



Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship 2009

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The California Student Opportunity and Access Program is pleased to announce:
Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship Program.

Number of scholarships	Award	Scholarships will be awarded to Cal-SOAP seniors from 42 high schools in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Students must:
50 Community College Scholarships	\$1,000	Enroll full-time and attend a California Community College and complete an Education Plan with the intent of transferring to a California 4-year college or university.
99 University Scholarships	\$2,000	Enroll full-time and attend a California 4-year college or university pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.

All Cal-SOAP seniors from the listed high schools in San Diego and Imperial Counties who meet the following criteria will be eligible to participate:

1. Meet the Cal-SOAP program eligibility requirements and who have received intensive Cal-SOAP services in their senior year. Eligibility requirements include: must be a legal resident and either (a) low income, (b) first in their family to attend college or (c) from schools or geographical regions with documented low college eligibility and participation rates.
2. Must be a high school student at a traditional high school that is served by a Cal-SOAP College Peer Advisor.
3. Must apply and be admitted to a community college and have a completed Education Plan with the transfer or counseling center to be considered for the Community College Award, or must apply and be admitted to a university to be considered for the University Award.
4. Must have a weighted GPA of 2.0 or better for the Community College Award or have a weighted GPA of 2.8 or better for the University Award.
5. Write a 500 word essay on one of the three provided prompts.
6. Must complete the FAFSA and GPA Verification Form by the March 2nd deadline and provide a photocopy of the Expected Family Contribution as determined by FAFSA.

The application process will be composed of the following parts: Cal-SOAP scholarship application, a current resume, an essay, an official copy of transcript, and teacher/counselor recommendation form. Students are to mail or drop off their scholarship application packets to the San Diego Cal-SOAP office. Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than **MARCH 16, 2009**. To be considered for the scholarship, students must apply for the FAFSA and GPA Verification Form no later than March 2, 2009.

Candidates for this scholarship must be Cal-SOAP students who are currently enrolled in traditional high schools served by Cal-SOAP CPAs. If awarded, students will be notified by May 1, 2009 with further information regarding the mandatory Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 17, 2009. All scholarship moneys will be sent directly to college or university campus by September 30, 2009. Thank you for your continued support of Cal-SOAP. Please direct any questions to the scholarship coordinators at scholarship@sandiegocalsoap.com

Mail or bring application to:

ATTENTION: Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship
 San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP
 2351 Cardinal Lane, Bldg. O
 San Diego, CA 92123
 (858) 569-1866 Ext. 220



Cal-SOAP is an Outreach Program of the California Student Aid Commission

High Schools eligible for the *Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship*

San Diego Unified

Clairemont High School
Crawford Educational Complex
CHAMPS
IDEA
Law and Business
Multimedia & Visual Arts
Hoover High School
Kearny Educational Complex
Digital Media & Design
International Business
Science Connections and Technology
Construction Tech
La Jolla High School
Lincoln Educational Complex
Center for the Arts
Center for Science and Engineering
Center for Public Safety
Madison High School
Mira Mesa High School
Mission Bay High School
Morse High School
Patrick Henry High School
Point Loma High School
San Diego Educational Complex
Business
CIMA
International Studies
LEADS
MVAP
Science and Technology
San Diego SCPA
Scripps Ranch High School
Serra High School
University City High School

Grossmont Union

El Cajon High School
El Capitan High School

Granite Hills High School
Grossmont High School
Helix High School
Monte Vista High School
Mount Miguel High School
Santana High School
Steele Canyon High School
Valhalla High School
West Hills High School

San Marcos Unified

Mission Hills High School
San Marcos High School

Oceanside Unified

El Camino High School
Oceanside High School

Escondido Unified

Escondido High School

Brawley Union

Brawley Union High School

Imperial Unified

Imperial High School

Central Union

Central Union High School
Southwest High School

Calipatria Unified

Calipatria High School

Holtville Unified

Holtville High School

San Pasqual Union

San Pasqual Valley High School

Sweetwater Union

Mar Vista High School
Castle Park High School
Montgomery High School
San Ysidro High School
Southwest High School



Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship Program APPLICATION

Postmarked by: March 16, 2009

Please type or write neatly and legibly in blue or black ink

Student Information

Social Security Number: _____ -- _____ -- _____ Gender: Female Male

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ E-mail Address _____

Telephone (____) _____ - _____ Cell phone (____) _____ - _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ____ / ____ / ____ Country of birth _____

Are you a first generation college-bound student? Yes No

Are you eligible to receive free or reduced lunch/meals at your school? Yes No

Ethnicity (choose all that apply)

- African-American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Latino/Hispanic
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- White/Caucasian
- Other _____

High School Information

High School Attending: _____

High School Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____

School Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone (____) _____ - _____



Cal-SOAP RCD Scholarship

Applicant: Please provide name (last, first, middle initial)

How did you hear about the Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship Program?

- College Peer Advisor (CPA), Media (TV, radio, print), Friends, Word of Mouth, Cal-SOAP Website, Cash for College Event, Other, Counselor, Career Center, Staff, Classroom Presentation

FAFSA and GPA Verification Information

Did you complete the FAFSA? Yes No

Date completed: Month Day

What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC):

Did you complete or did your school submit the Cal-Grant GPA Verification Form? Yes No

Date completed: Month Day

Postsecondary School Information

Applying for (please check only one):

- 4 yr. College or University (University Award), 2 yr. Community College (Community College Award)

Name of California postsecondary school you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.) Use official school names. Do NOT use abbreviations.

- Name City (repeated four times)

Major or Course of Study

Submit Current Resume:

Please attach resume of high school (grades 9th-12th) activities that include the following elements:

- Educational Objective, Education, Work Experience(s), Honors and Awards, Community Service Activities, Extracurricular Activities (outreach programs, clubs, sports, etc. special skills/talents)

(sample resume format at end of packet)



Unusual Circumstances (If applicable)

Please describe how and when any unusual family, financial, or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience or your participation in school and community activities. **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Provide Official Transcript

An official transcript of grades **must** be included in this application packet. Grade reports are not acceptable. Transcripts may be obtained from the Registrar's Office at your high school. Please have this section completed by the appropriate school official.

Essay Instructions

The student is to write an approximately 500 words double-spaced typed essay on one of the following topics:

- **How has your family background affected the way you see the world?**
- **Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your future goal.**
- **Why do you want to get a college education?**

The essay must be your own original creative work. Essay will be evaluated on clarity, grammar, and content.



Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship
Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form

Please write NEATLY and LEGIBLY in BLUE or BLACK INK

Student Instructions:

- Step 1. Fill out your scholarship application and complete the essay.
Step 2. Give this form to a teacher or counselor. He/she must fill it out and return to you to submit as part of your scholarship application packet.
Step 3. Submit your scholarship application packet, essay, and recommendation form to the Cal-SOAP office ASAP.

Applicant's Name

The above student is applying for the Cal-SOAP Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship Program. If selected, the student will be awarded either a \$1,000 Community College Scholarship or a \$2,000 University Scholarship.

Teacher/Counselor: After you complete this form, please return it to the student. Students are to submit this recommendation form, scholarship application, and essay (application packet) to the Cal-SOAP office. Scholarship postmark deadline: 3/16/09.

Rate the applicant relative to others at your school. Feel free to use an additional sheet for further commentary.

To what degree does the applicant deal with his/her own needs, personal problems and challenges?

- Very mature - emotionally stable
Average - on par with peers
Immature - shows signs of inability to cope with problems

To what degree does the applicant follow through with commitments and accomplish tasks assigned?

- Very committed - does more than expected
Average - does just what is required
Not committed - does just the minimum

To what degree does this applicant demonstrate his/her commitment to attend college and succeed in school?

- Very committed
Above Average
Average
Does not demonstrate a solid commitment to pursue a postsecondary education

What is your overall recommendation for the candidate?

- Recommend strongly
Recommend
Recommend with reservations
Not recommended

Recommender's Name (Please Print)

Position/Title

Name of School

Phone Number or Email Address

Signature

Date



Application Checklist

Submit your entire application packet to the Cal-SOAP Office.
Postmarked by: March 16, 2009

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed!!

- Did you answer every question on the application?
- Did you sign and date the application?
- Did you have your teacher/counselor complete the recommendation form?
- Did you attach your 500 word essay on one of the assigned topics?
- Did you attach an official copy of your transcript?
- Did you attach a copy of your current resume?
- Did you attach a copy of your EFC as determined by FAFSA?
- Did you complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA and a Cal-Grant GPA Verification Form? (Due March 2, 2009)

****Please note: If you are selected for the Community College Award, you **must** send a copy of your Education Plan/Transfer Agreement from a Community College to the Cal-SOAP office **no later than August 1, 2009**.**

****Please make sure to keep a copy of the entire application packet for your records.**



Applicant: Please provide name (last, first, middle initial)

Application Certification

- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions.
- I understand I have been called out of class to meet with a Cal-SOAP College Peer Advisor.
- I understand that application materials become property of Cal-SOAP and will not be returned.
- I have completed the FAFSA and a Cal-Grant GPA Verification Form by the March 2nd deadline.
- If selected, I understand I must attend, arrive on time, and stay throughout the entire Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 17, 2009. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
- If awarded the Community College Award, I understand I must submit my Education Plan/Transfer Agreement by August 1, 2009.
- I understand that the actual scholarship check will be submitted directly to the college or university financial aid office by September 30, 2009.
- I understand falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Postmarked by: March 16, 2009

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Sample Resume Format

Legal Name

Address
City, State Zip Code

Phone number
Email address

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE:

EDUCATION:

- High School: High School Name
GPA:
Current Class Rank
Expected Graduation Date:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Employer's Name Date Began-Date End

- Job Title
Job Duties:

Employer's Name Date Began-Date End

- Job Title
Job Duties:

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Honor/Award Date Received
- Honor/Award Date Received
- Honor/Award Date Received
- Honor/Award Date Received

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Include all volunteer activities):

- Community Service Activity Date of Participation
- Community Service Activity Date of Participation
- Community Service Activity Date of Participation
- Community Service Activity Date of Participation

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Include Outreach Programs, Clubs, Sports, etc.):

- Activity Position Held Date of Participation
- Activity Position Held Date of Participation
- Activity Position Held Date of Participation
- Activity Position Held Date of Participation

SPECIAL SKILLS/TALENTS

- Skills or Talents
- Skills or Talents
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