Paying for College

Student Resource Guide
(Includes scholarships, fellowship, resource book, and websites)

Courtesy of U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
Congressional District 34—California

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American Chemistry Society Scholars Program

Contact: American Chemistry Society, Robert J. Hughes, Manager, 1155 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036
Phone #: (800) 227-5558 Ext. 6250  Email: scholars2acs.org  Website: www.portal.acs.org

Eligibility:
- Must be African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian
- U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident
- Full-time student at a high school or accredited college, university, or community college intending to or already majoring in a chemically-related science OR intending to or already pursuing a degree in chemical technology
- Be planning a career in the chemical sciences
- Demonstrate high academic achievement in chemistry or science
- Demonstrate financial need according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) and the Student Aid Report (SAR) form.

Award: Varying number of renewable awards with a maximum of $5,000 per year.

Deadline: Application cycle: opens November and ends March.
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City of Commerce Literacy Scholarship

Contact: City of Commerce Literacy Services, Beatriz Sarmiento, Literacy Program Manager, 5644 Jilson St., Commerce, CA 90040
Phone #: (323) 722-7323  E-mail: beatrizs@ci.commerce.ca.us
Website: www.cityofcommercepubliclibrary.org

Eligibility: Must be a current resident of the City for at least one year. You must present a valid City of Commerce Resident Card and California identification (Driver's license or I.D.) or official college identification card at the time of submission of the application and, if graduates of an accredited College or University. Undergraduate students must have an overall grade point average of 2.0 if they are currently attending or plan to attend a junior college, or 2.5 if they are currently attending or plan to attend a university or four year college. Post-graduate students must have an overall grade point average of 3.0.

Award: $250-$5,000

Deadline: May; visit website for exact deadline.
Father Rutilo Grande Scholarship “Fulfilling Our Dream Scholarship”

Contact: Salvadoran-American Leadership & Educational Fund (SALEF), Guillermo Giron, Youth Organizing/ Scholarship Fund Coordinator, 1625 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 706, Los Angeles, CA 90015
Phone #: (213) 480-1052  E-mail: info@salef.org  Website: www.salef.org

Eligibility: Tailored for students in the field of Thology, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and/or Emphasis in Cultural Studies, Environmental Studies, or Social Justice.
- Applicants must be Central American or other Latino ethnicity.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need.
- Applicants must possess a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate a history of community involvement.
- Applicants must be either: (1) graduating high school seniors, (2) current undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, (3) community college students (must be AB 540).
- Low-income students must reside and study in San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles Area (Specifically South Central Los Angeles, Pico Union, East Los Angeles) and San Fernando Valley.
- Applicants must be willing to give back to the community by becoming a mentor to a high school student or completing the equivalent of 52 community service hours assigned by SALEF.

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Award: $1,000 - $5,000

Deadline: Estimated deadline in May; visit website for exact deadline

General Field Scholarship

Contact: Salvadoran-American Leadership & Educational Fund (SALEF), Carlota Merino, Scholarship Fund Coordinator, 1625 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 718, Los Angeles, CA 90015
Phone #: (213) 480-1052  E-mail: cmerino@salef.org  Website: www.salef.org

Eligibility: AB 540 students welcome!
- Must be of Central American or other Latino ethnicity
- Demonstrate financial need. Possess 2.5 min GPA.
- Either graduating high school seniors, current undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, community college students (must be AB540) or attending a vocational贸易 school pursuing a health related field.
- Students from LA, the San Fernando Valley, or SF/Bay Area are prioritized.

Award: $1,000-$5,000

Deadline: May; visit website for exact deadline
Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program

Contact: Congressional Black Cactus Foundation, Inc., Kevin Brown, Secretary, 1720 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036
Phone #: (202) 263-2800 E-mail: carter@cbcfinc.org Website: www.cbcfinc.org

Eligibility: US citizen or legal residents, minimum 3.0 GPA, currently enrolled or planning to start a full-time undergraduate program at either a 2-year of 4-year college, university, vocational, or technical school. Anticipated course of study must be in health field. Must demonstrate financial need. The ideal candidate is at a 2-year institution planning on completing a four-year degree, also plans on working in an underserved community.
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Award: up to $8,000

Deadline: Estimated end of March early April; visit website for exact deadline.

Mayoral Internship Program

Contact: Mayor of Los Angeles Antonio Villariagosa (via Alliance Resource Consulting, LLC), Carol S. Perez, One World Trade Center, Suite 1155, Long Beach, CA 90802
Phone #: (562) 901-0769 ext. 334 or (562) 922-9749
Email: info@allianceresourceconsulting.com or apply@alliancerc.com
Website: www.allianceresourceconsulting.com

Eligibility: Prospective mayoral interns will be recent high school graduates with admittance to two or four year colleges or vocational schools, undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates of institutions of higher learning. Ideal candidates will have strong written and oral communication skills, a record of academic achievement, a demonstrated commitment to public service, and an understanding of importance of maintaining a high level ethics and integrity in the work environment. All applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be considered.

Award: Unpaid Internship

Deadline: End of March for summer; August for Fall; contact organization for exact deadline.
NAHJ Scholarships – General Scholarships Ruben Salazar Fund, Ford Motor Company Fund, PepsiCo, and Broadcasting scholarships for Broadcast Students

Contact: National Association of Hispanic Journalists, 1050 Connecticut Avenue NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036
Phone #: (202) 662-7145 Website: www.nahj.org

Eligibility: College-bound high school seniors, college undergraduates and graduate students pursuing careers in print, broadcast, online and visual journalism with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Students must plan to attend a community college or university that is within the United States or Puerto Rico full-time for the entire academic year and must be a current member of NAHJ for the calendar year.

Award: $1,000-$5,000

Deadline: Expected deadline July; visit website for exact deadlines.
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SCAG Scholarship Program

Contact: The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Houston Laney, Legislative Analyst, 818 W 7th St., 12th FL, Los Angeles, CA 90017
Phone #: (213) 236-1906 Email: laney@scag.ca.gov
Website: www.scag.ca.gov/scholarship

Eligibility:
- Residency: Must be a resident within the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region (i.e. Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura County, or on Tribal Lands within SCAG region), and be eligible to work in the United States
- Must be in a high school junior or graduating senior, or currently enrolled in a two-year community college in the SCAG region. Graduating students must enroll in higher education (two- or four-year college or university) following graduation
- GPA Minimum: Candidates must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher (based on a 4.0 scale)
- Externship Requirement: Selected applicants must be available for a two-week externship with a local planning agency during the summer and attend a recipient’s seminar in July at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles

Award: $2,000 and two-week externship with local planning agency

Deadline: Early March; visit website for exact deadlines.
Suggested Books

College Board Scholarship Handbook 2009
By: The College Board

Scholarship Book
By: Daniel J. Cassidy

Scholarships, Grants & Prizes, 2009
By: Peterson's

2005 Hispanic Scholarship Directory
By: WPR Publishing

Cash for Grad School
By: Phillip C. McKee and Cynthia Ruiz McKee

Dan Cassidy's Worldwide Graduate Scholarship Directory (5th Ed)
By: Daniel J. Cassidy

How to go to College Almost for Free
By: Ben Kaplan

Money-Winning Scholarship Essay and Interviews
By: Gen S. Tanabe and Kelly Y. Tanabe

Peterson's Grants for Graduate & Post-Doctoral Study (5th Edition)
By: Peterson's

Scholarship Scouting Report
By: Ben Kaplan

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Suggested Websites

Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
http://roybal-allard.house.gov/students

U.S. Department of Education
http://www.ed.gov/finaid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)
http://www.fafsa.gov

California Student Aid Commission
http://www.collegeispossible.org/

Fastweb
http://www.fastweb.com

Financial Aid
http://www.finaid.org

Free Scholarship Search & Information Service
http://freschinfo.com/

Gates Millennium Scholars
http://www.gmsp.org/

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
http://www.hacu.net

Hispanic Heritage Foundation
http://hispanicheritage.org

Latino College Dollars
http://www.latinocollegedollars.org/directory.htm

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarship/general

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
http://exchanges.state.gov