



Sacramento City Unified School District Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What do I need to do before starting the application?

A: We recommend preparing a resume that details your high school career. This can include leadership opportunities, extracurricular activities, hardships that you've overcome, etc. You may include duties that you are responsible for in the home (this can range from care-taking, babysitting, household chores, etc.). Having a resume prepared before applying can speed up the application process.

Attend the District sponsored scholarship writing workshops. More information can be found on the District's scholarship website: <https://www.scusd.edu/scholarships>

Please note: Make sure you have a personal email account set up that is not a District email. You can send yourself documents and saved writings that you can access after you graduate high school. All correspondence will be sent to your personal email so make sure it is a working email and that you enter it correctly on the application.

Q: What is the application process?

A:

1. Create a Student Application Account at www.scusd.edu/scholarships.
2. Review the criteria for each scholarship.
3. Decide which scholarships you will apply for based on whether or not you will meet the criteria.
4. Type and save the essays as either a word document or pdf. The essays will vary depending on the scholarship you are applying for.
5. Prepare the required documents: unofficial transcripts, recommendation letters, and any other required documents.
6. Complete the online application.
7. Submit the application!

Q: How do I create an account?

A: Go to www.scusd.edu/scholarships and click on the button that says "Create Student Applications Account." Fill in the required fields and click "submit" at the bottom of the page. It is required that you use a personal email and not your District email when creating an account.

Q: When should I apply?

A: The actual dates will be provided each year prior to the start of the application period. It is recommended that students begin the application process soon after it opens especially if you plan to apply for more than one scholarship.

Q: What is the difference between the community scholarships and the SCUSD scholarships?

A: The SCUSD scholarships are managed and monitored by District personnel. Community scholarships are not affiliated with SCUSD and are shared as a resource for students.

Q: Will I need to disclose any financial information?

A: You do not need to submit financial documents. However, you will need to answer financial related questions to the best of your ability. Some applications will ask about your household yearly income, the amount of money a parent/guardian will contribute to your education, or how much you have saved towards your education.

Q: Will one application qualify me for all the scholarships?

A: No. There are multiple District supported scholarships and each one has its own criteria and application. Be sure to review each scholarship's requirements before applying.

Q: Is there a paper application?

A: No. All applications must be completed on the online portal located on the District's website.

Q: Will I need to submit official transcripts?

A: No. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

Q: Will I need to submit recommendation letters?

A: Yes. The letters will vary depending on the scholarship you are applying for.

Q: How do I check the status of my application(s)?

A: You may contact the District office at (916) 643-9086 to check the status of your application.

Q: When will I be notified if I am a scholarship recipient?

A: Recipients will be sent an official notification letter by the end of the school year.

Q: If I am not selected to receive a scholarship, will I be notified?

A: No.

Q: If I am a scholarship recipient, what is the process for receiving my scholarship award?

A: Recipients must obtain a verification of enrollment from the college or university in which you are enrolled and submit in pdf format to scholarships@scusd.edu. An unofficial transcript or class schedule is acceptable. The District must be able to verify part-time and/or full-time enrollment by reviewing these documents. Waitlist courses, college acceptance letters, or letters from the Registrar will not be accepted as verification of enrollment. All documents must include your name, the name of the college or university, college student identification number, course schedule, and the number of units assigned to each course. Once verification is approved, a disbursement check in the amount of the scholarship will be processed. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.

Q: Will my scholarship funds be disbursed to me or to my school?

A: It depends on the requirements of the scholarship.

Q: Is there a deadline for claiming my scholarship?

A: Yes. It is recommended that you claim your award prior to the start of the academic year. It is recommended that you claim your award in the fiscal year it was awarded. For instance, if you enrolled in college Fall of 2025, you must claim your scholarship within the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Q: Is the application available in a language other than English?

A: Yes. The online language can be changed for the application by using the "select language: drop down menu located at the top right corner of your screen. Note that all responses, essays and documents uploaded should still be submitted in the English language.

Q: How can I access my current transcript or view my GPA?

A: Transcripts and GPA can be accessed through Infinite Campus. For help accessing transcripts, please contact the high school in which you are enrolled or graduated from.