

2019 High School Scholarship Application

Application Deadline **March 4th, 2019**

Award Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a 12th grader who has participated in South County Cal-SOAP
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 if attending a 4-year institution, OR
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 if attending a community college
- Has been accepted and enrolled in an accredited two or four-year college or university
- Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) on FAFSA or DREAM Act Application must not exceed \$10,000

Applicants are required to submit:

- Application and **3 written short answers**
- Unofficial Transcript with cumulative GPA
- A screenshot of your WebGrants Account (available at mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov)
- A resume to include your community service and leadership experience
- A copy of your FAFSA or DREAM Act confirmation that includes your **EFC and submission date**
- Two letters of recommendation (dated within the past 12 months of scholarship deadline) from school staff or non-related community member (letters **may not** be from Cal-SOAP staff)

Email applications to southcountycalsoap@gmail.com or
Postmark or hand deliver* to:

South County Cal-SOAP
750 West Tenth Street, Building D
Gilroy, California 95020

*Hand-delivered applications must be in the Cal-SOAP **main office** no later than 4:00pm of deadline date

Late and/or incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

Faxed applications will **not** be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE:

In the event that you are a scholarship recipient, your attendance **may be required** at the South County Cal-SOAP AlumNight 2019. The best submission for the short answer segment may be required to read their answer for a fundraising night on June 20th, 2019. If selected, you will be contacted by June 1st to arrange details of your presentation.

IMPORTANT: Cal-SOAP will communicate with scholarship applicants via email.

If you change your email or do not check it for a long period, you may miss important deadlines and communication from South County Cal-SOAP.

Notification of awards will be sent through individual emails by the first week in April.

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1) Applicant: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

2) Gender (select one): _____ Male _____ Female

3) Date of Birth: ____/____/____ HS Graduated from: _____

4) Ethnicity (select one): _____ Hispanic or Latino _____ Not Hispanic or Latino

5) Race (Select one or more, regardless of Ethnicity): _____ American Indian or Alaskan Native _____ Asian

_____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _____ Black or African American _____ White

6) Email Address: (required) _____ @ _____

7) Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

8) Home Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

9) Applicant's Parents/Guardians/names of siblings:

10) Annual Family Income \$ _____

11) Did either of your parents earn a Bachelor's Degree (BA or BS)? YES NO

12) Did you complete and submit the FAFSA or the DREAM Act application for 2019-2020 (circle one)? YES NO

13) Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) \$ _____

14) Work experience in which you have engaged, giving approximate periods, dates and employer's names:
(During school or summer)

15) Do you plan to be employed in college? (If so, specify type of work, hours, etc...)

16) Do you plan to live at home? _____ If no, where? _____

17) What College or University do you plan to attend? _____

19) On an **additional** sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions.

a. How has your participation in South County Cal-SOAP guided you through your high school experience and college selection process? (150 words)

b. Please explain in detail your financial plan for attending college and why you are applying for this scholarship. (150 words)

c. Please explain why scholarships are important to education and what you would say to convince donors to contribute to a scholarship fund designated for first generation students with high financial need. (250-500 words)