2012–2013 SCHOLARSHIP LIST AND GUIDE

FOR BAY AREA IMMIGRANT STUDENTS
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SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS
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Scholarships listed below are listed alphabetically by the month that they are due. Check with EACH scholarship individually to find out the exact DUE DATE.

SEPTEMBER

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 following are some partner colleges that will consider undocumented students (i.e. students who live in the U.S. and do not have a current visa) for the full College Match scholarship: Brown, Grinnell, Pomona, Swarthmore, University of Chicago, Washington & Lee, Williams, and Yale. The schools that are not listed may still consider international and undocumented students on a case-by-case basis. Although not all of our partner colleges will consider non-U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents for College Match scholarships, most of our partners will consider all students who apply through the Regular Decision process, regardless of citizenship status.
» Region: National

La Unidad Latina Foundation Scholarship
http://www.lulfoundation.org
» Year: Current undergrad and grad students
» Due: October 15
» Award: $250-$1,000
» Eligibility: Hispanic undergraduate applicants who have a cumulative GPA of 2.80 – 3.60 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

The Mexican American Dream Scholarship of Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Nortéamerica
http://cofem.org/programs/scholarships.html
» Year: Graduating High school seniors, current undergraduates, and graduate students
» Due: October 31
» Award: $500 to Community College students, $1,000 to undergraduate students at a four-year College/University, and $2,000 for graduate students.
» Eligibility:
For College and Graduate Students: 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 four-year institution or 2-year community college, minimum GPA of 3.0, Demonstrate a need for financial assistance, Demonstrate involvement in the community and/or work experience; Be able to participate in the 2012 Annual Scholarship Reception on November 30, 2012 and COFEM’s 2013 Annual Conference in August (date to be determined); For Grad Students: Must be AB-540 students.
For College and Graduate Students: Provide proof of admission, registration, and enrollment in at least 12 units at a four-year institution or a 2-year community college; minimum

OCTOBER

Sequoia Awards Scholarship Program
http://www.sequoiaawards.org/forms.asp
» Year: High School Senior
» Due: October 31
» Award: Unknown
» Eligibility: Have performed voluntary community service, be present at all required interviews, attend Awards Banquet on 3/8/2012
» Region: Must reside at a Redwood City mailing address
GPA of 3.0; Demonstrate a need for financial assistance; Demonstrate involvement in the community and/or work experience; Be able to participate in the 2012 Annual Scholarship Reception on November 30, 2012 and COFEM’s 2013 Annual Conference in August (date to be determined).

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.

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: October 5
Award: Minimum of 5 scholarships, 1,000-5,000
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: Application and Personal Statement is Due 10/5/2012, Essay is Due 10/22/2012. Award presentations are on World AIDS Day, 12/1/2012
Region: Unspecified
Contact: 415-765-0497

Western Union Foundation Family Scholarship
http://corporate.westernunion.com/scholarship.html

Year: Age 18 or older
Due: October 19
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: Unspecified

Alvin Cox Memorial Scholarship
http://www.alvincoxmemorial.com/

Year: High school senior or current college, including graduate students
Due: August 25
Award: $250 and fundraising campaign link posted on website for 2 months
Eligibility: College enrollment.
Notes: 2-page essay about why you are pursuing a college education
Region: Unspecified

Good Tidings Community Service Scholarships
http://www.goodtidings.org/index.php?id=23

Year: High school senior
Due: November 15
Award: 20 awards of $5000 each
Eligibility: 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
between November 16-22, 2012. Winners will be recognized at Annual Awards Luncheon on Sunday, December 2nd.

» **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

### Comcast Scholarship

http://www.comcast.com/Corporate/About/InTheCommunity/Partners/LeadersAndAchievers.html

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** December

» **Award:** $1000

» **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:** Unspecified

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

http://www.ushli.org/student/scholarship.php

» **Year:** High School Senior or current College student

» **Due:** December 31

» **Award:** $500 (community college student) - $1,000 (four-year college student)

» **Eligibility:** Demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support. At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. Must to attend the 31st National USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL, February 14-17, 2013.

» **Notes:** Must provide SSN or ITIN

» **Contact:** (312) 427-8683

» **Region:** American and Abroad

### The Lowe's Scholarship


» **Year:** High school seniors

» **Due:** December 12

» **Award:** (140) $2,500 scholarships

» **Eligibility:** Maintain a minimum 3.25 Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale). Demonstrate a history of commitment to their community through leadership activities, community service and/or work experience

### 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:** December

» **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 December

» **Region:** National

**Univision’s “Es El Momento” Scholarship**


» **Year:** Be enrolled in a 4-year university or enrolled in a community college with the goal of transferring to a university

» **Due:** December

» **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:** Unspecified

» **Contact:** Univision@hsf.net

**JANUARY**

**California Association of Collectors**

http://cacesf.org/

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** January 15, 2013

» **Award:** First Award: $2,500, Second: $2,000, Third: $1,500

» **Eligibility:** No SSN required.

» **Region:** Unspecified

**Education First**

http://educationfirst.org/

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** January

» **Award:** $9,000 or $4,000 honorable mention

» **Eligibility:** Students at Balboa, Marshall, and Mission High Schools.

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

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

**If Given a Chance**

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

» **Year:** High school senior or in college

» **Due:** January 21

» **Award:** $1000

» **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:** Jim King: (707) 260-5656, info@ifgivenachance.org

» **Region:** Napa County

**Meritus College Fund**

http://meritusfund.org/what_is_the_scholarship.html

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** January 27

» **Award:** $14,000 over 4 years

» **Eligibility:** SFUSD student with 3.0-3.7 GPA. Must attend a four-year college.

» **Region:** San Francisco

**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)

**Humane Studies Fellowship**
http://theihs.org/ContentDetails.aspx?id=491

» **Year:** College juniors or seniors, and Law students

» **Due:** January 31

» **Award:** $2,000 to $15,000

» **Eligibility:** Fellowship is open to students interested in exploring the principles, practices, and institutions necessary for a free society through their academic work. Must show academic work in the related field. Studies can be conducted in any country, and students from all countries are encouraged to apply.

» **Notes:** $25 application fee. Winners are eligible to reapply in subsequent years.

» **Region:** Global

**PG&E Black Employees Association (BEA)**
http://www.pge.com/about/community/education/ergscholarships/

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

» **Due:** January

» **Award:** $1,000 – $5,000 (10 or more awards)

» **Eligibility:** Live in PG&E territory. Minimum 2.5 GPA. No ethnicity requirement.

» **Notes:** Complete Supplemental Scholarship Application

» **Region:** Live in PG&E service area

**PG&E Latino Employees Association**
http://www.pge.com/about/community/education/ergscholarships/

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

» **Due:** January

» **Award:** $1,000 (20 or more awards)

» **Eligibility:** Family must be PG&E customer. No ethnicity or citizenship requirements.

» **Notes:** Complete Supplemental Scholarship Application

» **Region:** Must be PG&E customer

**PG&E InspirAsian Employees Association**
http://www.pge.com/about/community/education/ergscholarships/

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** January

» **Award:** Up to $2000 (10 or more awards)

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

» **Notes:** Complete Supplemental Scholarship Application

» **Region:** Live in PG&E service area

**PG&E Pride Network**
http://www.pge.com/about/community/education/ergscholarships/

» **Year:** High school senior

» **Due:** January

» **Award:** $2,000 (10 or more awards)
» **Award:** $5000 (5-8 awards)
» **Eligibility:** Family must be PG&E customer. No ethnicity or citizenship requirements.
» **Notes:** Complete Supplemental Scholarship Application
» **Region:** Live in PG&E service area

**PG&E Nu NRG**
http://www.pge.com/about/community/education/ergscholarships/
» **Year:** Current college student
» **Award:** $1000-1500 (5 or more awards)
» **Eligibility:** Minimum GPA 3.30 weighted. Intended major: engineering, information technology, environmental, business, or energy related. No ethnicity requirement.
» **Notes:** Complete Supplemental Scholarship Application
» **Region:** Live in PG&E service area

**PG&E Access**
http://www.pge.com/about/community/education/ergscholarships/
» **Year:** High school senior or current college student
» **Award:** $1000-1500 (5 or more awards)
» **Eligibility:** Family must be PG&E customer. No ethnicity or citizenship requirements.
» **Notes:** Complete Supplemental Scholarship Application
» **Region:** Live in PG&E service area

**PG&E Women’s Network Employee Association**
http://www.pge.com/about/community/education/ergscholarships/
» **Year:** High school senior and current college student
» **Due:** January
» **Award:** Up to $3000
» **Eligibility:** Pursuing degrees or careers in fields where PG&E has an interest, such as the engineering, IT business, environmental, or other majors related to the energy field. Min 3.0 GPA. No ethnicity or gender requirements.
» **Notes:** Complete Supplemental Scholarship Application
» **Region:** Live in PG&E service area

**FEBRUARY**

**Best Buy @15 Scholarship Program**
http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/scholarship.htm
» **Year:** Grades 9-12
» **Due:** February
» **Award:** $1,000
» **Eligibility:** Min 2.5 GPA.
» **Region:** National, Including Puerto Rico

**CASA 2 Scholarship**
http://ltacasa2.webs.com/scholarships.htm
» **Year:** High School Seniors
» **Due:** February
» **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 2012 (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 2012) ***Yes, current undergraduate college students may apply***
» **Region:** California
» **Contact:** ltacasa2scholarship@gmail.com

**East Bay College Fund Scholarship**
http://www.eastbaycollegefund.org
» **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 Millenium, IDEAL, or any other scholarship over $3500
» **Notes:** Must be available to attend in-person interview, orientation, award ceremony, and
Scholars/Mentor retreat (see site for dates)

**Region:** Oakland and Emeryville High Schools

**Kaiser Permanente Asian Association Scholarship Program**

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

- **Year:** High school senior
- **Due:** February 15, 2013
- **Award:** 5 awards of $2000 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)

**Microsoft Minority Scholarship**

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

- **Year:** Currently attending 4-year college
- **Due:** February
- **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

**The Peninsula College Fund**

http://www.peninsulacollegefund.org/

- **Year:** High school senior
- **Due:** February 8, 2013
- **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 3.25 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:** Jessica Perez at (650) 209-0184 or jessica@peninsulacollegefund.org
- **Region:** Peninsula

**Pursuit of Excellence**

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

- **Year:** High school senior
- **Due:** Mid-February of every year
- **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:** Applications distributed in November via counselors at eligible high schools. 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)
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

eQuality Scholarship Collaborative
http://www.equalityscholarship.org/apply.htm
» Year: High school senior
» Due: February 1
» Award: $5,000
» Eligibility: Northern California resident who has promoted understanding of and equality for LGBTQ community. No citizenship requirements. Must plan to attend or began attending an accredited post-secondary institution (college, university, or vocational/trade school) for the first time in 2013 (proof of enrollment will be required before scholarship funds are disbursed).
» Notes: completed or expect to complete high school or equivalent between specified period (see site for dates)
» Region: Northern California

Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship
http://www.kennedyking.org/
» Year: Students transferring to from community college and graduate students
» Due: February
» 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: $500 to $5,000
» 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: reichertmichelle78@gmail.com
» 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
**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

**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:** Undocumented Student Scholarships "New Leader Scholarship (NLS)" offers scholarship up to $8,000. See additional application requirements for NLS.

**Contact:** (415) 451-4002, Info@10000degrees.org

**Region:** Marin County Residency

**AACE TS/AACE UB/SFCAC Scholarship Fund**

http://sfcalsoap.org/

- **Year:** enrolled in AACE UB or a high school senior served by the AACE TS or SFCAC program
- **Due:** March 3, 2011
- **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 2011-2012. 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.

**Contact:** (415) 451-4002, Info@10000degrees.org

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

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**March**

**826 Valencia Scholarships**

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

- **Year:** High school graduating senior
- **Due:** March 13
- **Award:** $10,000/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

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**Asian American Journalists Association**

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

- **Year:** High school senior and current college student
Due: March
Award: $1,000-3,500
Eligibility: Asian-American students who live in or attend school in the Bay Area who are interested in journalism
Notes: Students are selected based on their strong journalistic ability, commitment to journalism, sensitivity to Asian Pacific American issues, financial need and scholastic achievement. AAJA membership is encouraged for all applicants and required for the selected scholarship recipients. For membership, please apply online at: www.aaja.org, student membership cost $25.
Region: Bay Area
Contact info: Susanne Brunner (susannejbrunner@gmail.com) or Stephanie Chuang (steph.chuang@gmail.com)

The Family of Dado and Maria Banatao Scholarships
http://www.asianpacificfund.org/information-for-student-applicants#banataocollege
Year: Incoming freshman enrolled full-time at 4-year college or university
Due: March
Award: $5,000 renewable ($20,000 total)
Eligibility: Financially needy student of at least 50% Filipino heritage living in specified counties and planning to pursue a career in engineering or science (non-health). Minimum 3.0 GPA.
Notes: Applications available late December/early January
Contact: scholarship@asianpacificfund.org

Bay Area Gardener’s Foundation
http://www.bagf.org/
Year: High school senior or current college students
Due: March 29th
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

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

Chicana/Latina Foundation Scholarship
http://www.chicanalatina.org/scholarship.html
Year: College student, including graduate students
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, have completed a minimum of 15 college semester units after high school graduation, and have at least a 2.5 GPA. Graduate students must provide verification of acceptance to a graduate school. All candidates must have demonstrated leadership and civic/community involvement.
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

Cruzando Fronteras/Ayudando a la Comunidad
http://www.csus.edu/org/mecha
- Year: High school seniors
- Due: March 17
- Award: 2 awards of $500 each
- Eligibility: Undocumented student with min. 2.5 GPA and proof of commitment to community service.
- Region: Unspecified

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) – New American Scholars Program
http://e4fc.org/scholarsprogram.html
- Year: High school seniors and current college students
- Due: March 1st
- Award: Varies up to $10,000
- Eligibility: For foreign-born, low-income immigrant college students living or attending college in the San Francisco Bay Area. Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.8 for college students and 3.3 for high school students. Students are assessed based on academic performance, financial need, and personal character. Scholars will be required to maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA; participate in E4FC meetings and events; 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

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. The rules for the 2013 contest will appear on this page when the contest dates are announced in December.
- Contact: contest@hennet.org

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 $7000 each (awarded over two years)
- Eligibility: San Francisco public high school students from economically disadvantaged 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. 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.
- Region: San Francisco
- Contact info: kyla@sfforg, Joshua Jones (415) 733-8587

Marcus Foster Education Fund Scholarship
http://www.marcusfoster.org
- Year: High school senior
- Due: March
- Award: $1,000-5,000
- Eligibility: Seniors presently enrolled in Oakland Public Schools (OPS), including the Home Instruction Program, are eligible to apply if they have attended OPS for at least two years of high school and have earned a minimum non-weighted cumulative GPA of 2.5 from 9th grade through the
Maisin Scholars
http://www.maisinscholars.org/
» Year: High school senior
» Due: March 2nd
» Award: $2,000 for up to 4 years
» Eligibility: SFUSD senior with a GPA from 2.0 to 3.5, who will be attending a 2- or 4-year college.
» Notes: Looking for financial need and commitment to educational and career goals.
» Region: San Francisco Unified School District

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
» Eligibility: Residents of Napa County and Students of Latino parentage and Students with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0
» 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, 30 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) Are planning to pursue advanced education in 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.
» 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

Queen of the Festival Scholarship Program
http://www.northfairoaksfestival.org./queen-festival
» Year: High school senior women who will be attending university
» Due: March
» Award: The Queen will receive a $10,000 scholarship. One princess will receive a $4,000 scholarship. One princess will receive a $4,000 scholarship. One finalist will receive a $2,000 scholarship. One finalist 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.
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 and all-expense-paid visits to college campuses.
» **Eligibility:** Strong academic record, 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:** Information available online February.
» **Region:** Unspecified

Human Capital Scholarship
http://www.asianpacificfund.org/awards/
» **Year:** High school senior, enrolled full-time
» **Due:** March
» **Award:** $1,500
» **Eligibility:** Minimum GPA: 2.7; First generation in the family to attend college; Attending any University of California campus; Major: preference given to liberal arts; Financial need; Ethnic heritage: African American, Asian American, Latino American or other heritage from an underrepresented group
» **Notes:** 2 scholarships awarded.
» **Contact:** scholarship@asianpacificfund.org
» **Region:** University of California undergraduate

The ED Fund College Scholarship
http://www.edfundwest.org/programs_scholarships.shtml
» **Year:** High school senior
» **Due:** March 29
» **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 available in November
» **Contact:** (510) 233-1464
» **Region:** West Contra Costa County

California Strawberry Scholarships applications
www.californiastrawberries.com/scholarships
» **Year:** Graduating high school seniors and students already attending college, including advanced degrees (master’s or doctorate degrees), or professional certification (teaching credential, technical programs, etc.)
» **Due:** March 1st
» **Award:** awards start at $400 and can be renewed annually.
» **Eligibility:** The scholarship amount is based on merit.
» **Contact:** Dyann Meschi, Scholarship Coordinator at dmeschi@calstrawberry.org or by calling 831.724.1301.
» **Region:** Unspecified

Power Through Knowledge Scholarship
http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/ptk/Welcome.html
» **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:** Unspecified

Bertha Wolf - Rosenthal Foundation Fund for Community Service Stipend
» **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)

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

A.W. Bodine – Sunkist Memorial Scholarship
http://www.sunkist.com/about/bodine_scholarship.aspx

Year: High School senior, or current college

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 minimum 2.7 GPA

Region: California and Arizona

SHPE Foundation Scholarship Program
http://www.shpefoundation.org/scholarships/

Year: High school senior, current college, and graduate 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: Unspecified

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: Unspecified
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. Must be committed to the field of journalism, scholastic achievement, community awareness and prove financial need.
» 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 senior
» 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: loshermanossscholarship@gmail.com
» Region: Unspecified

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.

San Joaquin Human Resource Association Scholarship Fund
» Year: High school senior
» Due: April
» Award: $500
» Eligibility: Major in Human Resources, Business Administration, Management, Psychology or Education; reside in San Joaquin County; cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 or higher; demonstrate commitment to community service in community; 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 four years ($20,000 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.
» Region: Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.
» 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.
Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship – Positive Coaching Alliance
http://www.positivecoach.org/our-programs/tripleimpact-competitor-scholarships/

» Year: High school junior
» Due: April 30, 2013
» Award: $2000

» Notes: Cannot save application so should print it out to work on it and then cut-and-paste answers into the online form.
» Contact: 831-475-4522, sonja@positivecoach.org
» Region: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties

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 40 awards)
» Eligibility: Must have participated in at least three (3) East Bay Consortium sponsored events/workshops/programs. A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.8 if attending a 4-year institution or 2.0 GPA if attending a community college, must be active in their school or community, and must demonstrate financial need.

» Notes: For an application send a self-addressed stamped business size envelope to: Youth Opportunities Foundation, 8820 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 208, P.O. Box 45762, Los Angeles, CA 90045
» Region: Unspecified

MAY

Amigos de El Salvador
http://www.amigosdeelsalvador.org/becas.html

» Year: Open to high school, community college, university and tech schools.
Post Office where you should request the "Selective Service Registration Form". To learn more about how and why Dream Scholarship Fund students must register for the draft, please click here. http://www.dreamscholarshipfund.com/applicants/selective-service.html

» Region: National

Nordstrom Scholarship Program

» Year: High school junior
» Due: May
» Award: $10,000 over four years paid directly to the college

» Eligibility: Involvement in school activities and financial need for college. Must maintain a 2.7 GPA throughout high school. Plan on applying for financial assistance in order to attend college. Live and attend school in one of the participating 30 states where Nordstrom currently has a full-line store.

» Notes: Application available at Nordstrom early in the year.
» Region: Unspecified

Dream Scholarship Fund for Asian American and Pacific Islander Students
http://nakasec.org/blog/2859

» Year: High school senior or current full-time college freshman, sophomore, or junior
» Due: May
» Award: $1000

» Eligibility: Applicant must be Korean American and/or Asian American & Pacific Islander demonstrated financial need, and demonstrated achievement in the arts, community, services, sports, or other activities.

» Region: National

SALEF Fulfilling Our Dreams Scholarship Fund
http://www.salef.org/programs#!/programs

» Year: High School seniors, current undergraduate, graduate and professional students, 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 - $1,000

» 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)

» Region: Bay Area, Including Santa Cruz
**JUNE**

**APALA Student/Young Leader Scholarship Fund**

http://us2.forward-to-friend.com/forward/preview?u=b29ed80b3807ec04d1bf49120&id=a01513c669

» **Due:** June

» **Award:** The scholarship will cover some, but not all, of the costs for registration, the Gala Dinner, travel (up to half of airfare costs), and/or a shared hotel room at the Oakland Marriott City Center. Once applicants are selected, APALA will coordinate to reimburse scholarship recipients for costs and will book hotel rooms.

» **Eligibility:** Students and young leaders (age 35 and below) who are committed to fighting for APA workers, immigrants, civil rights, and social/economic justice.

» **Contact:** (202) 508-3733, jtengco@apalanet.org

**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-$1000

» **Eligibility:** Show an average 2.8 GPA, Demonstrate financial need (refer to application), Have been accepted to a University or College full time, Must have history of community service, Must attend an interview with the committee, 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

**My Recipe- My Heritage Scholarship**

http://www.fastrecipes.com/scholarship2010/Year: Unspecified

» **Due:** The contest will be closed for additional entries once the first 200 essays are received. Rolling basis contest

» **Award:** First Place: one prize of $1500, Second Place: 2 prizes of $750, Third Place: 3 prizes of $500

» **Eligibility:** Both US citizens and foreign students currently attending a US college, university, or another institution of higher education are eligible to participate. Scholarship participants will be asked to create a student site or blog that is hosted by the student’s school with a link to Fast Recipes. Scholarship winners will be asked to present additional proof of attendance prior to receiving the scholarship award.

» **Region:** Unspecified

**Palpung Lungtok Choeling**

http://www.palpung.com/scholarship/

» **Year:** High school Senior

» **Due:** June

» **Award:** $1,000 (20 awards)

» **Eligibility:** Bay Area US resident with combined family income of <$40,000 who has been accepted to a 4-year college.

» **Notes:** Selected applicants must be able to attend the awards ceremony to accept their scholarship, no exception.

» **Contact:** (510) 656-5898, ptx@pantronix.com

» **Region:** Bay Area

**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:** June

» **Award:** Scholarship awards are determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the financial need of the student.

» **Eligibility:** Be a first or second generation immigrant from Latin America, be a first generation college student. Demonstrated significant financial need, demonstrated leadership potential and willingness to contribute to their community, willingness to give...
back to the scholarship as a future mentor or board member, be available to attend an interview in July or August if selected as a finalist.

» **Notes:** Application available in the Fall. First generation college: 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.

### JULY

**MALDEF’s DREAM Act Student Activist Scholarship**

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

» **Year:** Graduate/Undergraduate

» **Due:** July

» **Award:** $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:** acampos@maldef.org

» **Region:** Unspecified
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

Achievement Award Program (UC Berkeley)
http://alumni.berkeley.edu/Students/Scholarships_and_Awards/TAAP/main.asp
» **Year:** Incoming college freshman or junior transfer
» **Due:** Submit UCB application (due in November), apply for AAP online after submitting application, incoming Junior Transfer Students and current Cal students, apply by June 30th
» **Award:** Up to $6,000 and a laptop
» **Eligibility:** Full-time enrollment at UC Berkeley. Minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA. Gross family income of $86,000 or less. California resident as defined by the AB 540 guidelines. Submit a UC Berkeley application for Fall 2009/Spring 2010 enrollment. Submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley by June 1, 2009.
» **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Berkeley Undergraduate Dream Act Scholarship
http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/undergraduates/types_dream.htm?mid=50
» **Due:** November 30, 2011
» **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.
» **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Berkeley Student Foundation Scholarship
http://berkeleystudentfoundation.org/?mid=5185
» **Year:** Candidates must be incoming or first year students at UC Berkeley (freshman or junior transfers)
» **Due:** May 1st
» **Award:** Each Diversity Scholarship shall be for $1000 per year, except for the initial Spring semester scholarship award which shall be for $500 for the first year award.
» **Eligibility:** Full time UC Berkeley registered incoming freshman and transfer students by the fall following the application deadline; any student who identifies as part of one or more underrepresented minority groups.
» **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Berkeley Student Foundation Scholarship
http://berkeleystudentfoundation.org/apply.html
» **Year:** Incoming college freshman or junior transfer
» **Due:** May 1 of your entering school year or, November 30 if applying for a fall semester award.
» **Award:** $3,500 awarded over 4 years
» **Eligibility:** Candidates for scholarship must belong to one of the following under-represented ethnic categories (according to the standards set by the University of California): African American, Native American, Chican@/Latin@, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander/Filipino, Multi-ethnic (at least one parent must be a member of one of the aforementioned groups)
» **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Berkeley Undergraduate Dream Act Scholarship
http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/undergraduates/types_dream.htm?mid=50
» **Due:** November 30, 2011
» **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.
» **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Berkeley Student Foundation Scholarship
http://berkeleystudentfoundation.org/?mid=5185
» **Year:** Candidates must be incoming or first year students at UC Berkeley (freshman or junior transfers)
» **Due:** May 1st
» **Award:** Each Diversity Scholarship shall be for $1000 per year, except for the initial Spring semester scholarship award which shall be for $500 for the first year award.
» **Eligibility:** Full time UC Berkeley registered incoming freshman and transfer students by the fall following the application deadline; any student who identifies as part of one or more underrepresented minority groups.
» **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Chicano Latino Alumni Association Scholarship
» **Year:** Enrollment at UC Berkeley
Due: October  
Award: Varies  
Eligibility: Latino student, undergraduate enrollment at UC Berkeley, demonstrated financial need for tuition, books, equipment, and living expenses.  
Region: Attending UC Berkeley  

Dream Scholarship (UC Davis)  
http://lrplsa.webs.com/dreamscholarship.htm  
Year: Attending UC Davis  
Due: January  
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, must not be a permanent U.S resident or green card recipient, must not have a work permit. Must be a current UC Davis undergraduate (open to ALL majors). Preferred minimum G.P.A of 2.0 (cannot be in the process of academic dismissal). Must have completed at least one quarter at UC Davis  
Region: Attending UC Davis  

Elmira Sanderson Freshmen Scholarship Application (SFSU)  
http://www.sfsu.edu/~alumni/scholarship.htm  
Year: High School Senior  
Due: April  
Award: $1,000  
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  

Frank McDowell Scholarship (CSU Monterey Bay)  
http://financialaid.csumb.edu/scholarships  
Year: new or continuing CSU Monterey Bay Student  
Due: February 1, 2011  
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  

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: This is invite only. Accepted to UC Berkeley for fall or spring 2009, 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), incoming transfer students', and current Cal students’ applications due June 30  
Award: $1,500-$2,000 (extra $500 for out-of-state students)  
Eligibility: Minimum 3.3 unweighted GPA, Demonstrate innovative, motivational leadership impacting academic, work, or community environments. Must be available for interview.  
Region: UC Berkeley  

Markowski-Leach Scholarship Fund  
http://www.mlsscholarships.org/application.html  
Year: Undergrad and Grad Students  
Due: April  
Award: up to $1,250  
Eligibility: LGBTQ graduate and undergraduate students who plan to attend University of California
Berkeley, San Francisco State University, or Stanford University. Minimum 2.5 GPA.

» Region: UC Berkeley, SFSU, Stanford

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

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

SF State Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship (SFSU Grad Students)
http://www.sfsu.edu/~alumni/scholarship.htm

» Year: Grad Student
» Due: April
» Award: $1,000
» Eligibility: Full-time status, minimum 3.25 GPA
» Region: Attending SFSU Grad School

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

SF State Alumni Association Senior Scholarship (SFSU Seniors)
http://www.sfsu.edu/~alumni/scholarship.htm

» Year: SFSU Seniors
» Due: April
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 (Massachusetts)
» Bard College (New York)
» Bates College (Maine)
» Brown University (Rhode Island)
» Bryn Mawr College (Women’s college, Massachusetts)
» California Lutheran University (Thousand Oaks, California)
» Claremont McKenna College (some full ride scholarships, Claremont, California)
» College of the Holy Cross (Catholic, Massachusetts)
» Columbia University (New York)
» Cornell University (New York)
» Dartmouth College (New Hampshire)
» DePaul University (Chicago, Illinois)
» Dominican University of California (for science majors, San Rafael, California)
» Franklin and Marshall College (Pennsylvania)
» Furman University (Greenville, South Carolina)
» Grinnell College (Iowa)
» Hampshire College (Massachusetts)
» Harvard University (Massachusetts)
» Harvey Mudd College (Claremont, California)
» Humphreys College (Stockton, California)
» Kalamazoo (Michigan)
» Kenyon College (Ohio)
» Lawrence University (Appleton, Wisconsin)
» Loyola Marymount University (Catholic, Los Angeles, California)
» Oberlin College (Ohio)
» Marymount University (Arlington, Virginia)
» Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Massachusetts)
» Middlebury College (Middlebury, Vermont)
» Mills College (Oakland, California)
» Mount Holyoke College (women’s college, Massachusetts)
» Mount St. Mary's College (women's college, Catholic, Los Angeles, California)
» National Hispanic University (some full ride scholarships, San Jose, California)
» Occidental College (some full ride scholarships, Southern California)
» Pepperdine University (Malibu, California)
» Pitzer College (Claremont, California)
» Pomona College (Claremont, California)
» Princeton University (New Jersey)
» Reed College (Oregon)
» Regis College (Weston, Massachusetts)
» Santa Clara University (some full ride scholarships, Santa Clara, California)
» Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Texas)
» Stanford University (Stanford, California)
» St. Mary's College (Moraga, California)
» Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania)
» Texas College (Tyler, Texas)
» University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana-Champaign, Illinois)
» University of Puget Sound (Washington)
» USC (Los Angeles, California)
» University of Texas Pan-American (Weslaco, Texas)
» Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee)
» Wesleyan University (Connecticut)
» Whitman College (Washington)
» Whittier College (Whittier, California)
» Williams College (Williamstown, Massachusetts)
» Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester, Massachusetts)
» Yale University (Connecticut)
ADDITIONAL LISTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DON’T REQUIRE SSNS
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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.

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 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.

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.

HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS

Start with E4FC’s lists of scholarships: http://e4fc.org/studentresources/scholarshiplists.html. There you’ll find E4FC’s own “List of Scholarships that Don’t Require Social Security Numbers.”

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.
Writting your personal stateMent: tellin g 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

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### 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-breaking obstacles—poverty, immigration status, financial independence since she 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

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.

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.

LAURA LOPEZ (2012 Editor)
Laura was born in Valle de Santiago, Guanajuato and has lived in Napa Valley, California since she was one year old. With the support of her family, she graduated from University of California, Santa Cruz in 2009, with a major in Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS) and a minor in Legal Studies. Laura co-founded Students Informing Now (S.I.N., pronounced s n), the first AB540 undocumented student support group at UCSC. In 2010, she devoted herself to passage of the D.R.E.A.M. Act through national and statewide efforts. Laura is currently a member of the Napa Valley Dream Team. She also serves as E4FC’s Scholarship Coordinator and an intern on the Legal Services Team. She believes that all immigrants have the right to higher education, regardless of status, and looks forward to helping students pursue their dreams through administrative policies like Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and permanent legislative change.
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Founded in 2006, E4FC supports undocumented students in realizing their academic and career goals and actively contributing to society. We offer holistic programming that addresses the financial, legal, career, and emotional health needs of undocumented students. Specifically, we provide scholarships, legal services, professional and personal development workshops, and a strong peer network for undocumented students. We also lead presentations and create educational materials to raise awareness and support for undocumented students nationwide. Our programming is designed by and for undocumented young people with support from committed allies.

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