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, hardships that you've overcome, etc. You may include duties that you are responsible for in the home (this can range from caretaking to working in the home). 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 done through 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 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 Application Account." Fill in the required fields and click "submit" at the bottom of the page. It is recommended that you use a personal email and not your District email when creating an account.

Q: **When should I apply?**
A: Students may apply for SCUSD scholarships from November 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022. 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 and are available for SCUSD seniors who attend District or dependent charter schools. Community scholarships are not affiliated with SCUSD and are shared only 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 13 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: All applications must be completed using the online portal located at www.scusd.edu/scholarships with the exception of the McClatchy Class of '66 Scholarship which requires a paper application.

Q: Will I need to submit official transcripts?

A: No. You can submit an unofficial high school transcript.

Q: Will I need to submit recommendation letters?

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

Q: Can I make changes to my application after my initial submission?

A: Yes. Follow these steps:
1. Login to your student application account.
2. Click on "View District Scholarship You Applied For".
3. Update application as needed.
4. Submit application.

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

A: You may contact the District office at (916) 643-9293 to check the status of your application.

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

Recipients are usually notified by email within 60 days after the application period is ended. Be prepared to provide your first and last name as well as your high school student ID.

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

A: Yes. Applicants who are not selected to receive a scholarship will be notified by email.

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: Is there a deadline for claiming my scholarship?

A: No. However, it is recommended that you claim your award prior to the start of the academic 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.