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# **FINANCIAL AID PART 3 WORKSHOP: SCHOLARSHIPS**

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# SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

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Government Aid

Institutional Aid



Scholarships

# TODAY'S GOAL

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- Students will complete the San Diego Foundation Common Scholarship Application and the CSI application.
- Students will have a scholarship plan with their mentors.

# TODAY'S TOPICS

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- Hoover Scholarships
- San Diego Foundation: Common Scholarship Application
- Additional Scholarship
- Take Action!
- Wrap Up

# SCHOLARSHIP STRATEGY

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- Aim for about \$10,000 in scholarships, which means applying to *at least* 20 scholarships.
- Consider criteria that is as targeted as possible (for small applicant pools):
  - Local is better than national (order of preference: Hoover, City Heights, San Diego, California, US)
  - Ethnicity/Religion/Gender
  - First-generation
  - Sports/Music
- Ideal scholarships:
  - Multi-year awards
  - Cash-in-pocket or physical prizes (ie: check, laptop, car, etc.)
- Scholarship sources:
  - Hoover's counselor google classroom
  - CAMP newsletter
  - [College Access Portal](#)
- RECYCLE YOUR ESSAYS!

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# HOOVER SCHOLARSHIPS

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# HOOVER SCHOLARSHIPS

- Hoover Alumni Organization Scholarship
- Hoover Foundation General Scholarship
- Hoover Foundation AHHC Scholarship
- Hohenstein-Mason Family Health Career Scholarship
- Larry Hall Scholarship
- Larry Hall AHHC Scholarship
- Lee Mongrue Memorial Scholarship
- Lee Mongrue Memorial Scholarship-Friends Fund
- Mary Arline Kennedy Memorial Scholarship
- Academy Scholarships
- CADES - San Diego Rotary
- Stephen Efron Scholarship
- Jesus “Chuy” Morales Scholarship



# STEPHEN EFFRON SCHOLARSHIP

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The [Efron Scholarship Program](#) at Hoover High School was established in memory of Helen and Sol Price's nephew, Stephen Efron, who had attended Hoover High School. Only current Hoover High students are eligible.

## Scholarship Details (depending on financial need):

- Up to \$4,000 a year, for up to 5 years, if you go to a 4-year university
- Up to \$2,000 a year, for up to 3 years, if you go to a community college or vocational program
- Multiple scholarships will be awarded Scholarship recipients receive mentoring and networking opportunities throughout the program

## Application Requirements:

We look for applicants who are succeeding in school, have a financial need, and demonstrate qualities essential to college success, including **responsibility, time management and prioritization**. These qualities can be shown through extracurricular activities, volunteering, working or home responsibilities. In addition:

- Students applying for a university scholarship must have a minimum 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade weighted GPA without PE of 3.0
- Students applying for a community college/vocational scholarship must have a minimum 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade weighted GPA without PE of 2.0





## HOW TO APPLY

- Completed Application
- First page only of your financial aid reports
  - From FAFSA and Cal Grant
  - This page should show your name and Student Aid Index (SAI)
- Personal Statement
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- *Official* Transcript – unofficial transcripts will not be accepted
- Free Write
- Finalist Interview

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# SDF COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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# LOG ON TO YOUR CSA ACCOUNT

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- Follow demo as needed
- Use a personal email; do not use your high school email
  - HS emails will be deactivated next year and scholarship provider will not be able to contact you to

# TIPS TO FILL OUT THE “CSA”

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- **Media Release** – for future marketing purposes; student can sign if 18+, otherwise parents need to consent (can send letter in place of video)
- **Demographics** – answers are not factored into application score, only for matching purposes; important to know zip code as a matching criterion
  - *Do you identify as a first generation college student?* **YES**
    - This means that neither of the applicants’ parents have completed a Bachelor’s degree in the United States
  - *Are you or have you been a part of a College Readiness program?* **YES**
    - Select Ocean Discovery Institute and any other program you have been or are currently a part of.
- **Current Academics** – SAT and ACT scores are not required to submit for the CSA; add any community college classes you are taking in the AP question
- **Degree and Major(s)** – select UP TO two majors otherwise could potentially be disqualified; need to state if you intend to attend a 2-year or 4-year college; only first school choice is required and it is important that you know the city the school is located in
- **Finances** – enter your Student Aid Index (SAI) from the FAFSA
  - Students can fill out a [FAFSA estimator form](#) in lieu of the FAFSA Submission Summary due to challenges in completing the new application

# TIPS TO FILL OUT THE “CSA”

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- Do not repeat entries across the following three sections
  - **Extra-Curricular Activities** – “for myself”
  - **Work Experience**
  - **Community Service** – “for others”
- Selecting “No” for any of the above three will open a dropdown option titled “**Limited Time for Extra-Curriculars, Work Experience, or Community Service**” where student can explain how their time is alternatively used
  - Examples: watching over siblings; medical condition
- **Awards and Honors** – not necessary to include any entries
- **Personal Statements** – 1 short response and choose 1 long response out of 2 options
  - Can be disqualified if responses fall outside of the required word count
  - Please proofread personal statements and make sure responses are answering the prompt (especially if essays are recycled)

# TIPS TO FILL OUT THE “CSA”

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- BE CAREFUL! Make sure your application is completely filled out and accurate before submitting; you cannot make any changes once submitted
- After submitting, it could take several seconds for the confirmation page to load – do not click around during this time
- Confirmation page will display the scholarships you are eligible for
- We will ask for supplemental information for the following:
- Supplemental materials are required for some of the scholarships
  - Indicated at the bottom of the confirmation page under “We will ask for supplemental information for the following:”
  - Click continue to see what supplemental materials are required
  - Can save application and return to supplemental materials when ready to complete
  - If student forgets which application requires supplemental material, go to homepage and any scholarship that needs additional information will include a “due by” date
  - TRIPLE CHECK that the email you are submitting for letter of recommendation is correct because cannot edit after email is sent
- ALL materials due March 6<sup>th</sup> @ **2PM** (transcript, letters, supplemental materials, etc.)

# QUESTIONS?

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# ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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# ADDITIONAL SDF SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Other SDF Scholarships: <https://www.sdfoundation.org/students/other-sdf-scholarships/>
  - This is how you will access your Ocean Leader Scholarship
    1. Under “Scholarships Available in Fall 2023 and Winter 2024,” click the link for “Community Scholars Initiative Scholarship.”
    2. Click the “apply here” link.
    3. Log on using your SDF logon credentials.
    4. Indicate that you identify with the following:
      - a. Have a demonstrated financial need.
      - b. Be a first-generation college student.
      - c. Plan to enroll in at least 6 units at an accredited four-year institution or two-year community college.
      - d. Be a member of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group
      - e. Have participated and completed Ocean Discovery Institute’s College Access Mentor Program
- Local Scholarship Opportunities: <https://www.sdfoundation.org/students/local-scholarship-opportunities/>

# ANCHORSTEM (USD APPLICANTS ONLY)

University of San Diego

# AnchorSTEM

COLLEGE Scholarship



Interested in Mathematics, Science,  
Engineering or Computer Science?

- Join a cohort of talented students
- Get close mentoring from faculty
- Participate in research/internships
- Contribute to your community
- Build your leadership skills
- Get a scholarship! (\$10,000/year + other financial assistance you may be eligible for, up to full demonstrated need)

**Application Deadline:**  
**\*AnchorSTEM Scholarship: March 31**

INTERESTED?  
[Click here for more information](#)

CONTACT YOUR MENTOR  
OR [PMYERS@SANDIEGO.EDU](mailto:PMYERS@SANDIEGO.EDU)



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# PATHS (UCSD APPLICANTS ONLY)



**PATHWAYS TO STEM**  
THROUGH ENHANCED ACCESS AND MENTORSHIP

The PATHways to STEM (PATHS) through Enhanced Access and Mentorship Program is a 4 year undergraduate success program that empowers students from underrepresented and underserved communities to emerge as leaders that thrive during their undergraduate experience in STEM at UC San Diego.

PATHS fosters a student-centered approach and eliminates historic barriers to student success. We provide targeted academic preparation, high-touch mentorship, personalized holistic student support, identity cultivation, and opportunities in STEM.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Be admitted to a STEM major at UC San Diego as an Incoming Freshman
- Demonstrate a commitment to the advancement of historically underrepresented populations in the sciences and related fields
- Intend to pursue a Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D., and/or approved Masters programs
- Demonstrate commitment to character, culture, and community
- Must commit to living on campus for the first two years of the program
- Must be a U.S. citizen or DACA recipient

*\* Students from underserved and underrepresented backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply\**

**STUDENT SUPPORT PACKAGE**

- ▶ 4 year scholarship up to \$10,000 per year
- ▶ Personal wellness and holistic support
- ▶ Pre-matriculation summer bridge program
- ▶ Ongoing, high-touch mentorship
- ▶ Cohort experience to share your academic journey
- ▶ Personalized academic support
- ▶ Summer research and internship opportunities
- ▶ Interactions with community, philanthropic, and STEM industry partners
- ▶ Lab research and safety training

**SELECTION TIMELINE**

- **March 1, 2022**  
Application available at [paths.ucsd.edu](https://paths.ucsd.edu)
- **April 15, 2022**  
Application deadline
- **May 1, 2022**  
UC San Diego acceptance of admission deadline
- **May 13-14, 2022**  
Scholar Interviews and Selection Day
- **May 19, 2022**  
Scholar selection finalized

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# MORE SCHOLARSHIP SOURCES

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- CAMP Newsletter
- Appily/CollegeGreenlight scholarships
  - <https://www.appily.com/guidance/counselors/affording-college/scholarship-list>
  - <https://www.appily.com/scholarships>

# QUESTIONS?

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- Several scholarships go unclaimed every year due to low applicant numbers, so APPLY!
- Scholarship checks (\$\$) are designated for the student and are mailed directly to your school's financial aid or scholarships office, which will deposit the check and post it to your student account.

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# TAKE ACTION!

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# RECYCLING YOUR ESSAYS

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## Option #1:

Complete SDF data entry and begin writing application essay using previous essays. Proofread to make sure your recycled essay directly answers the new prompt.

## Option #2:

In preparation for the Stephen Effron Scholarship, use content from previous essays you've written to answer the following prompts:

- What are your reasons for attending college or a trade/vocational school?
- What is your career goal?
- Why have you chosen this path?
- What skills/qualities do you have that will help you to succeed in college?

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# WRAP UP

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# NEXT STEPS

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## CAMP Checklist

- Community college bound students – Submit Fall 2024 application for admission and the San Diego Promise
  - Check out College Access Portal for community college resources
- 4 year bound students – Create college portals for each school you applied to
- All students – Learn what YEAR-ROUND and SUMMER student support programs for first-gen, historically under-represented students exist on campus.
- Assess financial aid awards from college acceptances.
- Apply to the PATHS (UCSD) and/or Effron scholarships.

## Next workshop: **Financial Aid Part 4 – Analyzing Award Packages, March 6 @ 5-6pm**



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