The Agenda

- Scholarship Tips
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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
Accessing Academic Works
Can be found on our website or your Student Center

To access your Student Center:
- Login through gateway.sfsu.edu
- Under Student heading, select Financial/Jobs
- Select “Student Center”

Desktop view:
- “Resources” section at the bottom right corner
- Select “Apply for Campus Scholarships”

Our scholarships page has a wealth of resources and information to get you started.
To apply for scholarships, you must go through the Academic Works link on the 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.
Our Opportunities

Welcome to the San Francisco State University Scholarship website! The scholarships listed below are San Francisco State University scholarships offered by various colleges, departments, and offices. Click the scholarship name to learn more about the opportunity.

To apply for or be considered for nomination/recruitment-based campus scholarships, click the "Sign In" button to begin. You must have a SF State ID number to be able to sign in and begin your scholarship application. Once you complete the General Application, scholarships that are currently "open" will be recommended to you if you meet the basic criteria (e.g., GPA or class level or major). Read the scholarship eligibility requirements and questions carefully to determine if you are qualified before applying. If a scholarship is not yet available, check with the campus office administering the scholarship to ask when the scholarship will be available to apply for.

There are some scholarship opportunities you do not have to apply for, but will be automatically matched to after you complete your General Application.

The General Application you completed will be kept until July of each year. You must complete and sign a new General Application at the beginning of the Fall semester.

You can conduct a keyword search by:

- Specific keyword (e.g., veterans, AB540, disability, community service, single parent, etc.)
- Major or college (e.g., enter your major into the keyword box and click search for a list of scholarships or by College – Science and Engineering, Liberal & Creative Arts, Health and Social Sciences, Business, Graduate College of Education, Ethnic Studies)
- Enrollment status (e.g., entering or continuing)
- Scholarship name

You can search for scholarships two ways:

Show Filters

or

Keyword search
### Our Opportunities

Before applying, make sure the deadline hasn’t passed!

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Eligibility Criteria

Ensure that you meet all eligibility criteria for each scholarship.

### University Scholarship
Office of Student Financial Aid

This scholarship will be awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year. Students must enroll FULL-TIME academic year to receive the scholarship

- **Awarding Department:** Office of Student Financial Aid
- **Scholarship Intent:** To provide financial assistance to continuing SF State students with financial need

**Criteria:**
1. Must have been enrolled at SF State at least half-time for the previous Fall and current Spring semesters.
2. Students who meet the AB540 definition are eligible to apply.
3. Must apply for financial aid using the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
4. Must have financial need as determined by FAFSA and/or CA Dream Application.
5. Must have a complete financial aid file in order to be considered for this scholarship.

- **Major:** Any
- **Class Level:** Undergrad: Any; Grad: Masters/Credential/2nd BA/PhD
- **Enrollment Status:** Continuing
- **Enrollment Requirement:** Undergrad: 12 UNITS; Grad: 8 UNITS
- **Financial Need as determined by the FAFSA and/or CA Dream Application:** Yes
- **Citizenship:** US Citizen/Perm Res
- **Minimum GPA:** HS GPA: N/A; SF State Undergrad GPA: 3.0; SF State Grad GPA: 3.5
- **Contact Person:** Office of Student Financial Aid
- **Campus Address:** One Stop – SSB
- **Street Address:** 1600 Holloway, San Francisco, California 94132-4011
- **Phone Number:** (415) 338-7000
- **Email:** faschol@sfu.edu
- **Web page:** [http://financialaid.sfsu.edu/scholarships](http://financialaid.sfsu.edu/scholarships)
- **Number of Awards:** up to 60

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**

- Required Questions
- Deadline: 04/15/2018
- Drafted

James Hirabayashi Person for All Seasons Scholarship Fund

Finish

**General Application**

Submitted
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

View Donor

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.

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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.

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External Opportunities

🔍 Search by keyword
📝 Major
惞 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 Corner
- 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 TASC!

- 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

Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC)

Location: LIB 220

Visit ueap.sfsu.edu/tutoring 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.

University Scholarship

Congratulations on being awarded the University Scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year. The University Scholarship was established to recognize the academic achievements, financial need, community involvement of SF State students, and to help students complete their educational endeavors and reach their professional potential.

Your award will be divided between the Fall and Spring semesters. To receive the award you must:

- be enrolled in full-time units each semester for the 2014-2015 academic year at SF State (12 units minimum for undergraduates and 8 units minimum for graduates).
- If you have not met the enrollment requirement in any semester, you will not receive the award.

Once your full time enrollment has been verified, the scholarship will be disbursed at the beginning of each semester. The scholarship and financial aid will first be applied towards your university obligations and if there is any remaining balance, a check will be mailed to you or direct deposited. If your financial aid needs to be adjusted to accommodate this scholarship award, you will be sent an email shortly.

The University Scholarship has been funded through the generosity of various donors. If the University Scholarship you received requires you to write a Thank You letter addressed to the donor, a separate email will be sent to you with instructions.

If you do not receive a separate email, then you are not required to write a Thank You letter.

Congratulations on your personal and academic achievements to date. Wishing you every success in your continuing academic pursuits.

If you understand and agree to the terms of this scholarship please click the “Accept” button below.
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).
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 3.5 or above, and a strong record of public service or research activities.

➢ Contact:

   Dr. Joy Viveros
   fellows1@sfsu.edu
   or
   Division of Graduate Studies, Grad Stop, ADM 250 | 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.

Email / Website
faschol@sfsu.edu
financialaid.sfsu.edu
/scholarships
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