



# NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL?

2018-19 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**APPLICATION OPENS: October 15 • APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15**  
**APPLY ONLINE: [WWW.SBSCHOLARSHIP.ORG](http://WWW.SBSCHOLARSHIP.ORG)**

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### **Applicants must:**

- Have attended at least four of the six years between grades 7-12 at a Santa Barbara County school, and graduate or receive a GED from a Santa Barbara County high school by June.\*
- Be planning to attend full time as a vocational, undergraduate, graduate, medical (M.D.), or doctoral student at a Title IV approved school.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or AB 540 eligible.\*\*

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### **Gather this information in advance, as it will be needed to complete your online application:**

- Personal email address—this will become your user login for the application.
- Citizenship status and social security number.\*\*
- Full name and other legal names that appear on your academic records.
- Personal contact information and contact information of your closest relative/friend.
- Family household and financial information for you and your parent(s), such as birthdate, birthplace, employer, occupation, household size, and estimated adjusted gross income for the last calendar year.
- A list of your activities, employment, community service, and any honors/awards.
- College enrollment plan for the upcoming academic year, including top three college choices, proposed major, proposed career, and estimated college graduation date.
- A personal statement (minimum 300 words). Suggested topics: What is your family background? What is important to you? What motivates you? What are your academic and career goals?

### **Please note the following materials must be uploaded to your online application by January 15:**

- Transcripts from all high schools and colleges you have attended. (New applicants only.)
- High school/Undergraduate: One letter of academic recommendation is required. Second letter of recommendation is optional. (New applicants only.)
- Graduate/Medical: Two letters of recommendation are required, one of which must be academic.
- Student Aid Report (SAR) processed by FAFSA or California Dream Act Application. All applicants must submit the 2018-2019 SAR in order to be eligible for funding in the upcoming academic year.

\* If the applicant is or has been a ward of the SB County Court (youth in foster care after the age of 13) or a home-schooled or boarding school student, please call to verify eligibility.

\*\* AB 540 students are not required to provide a social security number.

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# FINANCIAL AID BASICS



## WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Funding from federal, state, institutional, and outside agencies intended to help students pay for educational expenses including tuition, fees, room and board, books, transportation, and personal costs for post-secondary studies at a community college, four-year institution, or vocational school.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

According to the federal government, parents have the primary responsibility to pay for their children's college expenses and students are also responsible for paying a reasonable portion of their expenses. The expected family contribution (EFC) depends on the family's income, assets, household size, and number of students in college.

The following formula is used by schools to determine aid eligibility:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{COA} \\ - \text{EFC} \\ \hline = \text{\$}\text{\$}\text{\$} \end{array}$$

**COA:** Cost of Attendance includes tuition, fees, room and board, books, transportation, and personal expenses. Costs vary by school.

**EFC:** Expected Family Contribution is a numerical value that indicates how much the family can contribute to the student's educational expenses. It is calculated when the student completes the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application. This number is constant no matter which school is selected.

**Financial Need:** Financial Need is the difference between COA and EFC. The school will generate a financial aid package to help meet student financial need. The financial aid package may consist of grants or scholarships, loans, and/or work-study.

## HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

There are two different applications for student aid. Fill out **ONLY ONE** based on your citizenship status:

### U.S. CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENTS & CERTAIN VISA HOLDERS:

FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid)  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

*Please note: if you are being charged a fee to submit your FAFSA, it is not a legitimate website. Please make sure you are on the .gov site.*

- **Opens: October 1st • CA Priority Deadline: March 2nd**
- When you fill out the FAFSA, you are applying for federal, state, and college/institutional aid.
- Types of aid from federal government: Pell Grant, Work-Study, Subsidized & Unsubsidized Direct Loans, Perkins Loan, Parent PLUS Loan.
- Types of aid from the state government: Cal Grants, Chafee Grant, and Middle Class Scholarships.
- Types of aid from colleges/institutions: Varies depending on college.

#### Information needed to fill out the FAFSA:

- Student social security number and 2016 tax return and/or W2.
- Parent(s) social security number (if applicable) and 2016 tax return(s) and/or W2.
- Asset information.
- Parents' birthdays, and date they were married/separated/divorced/widowed.
- Student and parent Federal Student Aid ID ([fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov)).

### UNDOCUMENTED & AB 540 ELIGIBLE\*

California Dream Act Application  
[www.dream.csac.ca.gov](http://www.dream.csac.ca.gov)

- **Opens: October 1st • CA Priority Deadline: March 2nd**
- When you fill out the California Dream Act Application, you are applying for state and college/institutional aid.
- Types of aid from the state government: Cal Grants, Chafee Grant, and Middle Class Scholarships.
- Types of aid from colleges/institutions: Varies depending on college.

#### Information needed to fill out the California Dream Act Application:

- Student DACA number, if applicable.
- Student 2016 tax return and/or W2.
- Parent(s) 2016 tax return(s) and/or W2.
- Asset information.
- Parents' birthdays, and date they were married/separated/divorced/widowed.

\*Attended a California high school for at least three years and plan on graduating from California high school.

Need help filling out these applications? Call or email our financial aid experts for an appointment:

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Check state-aid status and confirm high school graduation here: [webgrants4students.org](http://webgrants4students.org)

