



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

2013-2014

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

INCLUDES BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA, AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

BAY AREA/CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIPS

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

OCTOBER

The Mexican American Dream Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate program at a 4-year accredited University or a 2-year program at a Community College
- » **Due:** Late October
- » **Award:** \$500 to Community College students, \$1,000 to undergraduate students at a four-year College/University
- » **Eligibility:** Be an AB-540 Student. If not an AB-540 student, must be a member or related to a member of a COFEM affiliated Federation or Club. Must be considered a full-time student or enrolled in at least 12 units at a 4 year institution or 2-year community college. Have a minimum GPA of 2.8. Demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Demonstrate involvement in the community and/or work experience. Be able to participate in the 2013 Annual Scholarship Reception on November 22, 2013 and COFEM's 2014 Annual Conference and Expo on August 16 and 17, 2014. Other volunteer opportunities will be available throughout the year (i.e. Immigration marches, DACA clinics, Citizenship Fairs). Any student who becomes a scholarship recipient must complete a total of 25 hours (Community College recipients) or 50 hours (4 year College/University) of volunteer service to COFEM.
- » **Notes:** Any student who becomes a scholarship recipient must complete a total of 25 hours (Community College recipients) or 50 hours (Four year College/University and Graduate Student

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

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

Sequoia Awards Scholarship Program

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

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

NOVEMBER

Adsum Education Foundation Scholarship

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

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

Good Tidings Community Service Scholarships

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

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** November 12
- » **Award:** 20 awards of \$5,000 each
- » **Eligibility:** High school seniors who recognize the benefits of serving their community. No citizenship requirements but must show proof of acceptance into a university in order to receive the scholarship money.

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

Princeton Prize in Race Relations

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

- » **Year:** High school students grades 9-12
- » **Due:** January 31
- » **Award:** \$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Students whose efforts have had a significant, positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities.
- » **Contact:** Princeton Prize Office at pprize@Princeton.edu. You may also call 800-742-1036
- » **Region:** San Francisco, among other cities outside of CA (check website)

FEBRUARY

East Bay College Fund Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** \$4,000 per year (up to \$16,000 for undergraduate degree)
- » **Eligibility:** Targets students with GPAs between 3-3.7; prioritizes scholarships for Latino/African-American males. Students are ineligible if they are awarded either one of the following: Berkeley Incentive Award, UC Berkeley Cal Opps/Cal Works, Students Rising Above, Gates Millennium, IDEAL, or any other scholarship over \$3,500
- » **Notes:** Must be available to attend in-person interview, orientation, award ceremony, and Scholars/Mentor retreat (see site for dates)
- » **Region:** Oakland

Education First

<http://educationfirst.org/>

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** \$5,000 or \$3,000 honorable mention

- » **Eligibility:** Students at Balboa, Marshall, and Mission High Schools (note, these are the schools in the SF area, other participating high schools located in Austin, Denver, Portland, Los Angeles, and Seattle, must check website to see if your high school qualifies)
- » **Notes:** Applications available online or from school counselors.
- » **Region:** San Francisco, among other cities outside of CA (check website)

PG&E Scholarship Opportunities

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

- » **Year:** High school senior or current college student
- » **Due:** Early February
- » **Award:** \$1,000–\$5,000
- » **Eligibility:** Family must be PG&E customer. No ethnicity or citizenship requirements. Proof of residency may be established by providing a copy of a PG&E or phone bill within the past six months for your home address, a driver's license, etc.
- » **Notes:** PG&E offers several scholarship opportunities from various employee groups within PG&E. This includes the Black Employee Resource Group, InspirAsian-Asian Employee, NuEnergy-New Employees Resource Group, the Pride Network Employee Resource Group, the Latino Employee Resource Group, the PG&E Access Group, the Samahan-Filipino Employee Resource Group and the PG&E Women's Network Employee Group. Check website for individual scholarship requirements.
- » **Region:** Must be PG&E customer.

Pursuit of Excellence

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

- » **Year:** High school senior
- » **Due:** February 21, 2014
- » **Award:** Amount varies (\$500 to \$5,000)
- » **Eligibility:** High school seniors enrolled at Eastside College Preparatory, Summit Prep, East Palo Alto Academy, Phoenix Academy, or high schools in the Sequoia Union District, Palo Alto District, or Mountain View/Los Altos District.
- » **Notes:** Awards renewable throughout recipient's

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

The Association of Chinese Teachers Scholarship (TACT)

<http://www.tactsf.org>

- » **Year:** High school seniors
- » **Due:** February
- » **Award:** Up to \$2,000/scholarship
- » **Eligibility:** Student of Chinese descent; volunteer service including, but not necessarily exclusive to, the Chinese American community; a career goal in education, human services, arts, or communication; min 2.5 GPA; participation in school and extracurricular activities; demonstrated leadership in school and/or community.
- » **Notes:** Some of the criteria for selection include potential careers in education, human services, the arts or communication, demonstrated community service, leadership qualities, and above-average scholarship. Four scholarship types are offered on behalf of Robert Louie, Lawrence C. Lowe, Henry Shue Tom, and Alice Fong Yu.
- » **Contact:** tactsf@yahoo.com
- » **Region:** San Francisco

Silicon Valley Community Foundation-High School Senior and Undergraduate Programs

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

- » **Year:** High school senior or planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a two- or four- year college or University
- » **Award:** Various scholarships ranging from \$1,000–\$10,000
- » **Due:** February
- » **Eligibility:** Scholarships for graduating H.S. seniors and college undergrads use the same common application and most have the following eligibility requirements: Graduate from a public or private high

school and/or reside in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County, demonstrate financial need, plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university (Eustace-Kwan and Ruppert recipients can attend a vocational/career/ trade school that focuses on providing formal preparation for skilled, technical or professional occupations such as dental hygienist, x-ray technician, court reporting, emergency medical technicians, etc.), be current full-time students and plan to attend college on a full-time basis, and be United States citizens or eligible non-citizens (eligible non-citizens include United States legal residents and AB 540* students). To be considered "AB 540," students must have completed three years of high school in California, graduated with a high school diploma or attained equivalent and filed an AB 540 affidavit at the college or university where they are enrolled. Please see individual scholarships for exact eligibility requirements.

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

MARCH

826 Valencia Scholarships

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

- » **Year:** High school graduating senior
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$15,000/award
- » **Eligibility:** Demonstrate financial need, go to school in the Bay Area, demonstrate intent to enroll in a vocational school, college, or university.
- » **Notes:** Preference given to students who attend public high schools in San Francisco. Applicants should also have an extracurricular interest in the written word.
- » **Contact:** Raúl J. Alcantar 415.642.5905 x 201, raul@826valencia.org
- » **Region:** Bay Area

- » **Region:** Contra Costa

CANFIT Scholarship

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

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

Chicana/Latina Foundation Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** Enrolled in an accredited college, university, or community college
- » **Due:** March of every year
- » **Award:** \$1,500
- » **Eligibility:** Chicana/Latina women who have resided for at least two years in one of the listed Northern California counties. Undergraduate Chicana/Latina students must be enrolled as a full-time college student (as defined by your institution) when applying and for the following academic year, have completed a minimum of 12 college units after high school graduation, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 college coursework.
- » **Notes:** You must commit to attending the CLF Leadership Institute (one weekend in August after being selected and one weekend the following year in February) and to volunteering ten (10) hours for CLF before March the year after being selected. Past

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

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

College OPTIONS Scholarships

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

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

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

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

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

McConnell Foundation Scholars Program

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

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

Napa County Hispanic Network

<http://www.napacountyhispanicnetwork.com>

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

- » **Region:** Napa County

The New Leader Scholarship of the Marin Community Foundation

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

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

Peninsula Works

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

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

who are involved in the broader community.

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

APRIL

Asian American Journalists Association

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

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

A.W. Bodine – Sunkist Memorial Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** High School senior, or current college student
- » **Award:** \$2,000 (renewable)
- » **Due:** April 30
- » **Eligibility:** A background in California or Arizona agriculture – the student or someone in the student's immediate family must have derived the majority of his or her income from agriculture; Financial need; and GPA and extracurricular activities indicative of potential for success.
- » **Notes:** Scholarship recipients must maintain good academic and disciplinary standings, carry at least 12 graded units per term and earn a minimum 2.7 grade point average.

- » **Region:** California and Arizona

Bay Area Gardener's Foundation

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

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

CCNMA: Latino Journalists of California Scholarship

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

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

Los Hermanos de Stanford

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

- » **Year:** High school seniors with plans to attend any 2-year or 4-year institution of higher learning
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** 2 awards of \$1,000 each
- » **Eligibility:** Open to female and male Latino students who are committed to academic excellence, community service, and cultural awareness. Financial need is taken into account.

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

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

East Bay Consortium of Educational Institutions / Cal-SOAP Scholarship

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

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

MAY

Amigos de El Salvador

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

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

SALEF Fulfilling Our Dreams Scholarship Fund

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

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

Student Advocates for Higher Education Scholarship

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

The Women's Foundation of California, Smart Cookie Scholarship

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

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

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship

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

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

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

Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

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

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

Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Foundation Essay Contest

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

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

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

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

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

JANUARY

Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students

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

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

Microsoft Minority Scholarship

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

- » **Year:** Currently attending 4-year college
- » **Due:** January 31
- » **Award:** Full or partial tuition
- » **Eligibility:** Attend a 4-year university in United States, Canada, or Mexico. Be completing an undergraduate degree in computer science, computer engineering, or a related technical discipline such as electrical engineering, math, or physics and demonstrate an interest in computer science. Because the scholarship is merit based, you must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average out of a possible 4.0, or a 4.0 cumulative grade point average out of a possible 5.0.
- » **Notes:** Can apply regardless of citizenship status. All recipients of the scholarship will be required to apply for, and complete if offered, a salaried summer internship of 12 weeks or more at Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington. Online Application to the Microsoft Internship Program - Apply online at <http://www.microsoft.com/university> for a summer internship. Only students who have applied online for an internship will be considered for a Microsoft Scholarship.
- » **Contact:** scholars@microsoft.com
- » **Region:** North America

Power Through Knowledge Scholarship

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

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

QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship

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

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

APRIL

Congressional Hispanic Caucus

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

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

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

- » **Eligibility:** Applicants must demonstrate financial need, have consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities, have strong writing skills, and must be U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees, or individuals who are lawfully authorized to work full-time without restriction for any U.S. employer and who, at the time of application, possess lawful evidence of employment authorization. There is no GPA or academic major requirement. Students with excellent leadership potential are encouraged to apply.
- » **Notes:** Individuals who are seeking consideration under the "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" (DACA) policy must possess an Employment Authorization Document at the time of application. In an effort to ensure the progress of scholarship recipients and encourage completion of the postsecondary program, each associate and undergraduate level scholarship award is divided over the number of years required for graduation (i.e. a \$2,500 scholarship for a college freshman will be distributed in four equal installments of \$625 a year).
- » **Region:** National

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund

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

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

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

- » **Region:** National

Health Careers Scholarship Program

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

- » **Year:** Entering their Junior or Senior year of their undergraduate study in the Fall of 2014.
- » **Due:** May
- » **Award:** Unspecified
- » **Eligibility:** The Scholarship Program is open to all full-time undergraduate students who are entering their Junior or Senior Year of their undergraduate study in the Fall of 2014. If the student is in a program that is not a 4-year program, they are eligible if they will be entering either their final year of undergraduate study or their second-to-last year of undergraduate study in the Fall of 2014. Additionally, students must be enrolled in an accredited institution in a program of study that prepares them for a career in health care. Examples of qualifying degree programs include, but are not limited to pre-medicine, nursing, public/community health, physical therapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy, biology, chemistry, psychology, social work, dentistry, and optometry. Students eligible to be considered for the award must demonstrate financial need. Financial need will be determined using information provided by the school's Financial Aid office on the form provided in the scholarship application materials. Students must also meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards set by their institution and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
- » **Notes:** A student is eligible for receiving an award for no more than two academic years.
- » **Region:** National

Nordstrom Scholarship Program

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

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

Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship – Positive Coaching Alliance

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

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

Stan Beck Fellowship

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

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

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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

CSU MONTEREY BAY

Frank McDowell Scholarship (CSU Monterey Bay)

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

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

HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

Undocumented Student Scholarship (Hampshire College)

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

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

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

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

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Los Medanos College Foundation Scholarships

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

- » **Year:** Varies; must attend Los Medanos College for fall 2014 and spring 2015 or transfer to a four-year college/University fall 2014
- » **Due:** February 13
- » **Award:** Multiple scholarships offered, awards range from \$200-\$1,000
- » **Eligibility:** Must be a Los Medanos College student, have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (a higher GPA may be required depending on the scholarship), submit supporting documents i.e. essay, two letters of recommendation and a copy of your unofficial transcript, and meet all of the eligibility requirements of scholarship(s) for which you are applying. All LMC Foundation scholarships have no citizenship requirements with the exception of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Contra Costa Delta Branch Scholarship.
- » **Notes:** Through one convenient application, Los Medanos College students can apply to a variety of scholarships.
- » **Region:** Los Medanos College students, some scholarships have additional residency requirements

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

Peralta Colleges Foundation Scholarships

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

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

- » **Year:** High School Senior
- » **Due:** April
- » **Award:** \$1,500
- » **Eligibility:** Students who come from an educationally or environmentally disadvantaged background, currently attending a San Francisco Public High School, has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 for the junior and senior high school years, must enroll at San Francisco State University as a full-time student with at least 12 units for incoming Fall semester.
- » **Region:** SFUSD high school students only

SF State Alumni Association Senior Scholarship (SFSU Seniors)

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

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

UC BERKELEY

Achievement Award Program (UC Berkeley)

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

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

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

- » **Region:** Attending UC Berkeley

Berkeley Student Foundation (UC Berkeley)

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

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

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

SLAS/EOP Lifetime Achievement Award

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

- » **Year:** Junior or Senior standing by the beginning of the Spring 2014 semester. Transfer Students Only: Must have completed a minimum of 30 units at UCB by the beginning of the Spring 2014 semester.
- » **Due:** March
- » **Award:** \$300-\$500
- » **Eligibility:** Must be an EOP student, meeting ANY of the 3 criteria below: Low income (Pell Grant or Dream Act Scholarship eligible as verified by Financial Aid), first generation college student, or historically underrepresented student. Must have demonstrated leadership and service on campus and/or the community-at-large, have a minimum UCB cumulative grade point average of 3.0, and be registered as a full-time undergraduate student (extenuating circumstances will be considered).
- » **Contact:** Email avisha@berkeley.edu for an application and instructions on how to apply.
- » **Region:** UC Berkeley

UC DAVIS

ASUCD Scholarship (Davis)

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

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

- » **Due:** November
- » **Award:** There will be four \$500 scholarships and three \$1000 scholarships given away.
- » **Eligibility:** All continuing undergraduate students enrolled and in good academic standing at the University of California, Davis are eligible for an ASUCD Scholarship. Students must be enrolled after Spring quarter of 2013 to receive the scholarship. Note that applicants with current disciplinary sanctions in effect are ineligible to apply.
- » **Region:** Attending UC Davis

Undergraduate UC Davis Scholarships

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

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

Xuy Leyba Inspiring Dreamers Scholarship

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

COLLEGES WITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT SSNS

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

- » Amherst College (MA)
- » Aquinas College (TN)
- » Arizona State (public)
- » Augustana College (IL)
- » Aurora University (IL)
- » Bard College (NY)
- » Barnard College (NY)
- » Bates College (ME)
- » Belhaven University (MS)
- » Brown University (RI)
- » Bryn Mawr College (PA)
- » California Lutheran University
- » Carson-Newman College (TN)
- » Chapman University (CA)
- » Christian Brothers University (TN)
- » Claremont McKenna College (CA)
- » Clarke University (IA)
- » College of the Holy Cross (MA)
- » Columbia University (NY)
- » Cornell College (IA)
- » Cornell University (NY)
- » Dartmouth College (NH)
- » Defiance College (OH)
- » DePaul University (OH)
- » Dominican University (IL)
- » Dominican University of California
- » Elmhurst College (IL)
- » Emory University (GA)
- » Fairfield University (CT)
- » Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (CA)
- » Franklin and Marshall College (PA)
- » Furman University (SC)
- » Grinnell College (IA)
- » Hampshire College (MA)
- » Harvard University (MA)
- » Harvey Mudd College (CA)
- » Humphreys College (CA)
- » Illinois College
- » Illinois State University
- » Illinois Wesleyan University
- » Kalamazoo College (MI)
- » Kenyon College (OH)
- » Lake Forest College (IL)
- » Lawrence University (WI)
- » Lewis University (IL)
- » Lindenwood University (MO)
- » Lipscomb University (TN)
- » Loyola Marymount University (CA)
- » Marian University (WI)
- » Marquette University (WI)
- » Marymount College (VA)
- » Maryville College (TN)
- » Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- » Middle Tennessee State University (public)
- » Middlebury College (VT)
- » Milligan College (TN)
- » Mills College (CA)
- » Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (WI)
- » Mississippi College for Women
- » Mount Holyoke College (MA)
- » Mount St. Mary's College (CA)
- » National Hispanic University (CA)
- » North Central College (IL)
- » Northern Illinois University (public)
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HOW TO BE A COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

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

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

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

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

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

HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Find school-specific scholarships, which are generally less competitive and more tailored to you. Look for scholarships specific to your high school, school district, community college, and/or the college you're attending. Ask your high school counselor, the financial aid office staff, the admissions office, and even teachers and professors who are sympathetic to you if they know of any resources.

HOW TO INQUIRE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

Consider asking:

"Are residency requirements fixed?" or **"Can students who do not meet the residency requirement still apply?"** Note:

Students with pending family petitions usually have a form called I-130 (Petition for Alien Relative). Although it might take years for this petition to become current, some scholarships have accepted the I-130 as proof of residency.

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

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

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

ADVICE FOR DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) RECIPIENTS

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

WRITING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT: TELLING YOUR STORY

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

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

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

Note: Follow the directions carefully and adhere to word and page limits, formatting requirements and

subject guidelines. Please keep in mind that selection committees will be reading multiple applications, and you do not want to be penalized because you went over the page limit. That being said, make sure to use all the available space they give you.

WRITING TIPS

Tell a story. Show or demonstrate an experience through concrete examples. If your statement is fresh, lively and different, the selection committee will remember you and put you on the top of the pile.

The most memorable paragraph is the opening one, so focus on that one. The opening paragraph is where you can grab the reader's attention. Or you can make the reader yawn and say "What's this applicant's name again?" Distinguish yourself from other applicants right away.

Topic-Specific Essay Tips: Some scholarships might ask you to write an essay, rather than a personal statement. Make sure that your essay directly addresses the topic and that you aren't simply pasting on a new topic sentence to an old essay. By all means, use sections of your personal statement, but don't just copy and paste it.

HOW AND WHETHER TO TALK ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS

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

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

HOW TO GET A WINNING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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

Notes on Timing:

- » Arrange talks with potential recommenders
- » Decide on best recommenders for you
- » Ask for a letter of recommendation (ideally 2 months before due date)
- » Give recommendation forms (at least 1 month before)
- » Politely remind recommenders about the letter (at least one week before due date)
- » Thank recommenders
- » Update them on the scholarship selection process – if you have been selected for an interview, if you have been awarded the scholarship, etc.

Teachers are very busy. Make their jobs as easy as possible. Give them a copy of your personal statement (even if it's just a draft), a list of your accomplishments/achievements/awards/extra-curriculars. Let them know what you'd like them to highlight/emphasize about you. This is not being overbearing; this is being helpful.

Make information clear to recommenders.

Pull together all scholarship info (scholarship name, your full name, due date, address to be mailed). Add information about the scholarship and its requirements and priorities.

Make sure they are addressing

recommendations correctly. Don't use a recommendation written for a different scholarship without changing the name of the scholarship throughout!

Make sure your recommender is knowledgeable

about you and can speak highly of your academic accomplishments, strengths, interests, academic and professional goals. Have an open talk with recommenders about your need for money and your immigration status. This is especially important if you are not comfortable talking about your status, since your recommenders can do so for you. *It is important for them to fully understand your situation so they*

can advocate for you effectively. If you think your recommender is not supportive of you because of your immigration status, find a new one.

Don't be afraid to ask recommenders to submit recommendations for multiple scholarships.

Once they've written on recommendation, it's easy for them to modify it. Update them on your progress (whether or not you've been awarded scholarships).

Ask recommenders if they will share a copy of their recommendation with you. If so, ask them for a "generic" recommendation (not addressed to any particular scholarship fund) that you can have on file and use if necessary.

I'm a college student. Is it okay for me to ask my high school teacher to recommend me?

Ideally you should have a current instructor write you a recommendation, but it is better to have a former teacher who knows you well rather than someone who doesn't know you very well. If you are going to ask a former teacher, make sure to talk to that teacher about your current activities and progress in school, so they can update their old recommendation letter. Stay in touch with your former mentors and teachers!

DIFFERENT WAYS FOR RECOMMENDERS TO TALK ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS

LEAST DIRECT

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

MORE DIRECT

Julio is a first generation college student. He is a second year student majoring in Civil Engineering at San Jose State University...Julio is considered a

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- » **Send a thank-you note to all your recommenders**
- » **Follow-up regularly with donors**

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