The Agenda

- Scholarship Tips
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- Other Resources
  - Applying for Scholarships using Academic Works
- You won! Now what?
- Q & A
Scholarship Tips

Most scholarship deadlines are from January to June
Some organizations/ SF State departments may have application deadlines that vary

Apply for as many scholarships as possible

Read eligibility requirements or criteria carefully

Seek out opportunities at your/your parents’ work, social/community groups or organizations etc.

Emphasize your talents, skills, academic achievement, and community involvement on your applications
Scholarships at SFSU
Our scholarships page has a wealth of resources and information to get you started.

To apply for scholarships, you must go through **Academic Works**. Link in Scholarships website home page.
Using Academic Works
Completing general application and searching for scholarships

Sign in with your SF State ID and password

Complete General Application / View Frequently Asked Questions

Once completed, you will see “Recommended Scholarships”
Recommended Opportunities

Scholarships match to you based on:
- GPA or
- Class level or
- Major

Once matched, make sure you meet *all* requirements of the scholarship.

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Our Opportunities

Search for scholarships yourself, you may be eligible for more than what was recommended.

You can search for scholarships two ways:

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or
Keyword search
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Eligibility Criteria

Ensure that you meet all eligibility criteria for each scholarship.

Double check that you meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Major
- Class level
- Financial need
- Citizenship
- GPA
- Enrollment requirements (at the time you will receive the scholarship)
Check Scholarship Status

View status of applications: Submitted, Drafts, General

Status

Recommended Opportunities Submitted: 0 of 50

General Applications Submitted: 1 of 1

Needs Attention

James Hirabayashi Person for All Seasons Scholarship Fund

General Application
Check out the Scholarship Donors

Anabel Pelham, Ph.D.

Dr. Anabel Pelham is an Emerita faculty member of the San Francisco State University Gerontology program, and its founding director. She enjoyed a distinguished career as a professor at SF State for nearly thirty-five years, and retired in 2013. During her tenure, Dr. Pelham served as Gerontology’s chair and director of the university’s Institute on

Donna S. Kline

Donna S. Kline earned her Master’s Degree in Music at SF State under the mentorship of Professor William Corbett-Jones. His teachings inspired Donna to pursue outstanding educational opportunities and experiences. This training has given Ms. Kline far reaching and lasting benefits as a musician and author.

Family and Friends of Jason Louis Zarri

The Jason Louis Zarri Memorial Scholarship is supported by Jason’s family and friends.

Jason grew up in Concord, CA and attended St. Agnes Catholic School from kindergarten through the 7th grade Jason’s family endured some tragedies which greatly impacted Jason. Jason became an adult prior to completing his high school education.
External Opportunities
You can search for off-campus scholarships, too!

🔍 Search by keyword
✍ Major
 вли Ethnicity
📍 County

Scholarship name
Other Scholarship Resources

Office of Student Financial Aid Website
financialaid.sfsu.edu/scholarships
- Resources
- Tips
- International Students
- What’s New (on Scholarships home page)

One Stop: Scholarship Center
- Handouts
- Bulletin board with announcements
Scams Alert

⚠️ RED FLAGS

- “we’ll do all the work!”
- “scholarship guaranteed or your money back”
- “you’ve been selected / you are a finalist” in a contest
- “you can’t get this information anywhere else”
- a fee is involved
- credit card or bank account information needed to hold scholarship
- Vague or no contact information
- Scam organizations masquerade themselves as a government agency

Report to

Federal Trade Commission @ [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) &
National Fraud Information Center @ [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org)

For more information, visit [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) for comprehensive information on scholarship scams.
Tips for International Students

Check out the “International Students” link on the Scholarships homepage.
Check the Office of International Program’s web site @ oip.sfsu.edu or email them @ oip@sfsu.edu.

**On AcademicWorks:** Students may apply for scholarships where the Citizenship row indicates “Any”
Tips for Undocumented / AB 540 Students

Check out the SF State AB 540 information website: undocugators.sfsu.edu

On AcademicWorks:

➢ Students may apply for scholarships where the Citizenship row indicates “Any”
➢ Using keyword search, search for “AB 540”
Essay Writing Tips

Most scholarships ask you to write a personal statement about yourself

When writing your essay:

- Make sure you *follow directions* and *answer all essay questions* on the scholarship application
- Tell your personal story
- Have several strong writers read and edit your essay

Make an appointment with CARP!

- Learn how to effectively answer a scholarship essay prompt
- Devise pre-writing methods in order to organize information for a scholarship essay
- Discuss how to make a scholarship essay detail oriented, personal, and original

Visit [carp.sfsu.edu](http://carp.sfsu.edu) for more information on tutoring hours, making appointments, and their other services and resources!
Letters of Recommendation

- Check the scholarship application for guidelines
- Letters should be typed, signed, and printed on official letterhead
- Ask a professor or employer or community leader who knows you well and can write a good letter of recommendation
- Give the person sufficient time to write the letter
- Give the person a specific deadline date
- If the person must send the recommendation letter directly to scholarship organization, provide a stamped addressed envelope
Letters of Recommendation: Check Status

Students can:
- Resend an email request to their provider
- View active and expired references
You’ve Been Awarded!

You will receive an email sent from scholarships@sfsu.edu to inform you you’ve been selected to receive a scholarship. If you are awarded a scholarship, you must accept it on Academic Works.
Thank You Letter
Guidelines and Tips

General guidelines
➢ The letter may be handwritten or typed
➢ Be prompt
➢ Check all spelling and grammar
➢ Sign the letter

Also:
➢ Upload directly to Academic Works
➢ If one is requested, there will be a Post-Acceptance question.

When writing the letter, include the following:

Address the letter to the donor or the person who should receive the letter with the appropriate title (Dear Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

☑ Start the letter by thanking the donor
☑ Next, tell the donor about yourself
☑ Let the donor know what your future plans are
☑ Finally, express your appreciation for the financial support received from the scholarship
How you receive the scholarship

Campus Scholarships
- Campus department prepares award paperwork and submits to internal departments to process.
- Then, it is disbursed to you via direct deposit or check
*(Minus any tuition or housing you still owe).*

Outside Scholarships
- Organization sends check to the Bursar’s office
- Information is forwarded from the Bursar’s office to the Financial Aid office for awarding.
- Then, it is disbursed to you via direct deposit or check
*(Minus any tuition or housing you still owe).*
Financial Aid & Scholarship Coordination

- Under federal and state regulations, your scholarship must be coordinated with your other financial aid and **cannot** exceed your financial aid eligibility or your cost of attendance.

- Report scholarships you have won in your Student Center portal: “Report Other Aid”
Scholarship and Taxes

Scholarships are tax free if

➢ You are a full-time or part-time candidate for a degree at a primary, secondary, or accredited post-secondary institution and

➢ The award covers tuition, fees, books and supplies required for courses

Scholarships are taxed if

➢ Used to cover anything other than tuition fees, books and supplies

➢ Examples:
  ➢ Room and board
  ➢ Travel
  ➢ Research
  ➢ Clerical Help
  ➢ Equipment

Tax questions should be directed to the IRS @ irs.gov

International students must meet with the Campus Tax Specialist
Fellowship Office
fellowships.sfsu.edu

- Provides assistance in applying for nationally competitive fellowships and CSU system-wide awards
- Have a GPA of 3.7 or above, and a strong record of public service or research activities.

Contact:
Dr. Joy Viveros
fellows1@sfsu.edu
or
Division of Graduate Students, Administration Bldg 254 | 415-405-2128
Contact Us
Office of Student Financial Aid

One Stop: In person counseling
San Francisco State University
Student Services Building, 1st floor
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phone
(415) 338 7000
Monday – Friday
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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