California State University, Chico provides merit and need-based scholarship awards to deserving students in amounts ranging from $100 to $3,000.

The university offers two types of scholarships: university scholarships, available to all students, and program scholarships, offered to students within particular programs. The Scholarship Office receives applications and forwards them to the appropriate scholarship committees for review, according to the criteria and requirements specified for each scholarship. Criteria may include scholastic ability, financial need, leadership, interest in a chosen major or career, area of permanent residence, class level, letters of recommendation, auditions, and/or special application materials.

Eligibility
An overall grade point average of 2.0 or above is required to qualify for a scholarship. Scholarship recipients must be regularly admitted to CSU, Chico and are expected to maintain full-time enrollment status during the term(s) of the scholarship. Students enrolled only through the Open University program are not eligible.

Application
The application for all California State University, Chico scholarships is available between October 1 and February 1 at www.csuchico.edu/scholarships.

Applications must be submitted electronically by midnight on February 1 each year.

Some program scholarships have additional application requirements. Your department can provide a description of special requirements that apply to scholarships in your major.

Notification
The university scholarship committees meet in March and April to award scholarships for the following year. If you are among the recipients, you will be notified in May. The award is contingent upon your written acceptance.

Unfortunately, there are not enough funds for all students who apply for California State University, Chico scholarships. Begin checking your portal account in May for notification of your status. Occasionally, scholarship recipients cannot accept their awards. The committee will choose an alternate student as a replacement. It is important to keep your address updated with the Student Records Office.

All applications are kept active in the Scholarship Office for one academic year. You will be considered for scholarships that may become available at times other than the normal spring award cycle, and, with your permission, referred to community organizations offering scholarships.

President’s Scholars Program
In 1995, the university established the President’s Scholars Program for first-time freshmen attending California State University, Chico. High school seniors with a 3.7 GPA and above (or 3.5 GPA and above with a 1200 combined SAT or 27 ACT composite score) who have applied early to the university and have been admitted for the following fall semester are invited to come to the campus to take part in a scholarship competition. On a Saturday in February, these students take exams testing critical thinking, problem-solving, and communications skills. Winners receive $12,000 scholarships. Several $1000 awards are given to runners-up.

Call the Office of the President at 530-898-5201 for further information.

Athletic Scholarships
Available to selected athletes. Call Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports, 530-898-6470, for further information.

Special Awards
Available for selected students with outstanding academic performance records and special talents. These usually require a separate application or nomination process. New and continuing students should inquire at their department offices for information about special awards.