

Scholarship Workshop

Financial Aid Office

Building: 8100

Scholarships

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What Are Scholarships?

Steps for Foothill Scholarships

Special Foothill Scholarships

Information for External Scholarships

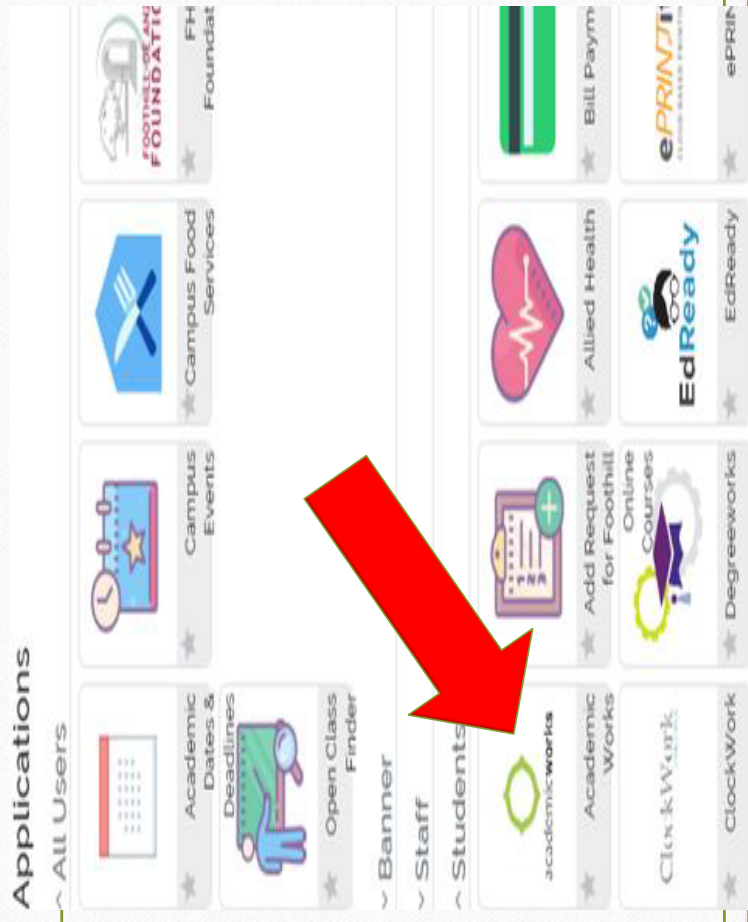
Essay



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



General Application



Fill out all
required
information



Employment

Working does not
disqualify you.
We want to know
about your spare
time, such as,
employment,
community service,
children, etc...



Community
Service (on/off
campus)

It is VERY important
to add anything you
do outside the
classroom within
the past five years.

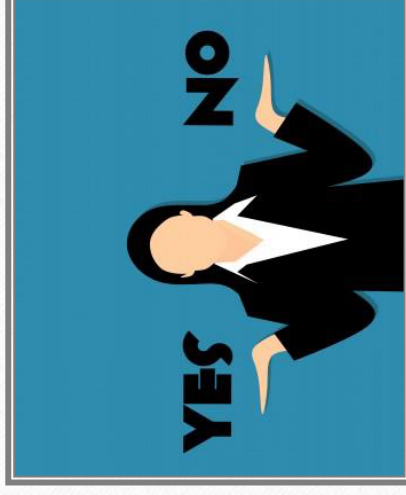


My Story*

Some scholarships
will ask for an
additional essay.

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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My Applications Opportunities Donors References Izel Sanchez Zarraga

! You won't be able to apply or be automatically matched to any opportunities until you complete your general application.

Our Opportunities

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
\$ 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 ⓘ
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 ⓘ

Show Filters



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.



BankMobile
VIBE

Navigating Foothill Scholarships

- <https://foothill.financialaidtv.com/play/722-scholarships/12762-what-kind-information-available-foothill-college-scholarship-web-page>
- <https://foothill.financialaidtv.com/play/722-scholarships/how-apply-foothill-scholarships>
- <https://foothill.financialaidtv.com/play/13356-understanding-financial-aid-process-foothill-college/foothill-scholarships-what-expect-after-you-apply>

Foothill EOPS Scholarships

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

External Opportunities

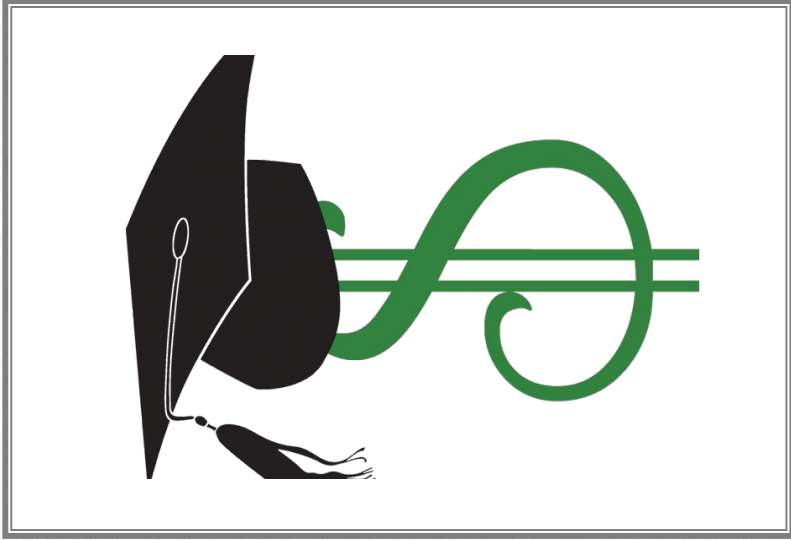
- ❖ If scholarship asks for U.S. Citizenship, then *international* and *undocumented* students may **NOT** apply.
- ❖ We are not in charge of external scholarship opportunities.
- ❖ Contact the hosting agency for more information.
- ❖ Review the qualifications.
- ❖ If you received an external scholarship and they need to send it to the school.

Financial Aid Office

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External Opportunities:

- Immigrants Rising- <https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/undergraduate-scholarships/>
- Bay Area Gardeners Scholarship- <http://www.bagsf.org/>
- Jim McEntee Scholarship- <http://www.friendsofhumanrelations.org/scholarships/>
- 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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