CSU FOUNDATION SYSTEMWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Founded in 1962, the CSU Foundation has one clear mission: to enhance the educational excellence of the California State University in teaching, learning, community service, and applied research. A wide variety of scholarships offered by generous donors are available for California State University students through the Systemwide Scholarship Program. Traditionally awarded through the CSU Trustees’ Award, the following scholarship endowments are available to students who were not selected as the CSU Trustees’ Award nominee and meet one of the endowment requirements listed below:

- **Haworth Family Endowment - One $5,000 scholarship**
  Majors: science, art, humanities, education, pre-medicine, medicine, pre-law, or law and demonstrate financial need.

- **James Key Endowment - Three $7,000 scholarships**
  Requirement: not receiving other privately funded scholarships.

- **Angelina Aliberti and Lawrence L. Ruggie Endowment - One $3,000 scholarship**
  Major: humanities (i.e. ethnic studies, comparative literature, foreign languages, linguistics, art history, drama and music, gender studies, philosophy, classics, English, history, religious studies, etc.).

- **Robert D. & Dorothy W. Talty Endowment - One $7,000 scholarship**
  Majors: engineering, physics, chemistry, biology and computer sciences.

- **Howard C. Christiansen Scholarship - Four $7,500 scholarships**
  Majors: engineering

Scholarships will be awarded up to the number of funding available. Applicants must:

- Demonstrate superior academic performance with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be in good academic standing.
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the campus Financial Aid Office.
- Be currently enrolled as a full-time equivalent undergraduate or graduate student in any major field at a CSU campus and remain a CSU full-time equivalent student during the academic year.

Applications are available through the campus Financial Aid Office.

Applications submitted by the campus Financial Aid Office to the CSU Foundation must include the following:

- A completed Applicant Information form. Please make sure that the student’s name is properly spelled the way he or she wants it to appear in the public biographies and photos.
- A brief Personal Statement describing the student’s
  1. Background
  2. Challenges they have encountered
  3. Personal achievements
  4. Educational pursuits

Application form needs to be completely filled out. Do not leave any line blank. If there is no information to provide, write “N/A”. Each item submitted with the application packet (i.e., “Academic Profile,” “Personal Statement,” “Biography,” etc.) should be clearly labeled.
5. Community service, reflecting a commitment to education and to the community
6. Goals and aspirations for the future
   - Two letters of reference from individuals, such as teachers/professors, counselors, or community leaders, who can attest to the candidate’s meritorious performance and personal strengths and assess the nominee’s potential for success. **One of the letters of reference must be from an academic instructor.**
   - A completed Applicant Checklist

Contact the Financial Aid Department for the **Spring Application Deadline.**
**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**
(Please make sure that all items are completed and verified before the application packet is submitted to the CSU Foundation)

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Where indicated, either Financial Aid or the Scholarship Coordinator can verify completion.

Each application and checklist must be attached as one PDF and e-mailed to the campus Financial Aid Department.

Please do **not** send physical files.

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