- » **Due:** January
- » **Eligibility:** No citizenship requirements. History of leadership and/or allyship in issues that affect the LGBT/Queer community. Must plan to continue this leadership/allyship in the future. No specific GPA but seeking candidates with high academic performance.
- » **Notes:** Application available in November. Consists of a 2-part scholarship application.
- » **Region:** National

Microsoft Minority Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** Currently attending 4-year college
- » **Due:** January 31
- » **Award:** Full or partial tuition
- » **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, you must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average out of a possible 4.0, or a 4.0 cumulative grade point average out of a possible 5.0.
- » **Notes:** Can apply regardless of citizenship status. All recipients of the scholarship will be required to apply for, and complete if offered, a salaried summer internship of 12 weeks or more at Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington. Online Application to the Microsoft Internship Program - Apply online at <http://www.microsoft.com/university> for a summer internship. Only students who have applied online for an internship will be considered for a Microsoft Scholarship.
- » **Contact:** scholars@microsoft.com
- » **Region:** North America

FEBRUARY

La Unidad Latina Foundation Scholarship

<http://www.lulfoundation.org>

- » **Year:** Current undergrad and grad students
- » **Due:** February (also due in October)
- » **Award:** \$250-\$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Hispanic undergraduate applicants who have a cumulative GPA of 2.80 out of a 4.0 GPA scale. No GPA mentioned for graduate applicants. Eligible degrees include: all Bachelor degrees, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Public Administration/Policy, Master of Social Work, Master of Education, and Master of Divinity.
- » **Notes:** Must have completed at least one full-time year of study for undergraduate applicants, and at least one full-time semester of study for graduate applicants.
- » **Region:** National

Frank Kazmierczak Memorial Migrant Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** Current college student
- » **Due:** February 1
- » **Award:** \$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Must have recent history of migration for agricultural employment, have teaching as a career goal, demonstrate scholastic achievement, and have financial need.
- » **Notes:** Each applicant must include in application his/her current or most recent Migrant Education Certificate of Eligibility (COE).
- » **Region:** National

National Association of Hispanic Journalists

<http://www.nahj12.com/scholarships/>

- » **Year:** Undergraduate or Graduate Students
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** \$1,000-\$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** Each of the following criteria is weighed equally when NAHJ considers which students to select as scholarship recipients: commitment to the field of journalism; academic achievement; financial

need; and awareness of the Latino community.

- » **Region:** National

Que Llueva Cafe Scholarship – Chicano Organizing& Research in Education

http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** \$500 – \$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** College-bound, undocumented, Latino student
- » **Notes:** Applications available in December
- » **Contact:** jdelrazo@ca-core.org
- » **Region:** National, Including Puerto Rico

MARCH

Chin: Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship

www.asianpacificfund.org

- » **Year:** Incoming freshman or current undergraduate
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Be an incoming freshman or current, full-time undergraduate at a four-year college or university in 2013-14, have parent or self currently or formerly employed at an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant, demonstrate community advocacy and social justice work on behalf of Asian American, immigrant, gay and lesbian and/or other progressive causes, have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have financial need. No citizenship status requirement.
- » **Region:** National

Humane Education Network: A Voice for Animals High School Essay Contest

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

- » **Year:** High school students (or home schooled)
- » **Due:** March of every year
- » **Award:** \$300-\$600 (\$6,500 total)
- » **Eligibility:** Must be currently attending high school or be home schooled; Ages 14 to 19
- » **Notes:** The rules and requirements for each contest may vary from year to year.
- » **Contact:** contest@hennet.org

Power Through Knowledge Scholarship

<http://osl.sa.ucsb.edu/org/ptk/news>

- » **Year:** Graduating high school seniors
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** Multiple award of \$500 and \$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Scholarship recipients will be selected based on the following criteria: scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, and financial need. *NO proof of citizenship status required.
- » **Notes:** Failure to attend ceremony will disqualify your award.
- » **Region:** National

QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship

<http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/students-start-here>

- » **Year:** High school junior
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** Scholarship for summer programs, workshops, and/or admissions counseling and mentoring, all-expense-paid visits to college campuses, and opportunities to win a Quest for Excellence Award
- » **Eligibility:** Strong academic record, family income less than \$60,000. Open to all: U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents and students, regardless of citizenship, currently attending a high school in the United States.
- » **Notes:** The College Prep Scholarship online application is completely free and opens in mid-February.
- » **Region:** National

APRIL

Congressional Hispanic Caucus

<http://www.chci.org/scholarships/page/chci-scholarship-program>

- » **Year:** Full-time enrollment in a United States Department of Education accredited community college or four-year university during the period for which scholarship is requested
- » **Due:** April 16
- » **Award:** \$1,000 for community college students and

\$2,500 for students attending a 4-year academic institution

- » **Eligibility:** Applicants must demonstrate financial need, have consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities, have strong writing skills, and 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. There is no GPA or academic major requirement. Students with excellent leadership potential are encouraged to apply.
- » **Notes:** Individuals who are seeking consideration under the “*Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals*” (DACA) policy must possess an Employment Authorization Document at the time of application. In an effort to ensure the progress of scholarship recipients and encourage completion of the postsecondary program, each associate and undergraduate level scholarship award is divided over the number of years required for graduation (i.e. a \$2,500 scholarship for a college freshman will be distributed in four equal installments of \$625 a year).
- » **Region:** National

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund

<http://dpsf.davisputter.org/>

- » **Year:** Undergraduate and Graduate
- » **Award:** Up to \$10,000
- » **Due:** April 1 of each year
- » **Eligibility:** Must be living in the U. S. and planning to enroll in an accredited school. Grantees must receive college credits for the time period covered by their grant.
- » **Notes:** Applications available January through March 31. US Citizenship is not required for this scholarship but applicants must attend a college within the U.S. Applicants who are not eligible for US federal financial aid should completely fill out a FAFSA and attach it to the application. Applications which do not include a copy of the SAR, or a completed FAFSA if not eligible for US federal aid, will not be considered. Early recipients worked for civil rights, against McCarthyism and for peace in Vietnam. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia and other forms of oppression; building the movement

for economic justice; and creating peace through international anti-imperialist solidarity.

» **Region:** National

Gloria and Joseph Mattera National Scholarship Fund for Migrant Children

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

» **Year:** Entering or enrolled in college or other types of post-secondary programs, high school dropouts or potential dropouts

» **Due:** April 15

» **Award:** 100 awards of \$150-\$500

» **Eligibility:** Migrant youth who have the potential and the desire to further their education to achieve their personal and career goals. Recent history of movement for agricultural employment - priority will be given to currently interstate migrant youth. Have 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.

» **Notes:** Applicants must submit a copy of their current or most recent Migrant Education Program Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Students may reapply annually but are limited to one award per 12 month period.

» **Contact:** (585) 658-7960

» **Region:** National

Great Minds in Stem Heenaac Awards

<http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/henaac-scholarship-application-guidelines>

» **Year:** Current college students

» **Due:** April 30

» **Award:** \$500 to \$10,000

» **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.

» **Notes:** Recipients must attend the HENAAC Conference to receive the scholarship. Scholarships will be presented at the conference alongside the sponsor.

» **Contact:** Dr. Gary Cruz gcruz@greatmindsinstem.org

» **Region:** National

SHPE Foundation Scholarship Program

<http://www.shpefoundation.org/scholarships/>

» **Year:** High school senior or current college student

» **Award:** \$1,000-\$5,000

» **Due:** April

» **Eligibility:** Latino/a students who demonstrate both significant motivation and aptitude for a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Minimum GPA: 3.00 on a 4.0 for high school seniors and undergraduates; 3.25 on a 4.0 scale for graduate students; must be a full-time student.

» **Notes:** Scholarship opens in January. All Latino students that meet such requirements are eligible to apply, regardless of citizenship, but residency requirements can vary depending on scholarship sponsor. Be pursuing your first bachelors, masters or doctoral degree. (Students pursuing a second bachelors, etc. are not eligible).

» **Region:** National

MAY

Center for Student Opportunity (CSO) Scholarship

www.imfirst.org/scholarship

» **Year:** High School Senior, or current college student at CSO partner schools. College partner list can be found at http://csopportunity.org/college_partners/coll_partners.aspx

» **Due:** May

» **Award:** \$2000, renewable for 4 years

» **Eligibility:** First-generation college, limited financial resources. Ideal candidates will display the following qualities: seeking financial aid and scholarship support for college, strong writing skills and unique perspective, strong capacity for reflection for blogging, experience with or commitment

to community service, leadership experience, and commitment to helping expand educational opportunities for other first-generation students. Scholarship winners are not selected based on academic qualifications such as GPA, SAT/ACT scores, or intended majors. Undocumented students are eligible to apply.

- » **Region:** National

Health Careers Scholarship Program

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

- » **Year:** Entering their Junior or Senior year of their undergraduate study in the Fall of 2014.
- » **Due:** May
- » **Award:** Unspecified
- » **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 pre-medicine, 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).
- » **Notes:** A student is eligible for receiving an award for no more than two academic years.
- » **Region:** National

Nordstrom Scholarship Program

<http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/nordstrom-cares-scholarship>

- » **Year:** High school junior
- » **Due:** May
- » **Award:** \$10,000 to over 80 students over four years paid directly to the college
- » **Eligibility:** Live and attend school in a state with a Nordstrom or Nordstrom Rack store. (Not sure if there's a store in your state? See store locations at <http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/stores/>.) Have at least a 2.7 GPA. Volunteer or participate in community service or extracurricular activities. Plan on attending an accredited college or university during all four years over which the scholarship is distributed. (The scholarship is paid out in equal installments of \$2,500.) Plan on applying for financial assistance in order to attend college.
- » **Notes:** Application available at Nordstrom early in the year.
- » **Region:** National

Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship – Positive Coaching Alliance

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

- » **Year:** High school junior
- » **Due:** May
- » **Award:** \$1,000-\$2,000
- » **Eligibility:** Any student-athlete who is currently a junior (class of 2014) with a grade point average of 2.5 or above in eligible geographic regions (see below).
- » **Notes:** Application opens in January. A completed application comprises: a Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship application, one testimonial from a school administrator (athletic director, teacher, counselor, etc.), one testimonial from a coach, and at least one testimonial (and up to three) by individuals who are familiar with the student-athlete and able to speak to his/her embodiment of the Triple-Impact Competitor principles (for example fellow teammates, competitors, referees etc.).
- » **Contact:** 831-475-4522, sonja@positivecoach.org
- » **Region:** 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).

JUNE

Tylenol Future Care Scholarship

<http://www.tylenol.com/news/subptyschol>

- » **Year:** Must have completed at least one year of graduate or undergraduate by the Spring of 2013 at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school.
- » **Due:** June
- » **Award:** 10 applicants will receive \$10,000 and 30 applicants will receive \$5,000.
- » **Eligibility:** Student must be pursuing a healthcare-related degree. Scholarships are awarded based on leadership qualities, academic excellence and community involvement. Students can apply electronically.
- » **Region:** National

Western Union Foundation Family Scholarship

http://foundation.westernunion.com/education_programs.html

- » **Year:** Age 18 or older
- » **Due:** June
- » **Award:** \$1,000-\$5,000 per family (2 awards given per family)
- » **Eligibility:** The Family Scholarship Program is intended to help two members of the same family move up the economic development ladder through education. Applicants must be two members of the same family. All applicants must be age 18 or older. Country of origin for at least one of the applicants must be outside the United States. Application must include educational providers for primary and secondary award recipients (must be 2 family
- » **Notes:** Scholarships may be used for tuition for college/university education language acquisition classes, technical/skill training, and/or financial literacy. For example, one family member may request assistance to attend college and the other family member may request assistance to attend English as a Second Language (ESL) course. Scholarships will only be made to nonprofit accredited higher

education institutions and nonprofit training/educational providers. Western Union employees, Western Union Agents and dependents are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

- » **Region:** National

JULY

MALDEF's DREAM Act Student Activist Scholarship

<http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>

- » **Year:** Current college student
- » **Due:** July
- » **Award:** Up to \$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** Applicants are evaluated for their academic achievements, for their background and financial need, and, most importantly, for their demonstrated commitment to advancing the DREAM Act and the civil rights of DREAM Act students.
- » **Notes:** MALDEF now offers a scholarship to support the nation's college and graduate student leaders who have been outstanding advocates for the DREAM Act and all immigrant rights.
- » **Contact:** acamos@maldef.org
- » **Region:** National

Migrant Farmworker Baccalaureate Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** At least completed one year of college
- » **Due:** July 1st
- » **Award:** Up to \$2,000 per year, maximum of three years
- » **Eligibility:** Recent history of movement for agricultural employment. Demonstrate scholastic achievement, financial need, and successful completion of at least one year at an accredited post-secondary institution.
- » **Notes:** Must include in application a copy of current or most recent Migrant Education Certificate of Eligibility (COE).
- » **Contact:** (585) 658-7960
- » **Region:** National

Stan Beck Fellowship

<http://www.entsoc.org/awards/student/beck>

- » **Year:** Undergraduate students in entomology or related disciplines
- » **Award:** \$300; based on earnings from Foundation's investments
- » **Due:** July 1
- » **Eligibility:** Applicants must be studying entomology or related discipline. Nominees/candidates will be judged using the following criteria for a total of 60 points: An undergraduate student majoring in entomology or related discipline at a college or university in the United States, Canada or Mexico (10), have need based on physical limitation, economic, minority or environmental condition (10), recommendation of professors, advisors, etc. (10), enthusiasm, interest and achievement in entomology or related disciplines (10), notable academic plans (10), and impact of need (10).
- » **Notes:** Application/nomination packages must be received by the awards administrator by July 1. This deadline refers to receipt of a complete package in a readable format. Therefore, early submission is highly recommended. The awards administrator will confirm receipt of nomination packages within two business days, and also notify nominators of any problems with nomination package files within that time.
- » **Region:** United States, Mexico or Canada

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Look out for AB 130: Passed in 2011 by the California State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown, AB 130 allows eligible AB 540* students to apply for and receive scholarships derived from non-state funds at all California public colleges and universities. These include scholarships funded through private donors, alumni contributions and individual departmental efforts. Students must apply and compete for available awards as determined by their respective college or university. **This bill went into effect January 1, 2012.**

*In order to be eligible for AB 540, students must have: 1) Attended a California high school for 3 or more years; 2) Graduated from a California high school with a high school diploma or attained the equivalent (GED); and 3) Filed an affidavit with their intended college or university stating their eligibility under AB 540 and intention of applying for a lawful immigration status as soon as they are eligible.

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships listed below are grouped by specific colleges or universities and listed alphabetically. Check with EACH scholarship individually to find out the exact DUE DATE.

CSU MONTEREY BAY

Frank McDowell Scholarship (CSU Monterey Bay)

<http://financialaid.csumb.edu/scholarships>

- » **Year:** New or continuing CSU Monterey Bay Student
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** \$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** Must be an undergraduate at CSUMB. Must demonstrate financial need and otherwise not qualify for federal or state aid due to legal status.
- » **Note:** Find the application at the Financial Aid Website. There is one application. Check off that you are applying to the Frank McDowell Scholarship.
- » **Region:** CSU Monterey Bay students only

HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

Undocumented Student Scholarship (Hampshire College)

<http://www.hampshire.edu/admissions/1043.htm>

- » **Year:** undergraduate
- » **Due:** See financial aid office.
- » **Award:** Upwards of \$25,000
- » **Eligibility:** Must have undocumented immigrant citizenship status and be accepted into Hampshire. There is no separate application for these funds. The financial aid office determines the recipients according to the donors' criteria, and those students receive endowed scholarships as part of their regular Hampshire grant awards. Hampshire College grants are funded out of Hampshire's general revenue and by private gifts designated for financial aid. The PROFILE and Noncustodial PROFILE (if applicable) serve as the application for this program. These grants are provided after self-help (loan and work)

and after all of the funds from the programs listed above have been applied. Hampshire grants are credited directly to the student's account.

- » **Notes:** If a student has already received an award package from Hampshire and later receives an endowed scholarship, the Hampshire grant will be reduced by the amount of the endowed scholarship.
- » **Region:** Attending Hampshire College

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Los Medanos College Foundation Scholarships

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

- » **Year:** Varies; must attend Los Medanos College for fall 2014 and spring 2015 or transfer to a four-year college/University fall 2014
- » **Due:** February 13
- » **Award:** Multiple scholarships offered, awards range from \$200-\$1,000
- » **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.
- » **Notes:** Through one convenient application, Los Medanos College students can apply to a variety of scholarships.
- » **Region:** Los Medanos College students, some scholarships have additional residency requirements

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (LANEY COLLEGE, MERRITT COLLEGE, COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA, OR BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE)

Peralta Colleges Foundation Scholarships

<http://www.laney.edu/wp/studentservices/scholarships/>

- » **Year:** Varies; attending a Peralta Community College

- » **Award:** Multiple scholarships offered, ranges from \$250-\$5,000
- » **Due:** Scholarships for fall 2013 due October 1, scholarships to be offered spring 2014 due March 10
- » **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.
- » **Notes:** There are many scholarships available within the Peralta Community College District. Most scholarships require a separate application even if they use the Foundation's Master Scholarship Application, so be sure to use the appropriate form for the scholarship(s) you are seeking. All applicants are required to complete a financial aid application regardless of their eligibility for financial aid. An application for a Peralta Colleges Foundation scholarship does not take the place of a Peralta College Financial Aid application. For information about financial aid, speak with your College's Financial Aid Office.
- » **Region:** Attending a Peralta Community College (Laney College, Merritt College, College of Alameda, or Berkeley City College)

PITZER COLLEGE

Pitzer College Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** December (nomination), January (application)
- » **Award:** Based on financial need
- » **Eligibility:** 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 values of Pitzer College (Social Responsibility, Interdisciplinary Learning, Student Autonomy, and Intercultural Understanding). Scholarship is renewable for three additional years provided that the recipient earns a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 at Pitzer College.

- » **Notes:** Submit completed application Common Application and the Pitzer College Supplement to The Common Application
- » **Region:** Attending Pitzer College

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

Associated Students Incorporated of San Francisco State University Scholarships

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

- » **Year:** High school senior or undergraduate college student
- » **Award:** Up to \$1,000, various scholarships awarded
- » **Due:** February
- » **Eligibility:** See list of ASI scholarships for specific eligibility requirements. Minimum enrollment of part-time status attending SFSU or enrolled in at least half time at another college or a high school senior for the 2013-2014 academic year and planning to attend SFSU at least part-time in the Fall of 2014 and Spring 2015. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA.
- » **Notes:** Once qualifications have been verified, the ASI Scholarship is disbursed in two equal installments of \$500 per semester, through the University Financial Aid Office. Applicants awarded the ASI Scholarship will be notified during the First Week of April by email with the expectation of attending the Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014, from 5 – 7 pm, in Jack Adams Hall.
- » **Region:** SF State University

Elmira Sanderson Freshmen Scholarship Application (SFSU)

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

- » **Year:** High School Senior
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** \$1,500
- » **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.
- » **Region:** SFUSD high school students only

SF State Alumni Association Senior Scholarship (SFSU Seniors)

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

- » **Year:** SFSU Seniors
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** \$1,500
- » **Eligibility:** Applicant must be a senior and enrolled full-time (12 units or more) fall 2014 and have a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA. Scholarships are merit and need based.
- » **Region:** Attending SFSU

UC BERKELEY

Achievement Award Program (UC Berkeley)

http://alumni.berkeley.edu/Students/Scholarships_and_Awards/TAAP/main.asp

- » **Year:** Incoming college freshman or junior transfer
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** Up to \$6,000 renewable and a laptop
- » **Eligibility:** Gross family income of \$86,000 or less. California resident as defined by the AB 540 guidelines. Submit a UC Berkeley application for Fall 2014/Spring 2015 enrollment. Submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley by May 1, 2014 for incoming freshman and by June 1, 2014 for incoming Junior transfer.
- » **Notes:** Scholar benefits include: personal advising, support and guidance, an extensive peer network of scholars, past and present, networking events with UC Berkeley faculty and alumni, leadership training, workshops that aid in personal, academic, social and professional growth, CAA student membership

to access alumni benefits, a new laptop with wireless access and MS Office, 10% discount at the Cal Student Store, and discount on Kaplan test preparation courses. The scholarship is renewable, provided recipients meet the following program requirements: full-time enrollment at UC Berkeley, evening scholar meetings and events throughout the academic year, 10 hours of community service and outreach per semester, and "Satisfactory Academic Progress" as defined by the Office of Financial Aid and the scholar's college.

- » **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Berkeley Student Foundation (UC Berkeley)

<http://berkeleystudentfoundation.org/apply/>

- » **Year:** Incoming college freshman or junior transfer to UCB
- » **Due:** May 1st of each year for the fall semester awards and postmarked by November 30th of each year for a Spring semester award
- » **Award:** \$1,000 for each year of attendance at the University, applied \$500 to the Fall semester and \$500 to the Spring semester. BSF awards up to 13 scholarships per year.
- » **Eligibility:** Must belong to an under-represented minority group, including one of these categories: African American, Native American, Chicano/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander/Filipino, (Asian includes the following countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam), Middle-Eastern/North African, Multi-ethnic (at least one parent must be a member of one of the aforementioned groups), or disabled (registered with the Disabled Students Program at the University of California, Berkeley). Candidates must submit a timely complete application providing all of the information and materials requested.
- » **Notes:** BSF considers the following criteria in assessing applications from eligible candidates: 10% academic achievement, 30% financial need, 30% community service and 30% personal story; see website for more details.
- » **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Berkeley Undergraduate Dream Act Scholarship (UC Berkeley)

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

- » **Due:** Complete California Student Aid Commission California Dream Act application by March 2nd
- » **Award:** Up to \$8,000 depending on financial need
- » **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.
- » **Notes:** You can apply for this aid by completing the California Student Aid Commission California Dream Act application at www.caldreamact.org. The priority deadline for submitting your application is March 2. Apply now! For information about how to apply, please watch the California Dream Act video. If you have any questions, please email dream@berkeley.edu.
- » **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley
- » **Contact:** dream@berkeley.edu

Chicano Latino Alumni Association Scholarship (UC Berkeley)

<http://berkeleyclaa.org/scholarship-program/>

- » **Year:** Enrollment at UC Berkeley
- » **Due:** Spring 2014
- » **Award:** Varies
- » **Eligibility:** Latino student, undergraduate enrollment at UC Berkeley, demonstrated financial need for tuition, books, equipment, and living expenses.
- » **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Chu: Jack and Jeanette Chu Scholarship

<http://www.asianpacificfund.org/information-for-student-applicant>

- » **Due:** September
- » **Award:** \$2,500-\$5,000, renewable for additional year
- » **Eligibility:** Incoming junior or junior transfer at UC Berkeley in 2013-14. Major in Business Administration at Haas School of Business and have a career interest in Business. Be Asian (at least 50%), preference given to students of Chinese heritage, \$100,000 maximum household income,

and minimum 3.0 GPA. Preference given to students with record of community service.

- » **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

The Equity Scholarship (UC Berkeley)

<http://alumni.berkeley.edu/services/scholarships/equity-scholarship>

- » **Year:** Incoming freshman
- » **Due:** January
- » **Award:** \$20,000; \$5,000/year
- » **Eligibility:** Be African-American, Chicano/Latino, or Native American decent. Be a California resident, including those defined by the AB 540 guidelines. Submit a UC Berkeley application for Fall 2014/ Spring 2015 enrollment. Must be admitted to UC Berkeley for enrollment in the fall 2014 semester. Must submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley by May 1, 2014 for enrollment in the fall 2014 semester.
- » **Region:** Incoming UCB Freshman

IDEAL Scholars (through Level Playing Field Institute) (UC Berkeley)

<http://www.lpfi.org/education/ideal.html>

- » **Year:** Incoming college freshman or junior transfer
- » **Due:** May
- » **Award:** Averages \$8,500 a year
- » **Eligibility:** Accepted to UC Berkeley for fall 2014/ spring 2015, must be Black/ African-American, Chicano/Latino or Native American, must reside in one of the following seven Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara or Solano, must be able to demonstrate student financial need.
- » **Region:** Bay Area (7 counties)

Leadership Award (UC Berkeley)

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

- » **Year:** UC Berkeley student
- » **Due:** Incoming Freshman (submit UCB Fall Application) due February, incoming transfer students' and current Cal students' applications due June 30
- » **Award:** \$2,000

- » **Eligibility:** Demonstrate innovative, motivational leadership impacting academic, work, or community environments. Incoming Freshman: Submit a UC Berkeley application for Fall 2014/Spring 2015 enrollment, interview in-person in the United States, London, or Hong Kong in May 2014, and submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley by May 1, 2014. Incoming Junior Transfer: Submit a UC Berkeley application for Fall 2014/Spring 2015 enrollment, interview in-person on campus in September 2014, and submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley by June 1, 2014. 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 2014 and/or Spring 2015, and interview in-person on campus in September 2014 (Study-abroad students interview by telephone).
- » **Region:** UC Berkeley

SLAS/EOP Lifetime Achievement Award

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

- » **Year:** Junior or Senior standing by the beginning of the Spring 2014 semester. Transfer Students Only: Must have completed a minimum of 30 units at UCB by the beginning of the Spring 2014 semester.
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$300-\$500
- » **Eligibility:** Must be an EOP student, meeting ANY of the 3 criteria below: Low income (Pell Grant or Dream Act Scholarship eligible as verified by Financial Aid), first generation college student, or historically underrepresented student. Must have demonstrated leadership and service on campus and/or the community-at-large, 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).
- » **Contact:** Email avisha@berkeley.edu for an application and instructions on how to apply.
- » **Region:** UC Berkeley

UC DAVIS

ASUCD Scholarship (Davis)

<http://asucd.ucdavis.edu/scholarship/>

- » **Year:** Undergraduate student at UC Davis

- » **Due:** November
- » **Award:** There will be four \$500 scholarships and three \$1000 scholarships given away.
- » **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 2013 to receive the scholarship. Note that applicants with current disciplinary sanctions in effect are ineligible to apply.
- » **Region:** Attending UC Davis

Undergraduate UC Davis Scholarships

<http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/scholarships/Apply.html>

- » **Year:** Prospective freshman, transfer students or current undergraduate students
- » **Due:** January 8, 2014
- » **Award:** Various awards
- » **Eligibility:** Continuing undergraduates, prospective freshman, and transfer students at UC Davis can apply. For prospective freshman and transfer students, the UC Application also serves as the scholarship application, so you apply for scholarships when you complete the application for admission between November 1 and 30. A 3.25 GPA is required, but no additional documentation should be submitted. A letter of recommendation is suggested but not required
- » **Region:** UC Davis

Xuy Leyba Inspiring Dreamers Scholarship

- » **Year:** Must have completed at least one quarter at UC Davis
- » **Due:** December 2013; also due various time throughout the year, check with Scholars Promoting Education, Rights, and Awareness (SPEAK) student organization for exact due date
- » **Award:** \$500
- » **Eligibility:** Must be an undocumented student (must meet at least one of the following criteria): be an AB-540 student, who is ineligible for Financial Aid and must not be a permanent U.S. resident or green card recipient. Must be a current UC Davis undergraduate (open to ALL majors). Preferred minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 (student must be in good academic standing).
- » **Notes:** If you have questions send e-mail to speakdavis@yahoo.com.

COLLEGES WITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT SSNS

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These are colleges who have historically awarded scholarships or provided financial aid to students without a SSN, which includes both AB 540 and international students. Please contact the admissions and financial aid offices at these schools for information about specific scholarships.

- » Amherst College (MA)
- » Aquinas College (TN)
- » Arizona State (public)
- » Augustana College (IL)
- » Aurora University (IL)
- » Bard College (NY)
- » Barnard College (NY)
- » Bates College (ME)
- » Belhaven University (MS)
- » Brown University (RI)
- » Bryn Mawr College (PA)
- » California Lutheran University
- » Carson-Newman College (TN)
- » Chapman University (CA)
- » Christian Brothers University (TN)
- » Claremont McKenna College (CA)
- » Clarke University (IA)
- » College of the Holy Cross (MA)
- » Columbia University (NY)
- » Cornell College (IA)
- » Cornell University (NY)
- » Dartmouth College (NH)
- » Defiance College (OH)
- » DePaul University (OH)
- » Dominican University (IL)
- » Dominican University of California
- » Elmhurst College (IL)

- » Emory University (GA)
- » Fairfield University (CT)
- » Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (CA)
- » Franklin and Marshall College (PA)
- » Furman University (SC)
- » Grinnell College (IA)
- » Hampshire College (MA)
- » Harvard University (MA)
- » Harvey Mudd College (CA)
- » Humphreys College (CA)
- » Illinois College
- » Illinois State University
- » Illinois Wesleyan University
- » Kalamazoo College (MI)
- » Kenyon College (OH)
- » Lake Forest College (IL)
- » Lawrence University (WI)
- » Lewis University (IL)
- » Lindenwood University (MO)
- » Lipscomb University (TN)
- » Loyola Marymount University (CA)
- » Marian University (WI)
- » Marquette University (WI)
- » Marymount College (VA)
- » Maryville College (TN)
- » Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- » Middle Tennessee State University (public)
- » Middlebury College (VT)
- » Milligan College (TN)
- » Mills College (CA)
- » Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (WI)
- » Mississippi College for Women
- » Mount Holyoke College (MA)
- » Mount St. Mary's College (CA)
- » National Hispanic University (CA)
- » North Central College (IL)
- » Northern Illinois University (public)
- » Northland College (WI)

- » Oberlin College (OH)
- » Occidental College (CA)
- » Pepperdine University (CA)
- » Pitzer College (CA)
- » Pomona College (CA)
- » Princeton University (NJ)
- » Reed College (OR)
- » Regis College (MA)
- » Rhodes College (TN)
- » Ripon College (WI)
- » Rochester College (MI)
- » Rockford College (IL)
- » Roosevelt University (IL)
- » Saint Xavier University (IL)
- » Santa Clara University (CA)
- » Seton Hall University (NJ)
- » Sewanee University (TN)
- » Smith College (MA)
- » Southern Illinois University Carbondale (public)
- » Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (public)
- » Southern Methodist University (TX)
- » St. Mary's College (CA)
- » St. Olaf College (MN)
- » Stanford University (CA)
- » Swarthmore College (PA)
- » Tennessee Wesleyan College
- » Texas College
- » Tougaloo College (MS)
- » Transylvania University (KY)
- » Trinity University (TX)
- » University of Chicago (IL)
- » University of Illinois at Chicago (public)
- » University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- » University of Illinois Springfield (public)
- » University of Kansas (public)
- » University of Pennsylvania
- » University of Puget Sound (WA)
- » University of San Diego (CA)
- » University of Southern California
- » University of St. Francis (IL)
- » University of Texas Pan-American
- » University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- » Vanderbilt University (TN)
- » Vassar College (NY)
- » Viterbo University (WI)
- » Wesleyan University (CT)
- » Western Illinois University (public)
- » Wheaton College (IL)
- » Whitman College (WA)
- » Whittier College (CA)
- » Williams College (MA)
- » Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)
- » Xavier University (OH)
- » Yale University (CT)

ADDITIONAL LISTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DON'T REQUIRE SSNS

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10,000 Degrees List of Scholarship for Undocumented Students

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

Includes scholarships in the Northern California region as well as national and major-based scholarships.

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's List (for US and Non-US citizens):

http://roybal-allard.house.gov/UploadedFiles/2008_Scholarship_Guide.pdf

Comprehensive, 50-page list includes scholarships available to both US and non-US citizens. Scholarships are categorized by deadline, and indicate whether citizenship is a requirement or not.

East Bay Consortium Scholarship Directory

<http://eastbayconsortium.org/index.php?s=92>

Excellent list of regional scholarships available to Bay Area students.

Harvard University's Act on a Dream Scholarship List

<http://www.actonadream.org/resources/scholarships/>

Excellent list of scholarships available to immigrant students nationwide

MALDEF Scholarship Resource Guide

<http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>

This is an extensive list of scholarships that may not inquire about immigration status or require a valid social security number to redeem the award. Check with individual scholarships for eligibility criteria.

Selected Funding Opportunities Open to Non-US Citizens

www.iup.edu/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=56807

Unique list of scholarships for non-U.S. citizens of diverse ethnicities. Includes scholarships that fund undergraduate and graduate work in the U.S. and abroad.

Searchable database of merit aid at each college:

<http://www.meritaid.org> (contact colleges individually to find out their policies about awarding merit scholarships to non-resident immigrant students)

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APPLYING TO SCHOLARSHIPS

Why are scholarships important? Scholarships are the most common way that undocumented students pay for college.

Please be aware that many scholarships are open only to US Citizens and Legal Permanent Residents and won't be available to you, but some will.

GENERAL ADVICE ON SCHOLARSHIPS

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 – 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.

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.

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.

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? Caution: there is a fine line between begging and showing that you are worth funding. Do not cross the begging line. It does not make you look good to the scholarship committee; it makes you look like you are a risk not worth taking and that you don't have a solid plan for achieving your academic goals.

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.

HOW TO BE A COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

Private scholarships are very competitive. If you're applying to them, it's crucial that you do as much as possible to stand out. You must be doing community service EVERY year of high school. Do not wait until junior or senior year to start. Your counselors could also work with you starting in 9th grade to identify your interests and passions and connect you with activities that have to do with these interests. If there are no opportunities, then start your own club at your school.

Do community service or special programs such as internships, youth boards, and community college classes during the summer EVERY summer.

Maintain the highest GPA you can. To get the few full scholarships colleges offer to AB540 students, you must be the best of the best.

Take leadership roles. You don't have to be the class president, but you could try to be captain or co-captain of the sports team and/or take on a leadership role in clubs.

Start getting comfortable with interviews, since many private scholarships require a face-to-face interview. You should practice public speaking before senior year. Practice questions that may be asked and practice telling "your story" to others before senior year. Ask your counselors to do workshops on interviewing and sharing testimonials.

HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS

Start with E4FC's lists of scholarships: <http://e4fc.org/resources/scholarshiplist.html>. There you'll find E4FC's own "List of Scholarships that Don't Require U.S. Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residency."

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. Ask your high school counselor, the financial aid office staff, the admissions office, and even teachers and professors who are sympathetic to you if they know of any resources.

HOW TO INQUIRE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

If you find scholarships that require a social security number or have residency requirements, you might want to ask them for more information about their requirements. If you are a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipient, see specific "Advice for DACA Recipients" below.

Consider asking:

"Are residency requirements fixed?" or

"Can students who do not meet the

residency requirement still apply?" Note:

Students with pending family petitions usually have a form called I-130 (Petition for Alien Relative).

Although it might take years for this petition to become current, some scholarships have accepted the I-130 as proof of residency.

"Can students use an ITIN (Individual Tax Identification Number) instead of a SSN

(Social Security Number)?" Scholarship awards can be processed with just the student's name and address. If a scholarship specifically requests a SSN, ask if it is possible to submit an ITIN instead.

Find an advocate to help you. If you're uncomfortable, ask your counselor or teacher to inquire on your behalf. Make sure that whoever calls is knowledgeable about your immigration status.

Don't lie about your status. If it turns out that the scholarship has specific residency requirements, just move on and look for another scholarship. If the scholarship catches you lying, your award will likely be revoked.

ADVICE FOR DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) RECIPIENTS

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, announced by President Obama on June 15, 2012, has widened the number of scholarships available to undocumented students. DACA is a renewable government program that, among other benefits, gives eligible undocumented youth work authorization, a social security number, and permission

to stay in the country for two years. For more information about the program, check out E4FC's Deferred Action Resources on our website: <http://e4fc.org/legalservices/deferredactionresources.html>.

Historically, many scholarships have excluded undocumented students because they do not have valid social security numbers, work authorization, and/or lawful presence in the United States. DACA offers an opportunity for scholarship providers to re-evaluate their policies regarding undocumented students. Nationwide we have already seen some scholarship providers change their policies and allow DACA recipients to apply. However, most scholarship providers do not know about the program yet and/or have not re-evaluated their policies. Because DACA is a new program, it is important for DACA recipients to educate scholarship providers about the DACA program and the opportunities it affords to recipients. While some scholarship providers may continue to restrict their eligibility to U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, we hope that many will decide to allow DACA recipients to apply.

To help DACA recipients determine whether a scholarship might consider them for their award, we have created the following guidelines:

Investigate whether the scholarship is government-funded. Scholarships that are funded by government dollars have very strict eligibility criteria limiting their scholarships to legal U.S. residents. If you find that a scholarship is government funded, we recommend you save your time and energy and not apply for the scholarship. Some examples of government-funded organizations include the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). To investigate if a scholarship is funded through the government, you can do a quick web search of the scholarship by looking up the organization's website, scanning their homepage and looking for an "About Us" section. This section should describe if the organization/scholarship is privately or publicly (government) funded. Privately funded non-profit organizations are often described as 501(c)(3) organizations – they include private or family foundations, community foundations and civic or charitable organizations. Some privately-owned businesses and corporations also offer scholarships.

Ask the scholarship provider if there is a U.S. citizenship or permanent residency requirement for their scholarship. If the scholarship appears

to be privately funded, we recommend you carefully review the eligibility criteria for the scholarship. If the scholarship criteria include a U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency requirement, we suggest you send an email to the scholarship provider. Search for a "Contact us" section on their website. You can ask a question such as, *"I would like to apply for your scholarship, but I am not a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. Is there any possibility that I can be considered for your scholarship?"* (Please see "How to Inquire about Scholarship Requirements" for additional tips).

Ask the scholarship provider why there is a U.S. citizenship or permanent residency requirement.

If the scholarship provider responds that they do have a residency requirement, carefully investigate why this is the case. They might provide a response such as "scholarship recipients must be eligible to work after graduation" or "we don't want international students applying to our scholarship" or "students need a SSN for tax purposes". If their response falls along these lines, we strongly advise you to educate the provider about the DACA program, the benefits to DACA recipients, and your particular situation. You might try writing something like, *"While I am not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, I am a recipient of the federal government's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program. This grants me lawful presence, a social security number, and the ability to work legally in this country. Furthermore, I have lived and attended school here in _____ since I was _____ years old and fully intend to remain here after I graduate from college. Is there any possibility that I can be considered for your scholarship?"*

If, however, the scholarship provider responds with something such as "our donors have set the eligibility requirements" or "we have a firm stance on this policy" or "at this moment we do not support undocumented applicants", then it is unlikely you will be able to apply to their scholarship this year and we advise you to look elsewhere. However, do not let these negative responses discourage you! Simply by making inquiries and sharing your story, you are making scholarship organizations aware of the DACA program and DACA recipients' need for financial support. The more inquiries from DACA recipients that scholarship providers receive, the more likely they will be to re-evaluate their policies. You are making a difference just by courageously making the ask!

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.

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 AND WHETHER TO TALK ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS

Think carefully about HOW you talk about your status. You do not want to sound like a victim but rather like someone who has overcome challenges and succeeded.

Don’t have it be the main topic (unless you know that the scholarship specifically is looking for undocumented students). You not want your status to overshadow your academic accomplishments and aspirations.

PROS & CONS TO REVEALING YOUR STATUS
TO A SCHOLARSHIP

PROS	CONS
You want people to be aware of the challenges you've faced and how you've overcome them	You don't want this to define you
You want people to be aware of your financial need	You don't want this to overshadow your accomplishments
You want people to be aware of your motivations	You don't want to sound like a victim
	You don't want to alienate someone who isn't familiar with immigration issues

DIFFERENT WAYS TO TALK ABOUT
YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS

Emphasize that you've grown up here, it wasn't your decision to come to the United States, you want to remain in the United States, you want to become a US citizen, etc.

LEAST DIRECT

Even though I was not eligible for federal or state financial aid because of my immigration status, I don't want money to impede my future education goals. I might not have enough economical resources to pay for all the expenses a university requires, but I do have the hunger for learning and for getting the higher education a university can offer.

MORE DIRECT

I was always aware of my status, even as a young boy my parents had told me about it. They explained their reasoning for coming here and what our goals and aspirations as a family were. So I grew up always knowing, however it was only until junior year in high school that I really understood the gravity of our situation. And with that understanding came a downward spiral during which I practically gave up all efforts in school; my reasoning was, why bother with all this work if it's not going to amount to anything. I managed to better my grades and keep my hopes somewhat up during my last year in school, and even flirted with the idea of applying to some universities,

but with out status and with no money it was a difficult journey ahead.

In order for one to understand who I am, it is critical that one knows my history. My name is Victor and I was born in Santa Gertrudis, Oaxaca, Mexico: a poor village where residents walk on sun-beaten, unpaved streets, and walk in night's darkness due to the lack of streetlights. My childhood is filled with memories of dirt-streets, no potable water, and acres of corn and alfalfa fields. Unfortunately, my family and I were forced to leave Santa Gertrudis, Oaxaca due to a traumatized event, and immigrate into the U.S. illegally.

VERY DIRECT

Ten years ago, I was dragged to the United States from Fiji against my will as a consequence of a U.S.-supported coup d'état. I adjusted to high school here but in the post 9-11 crackdown on international students, I was denied a student visa because my parents had filed for adjustment of status and I could not prove adequate ties to my home country. Life came to a standstill—I could not attend colleges or universities of my choice without financial aid, and all the lawyers we approached told us to 'wait.'

Fast-forward six years and I am still waiting-in-line for my 'authorization' documents, now equipped with a Masters degree that means little without a nine-digit number and fighting the immigration battle in court. But I have refused to play the waiting game all over again.

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.

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. 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-braking 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**

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

ABOUT THE EDITORS

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Denisse was born in Mexico City and immigrated to Fremont, California as an infant. With the support of her family and community, Denisse graduated from UC Berkeley in 2012 with majors in Sociology and Integrative Biology. While at Cal she was a member of Rising Immigrant Scholars Through Education, the Biology Scholars Program, the UndocuAlly Training Project and the Haas Scholars Program. Through the Haas Scholars Program, she conducted a yearlong research project in UC Berkeley's Department of Plant and Microbial Biology. Denisse then worked at UCSF's Pediatrics Department participating in a childhood obesity project. After graduating from college, Denisse worked at Laney College mentoring low-income and first-generation students pursuing science careers. As co-founder of Pre-Health Dreamers (www.phdreamers.org), an organization that supports undocumented students pursuing health and science careers, she believes every student has the right to pursue their career ambitions, regardless of their status. Denisse aspires to be an emergency physician that provides care to underserved communities.

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Nadia was born in Mexico D.F., Mexico and came to the United States with her family when she was two years old. After graduating with honors from high school, she attended UC Berkeley and was part of the Biology Scholars Program. With the unwavering support of her parents and her two siblings, she graduated with a B.A. in ethnic studies and integrative biology in 2009. Nadia also received an A.A. degree in French at Chabot College in 2012. Nadia joined E4FC as part of the 2011-2012 Student Outreach Team where she conducted numerous presentations to undocumented youth about attending and financing a college education. Currently, she is doing similar work with Graduates Reaching a Dream Deferred Northern California (GRADD) (facebook.com/graddnocal), an organization whose aim is to advocate and support for undocumented students pursuing graduate or professional school. Nadia recently graduated with a Master of Public Health (MPH) from UC Davis. She hopes to research health disparities within underrepresented groups and work towards eliminating the disparities. Her ultimate goal is to promote health and social justice.

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ILIANA PEREZ (2011 Editor)

Iliana was born in Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico and immigrated to the US when she was eight years old. With the support and encouragement from her parents, family and friends, she graduated with academic and university honors from California State University, Fresno with a degree in Mathematics and minors in Economics and Business. While at Fresno State, Iliana participated in the Aztec Dance Club, Peace and Dignity Journeys, MEChA, The Hispanic Business Student Association, the Salsa Club and Associated Students Inc. Upon graduation, Iliana went on to pursue a Master's Degree in Global Political Economy and Finance at the New School for Social Research in New York City. She believes that every student deserves the right to an education regardless of legal status. She hopes to return to Mexico one day to help alleviate the many socio-economic problems that exist and, in turn, create better living conditions so that people do not have to leave their home country.

BELEZA CHAN (2009 and 2010 Editor)

Beleza was a Graduate Advisor with Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC). She was born and raised in Brazil and lived in the Bay Area for almost eight years. As the daughter of Chinese immigrants in Brazil and an immigrant herself in the United States, she has witnessed the struggles and difficulties of newcomers. She has seen how cultural and language barriers prevent even the most hardworking from successfully adapting, and how broken immigration laws also prevent high-achieving students from becoming active members in society. Beleza has worked towards social justice as a teacher of at-risk youth in San Francisco, a writer with ethnic media such as AsianWeek.com and New America Media, and a community organizer. She graduated with Phi Beta Kappa and Highest Honors from UC Berkeley. Beleza left the United States and returned to Brazil in 2010.

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