What Are Scholarships?

Steps for Foothill Scholarships

Special Foothill Scholarships

Information for External Scholarships

Essay
What are scholarships?
Navigating Foothill Scholarships

- Donors Background
- References List
- Letter of Recommendation Submitted
- Application Status
- List of Scholarships
- My APPS
  - Status: submitted/drafted
  - Needs Attention: Needs to complete application
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<th>General Application</th>
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<td><strong>Fill out all required information</strong></td>
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<td>Working does not disqualify you. We want to know about your spare time, such as, employment, community service, children, etc...</td>
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<td><strong>Community Service (on/off campus)</strong></td>
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<td>It is VERY important to add anything you do outside the classroom within the past five years.</td>
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<td><strong>My Story</strong></td>
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<td>Some scholarships will ask for an additional essay.</td>
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Qualifications

• The qualifications vary depending on the scholarship. If a scholarship does not require FAFSA/CA Dream Act application, then international students may apply.

• Read qualifications/requirements before applying.

• Most scholarships will require students to be enrolled in at least 6 units at the time of scholarship deadline and/or time of disbursement (Spring).
Qualifications & Filters

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| $ 1,000 (5 awards available) | **Foothill Rick Montgomery Environmental Horticulture Scholarships**
  Description: This scholarship is for continuing or transfer students who are admitted to the Foothill College Environmental Horticulture... | None 1  |
| Two $500 Scholarships per quarter | **Foothill Nannies and Families Studies Program Scholarship**
  This scholarship is made possible through Foothill President Thuy Nguyen’s Chancellor Circle funds. It is to provide financial assistance for... | None 1  |
Next Steps:

- Check your status through Academic Works.
- If selected as a recipient, we will email you.
- If selected, the funds are disbursed through BankMobile.
  - Only international/undocumented students will receive checks.
- If not selected, do not get discouraged. Keep trying!
- Continue seeking for external scholarships.
Navigating Foothill Scholarships


Foothill EOPS Scholarships

- Jason Whitten EOPS Memorial
  - 2 at $1,500
- Rando Family Endowed Scholarship
  - 2 at $500
  - 1 at $1,000
External Opportunities

- If scholarship asks for U.S Citizenship, then *international* and *undocumented* students may NOT apply.
- We are not in charge of external scholarship opportunities.
- Contact the hosting agency for more information.
- Review the qualifications.
- If you received an external scholarship and they need to send it to the school.
  
  Financial Aid Office
  Foothill College
  12345 El Monte Road
  Los Altos Hills, CA 91022
External Opportunities:

- Immigrants Rising- https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/undergraduate-scholarships/
- Bay Area Gardeners Scholarship- http://www.bagsf.org/
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation- https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships/find-scholarships
- Chicana/Latina Foundation- https://chicanalatina.org/programs/scholarships/
Essay Tips: My Story

Writing “My Story”

Here is the prompt for the “My Story” Essay:

Write an essay titled “My Story” that tells us about you. Be specific about your academic and career goals, and how you plan to reach those goals. Discuss any obstacles you have overcome and any specific financial needs you have. This is your opportunity to share with us what makes you unique and deserving of a scholarship.

Here is the prompt broken down into its essential components:

(1) Write an essay titled “My Story” that tells us about you. Be specific about your academic and career goals, and how you plan to reach those goals.

TIPS: Mention your major, schools you want to transfer to, or program you are pursuing. Also, if you feel you haven’t settled on a direction or major, discuss the options you are considering and what you’re doing to settle on an option. The point is to show that you are mature and are thinking of your future. The readers want to award a student who will put the scholarship money to good use.

- I want to be a teacher and work in a school that serves low-income children.
- I want to be an engineer and work for Cisco so that I can create new products that will keep Silicon Valley a strong and competitive location for the tech industry.
- I’m not sure what I want to do, but I am considering becoming a financial analyst. I’ve talked to some of my friends’ parents. I also plan on contacting different colleges about their economics and business programs. Also...

(2) Discuss any obstacles you have overcome and any specific financial needs you have. This is your opportunity to share with us what makes you unique and deserving of a scholarship.

Obstacles can be anything from your financial situation, to being the first in your family to go to college, to not having your own mode of transportation. You just have to show why that obstacle is important and why a scholarship will help you overcome this and other obstacles.

TIPS:
First, describe an obstacle.
1. Not having a car
2. Being a parent and going to school full time
3. Family pressures
4. Financial situation

Second, discuss how you overcame that obstacle.
1. Not having a car: I take the bus to school even though it takes me two hours to get to school every day. I also carpool when I can...
2. Being a parent and going to school full time: I am a single parent with two kids. My family and

Foothill Resources

- Visit the TLC: Building 3600 (behind the Library)
- Visit us, Financial Aid Office
  - 8100 Building
  Fhfinancialaidoffice@fhda.edu
More Essay Tips

**Follow instructions/essay prompt**

Answer the actual prompt and connect it to whatever you are planning to share.

- Show emotions - helps the reader connect
- Use real life examples
- Think outside the box
- We want to get to know you
- Share as you feel comfortable
- Wording:

**EXAMPLE:**

- My first time traveling abroad was during a family vacation to Mexico in 2010.
- It was 2010; I had just crossed the border into Mexico and my life was about to change.

**Time Management**

- Give yourself time to draft/finalize
  - Create a timeline
- Keep track of deadlines
Questions, concerns, comments?

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