



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 an 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 email so make sure it is a working email and that you enter it correctly on the application.

Q: Will I need to disclose any financial information?

A: You do not need to submit financial documents but 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: Where can I access the application?

A: You can access the application on the District website found here:
<https://www.scusd.edu/scholarships>

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 and criteria for applying.

Q: Is there a paper application?

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

Q: Will I need to submit official transcripts?

A: You can submit an unofficial high school transcript.

Q: Will I need to submit recommendation letters?

A: Yes. The letters might vary depending on the type of scholarship you are applying to.

Q: What is the application process?

- A:**
1. Review the criteria for each scholarship.
 2. Decide which scholarships you will apply to based on whether or not you meet the criteria.
 3. Type and save the essays as either a word document or pdf. The essays will vary depending on the scholarship you are applying for.
 4. Prepare the required documents: unofficial transcripts, recommendation letters, and any other required documents.
 5. Go online and complete the application.
 6. Submit the application!

Q: When should I apply?

- A:** The District scholarship applications open January 4, 2021 and closes April 16, 2021. 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 community scholarships are not affiliated with SCUSD and are shared as a resource for students. The SCUSD scholarships are monitored and selected by a SCUSD selection committee.

Q: How do I check the status of my applications and when will I be notified if I am a scholarship recipient?

- A:** You may contact the District office at (916) 643-9293 to check the status of your application. Recipients will be notified by mid May 2021.

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

- A.** Recipients will need to submit a college or university verification of enrollment (i.e. letter from the registrar or class schedule) to scholarships@scusd.edu. College acceptance letters will not be accepted as verification of enrollment. All documents must include your name, college student identification number, and the name of the college or university in which you are enrolled.