



College OPTIONS University Scholarship Application

Funding for this scholarship is made possible by the College Access Foundation of California.

What is the College OPTIONS University Scholarship?

Through a grant from the College Access Foundation, College OPTIONS is able to support Shasta and Siskiyou County first-generation, income-eligible students who will start their college education at a four-year, bachelor-degree granting, regionally accredited* college or university. Our scholarship will provide the following award:

\$4,000 each year for the freshman and sophomore year

\$1,000 each year for the junior and senior year

In addition to the monetary award (a total of \$10,000), our scholarship coordinator will be in frequent contact with you throughout your entire college career to make sure that you are successful in meeting your academic goals.

Who is eligible to apply for this scholarship?

If you can check EVERY box below, we encourage you to submit an application:

- Your entire senior year in high school (2009-10) was in Shasta or Siskiyou County and you will graduate with a high school diploma or GED
- You are a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident
- You are a 1st generation college student (neither of your parents completed a 4 year, bachelor's Degree)
- Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the 2010-11 FAFSA is \$4,500 or less
- You will attend a four-year, bachelor-degree granting, regionally accredited* college or university as a full-time, first-time freshman in Fall 2010
- Your academic cumulative GPA in high school was a 2.5 GPA or better

How are students selected for this scholarship?

Community members will review submitted applications. Finalists will be selected for an interview in late April. If you are selected for an interview you will be notified in mid-April. From the interviews, a total of fifteen students from the two counties will be selected as recipients for 2010-11.

How do I apply for the College OPTIONS University Scholarship?

This application is available on-line at: www.collegeoptions.org/scholarships_co.html

Submit the following application and all supporting documents to the College OPTIONS center. All application materials **must be received together in the College OPTIONS Center by 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 25, 2010:**

College OPTIONS

Attention: Buffy Tanner, Scholarship Coordinator

(call 245-1845 for current mailing address as College OPTIONS is moving in early 2010)

** The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. The U.S. Secretary of Education recognizes six organizations as providers of "regional accreditation." They are: the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. See <http://www.chea.org/> for more information about accreditation.*

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Before submitting this application, please make sure you that you meet the eligibility criteria as stated on the page 1. If you do not meet ALL the criteria, you are not eligible for this scholarship.

Your application packet must include the following documents:

- The completed application form (pages 3 and 4 of this application)
- Copy of high school transcript; unofficial transcript is fine
Notice to homeschooled students: if your school does not provide transcripts, please provide a short statement describing your studies, copies of any test scores available (SAT, ACT, CHSPE, etc) and the name and phone number of your school contact
- Copy of transcripts from any other schools (community college coursework taken while in high school, online courses, etc); unofficial transcript is fine
- Proof of acceptance from at least one of the three colleges you list on your application
- Copy of the **complete, multi-page** SAR (Student Aid Report) you received after submitting your 2010-11 FAFSA; must show EFC (Expected Family Contribution) to be \$4,500 or less
- Completed letter of recommendation from from an adult not related to you (for example, teacher, counselor, supervisor, coach, activity leader, etc) (page 5 of this application)
- Short statements addressing the following four topics (type answers on a separate sheet):
 1. *How you utilize your time (250 words):*
Describe what you do with the time you are not in school. What do you wish you had more time for and why? You may attach a resume or list of activities in addition to your written answer.
 2. *Personal information (250 words):*
Tell us about a time in high school that was a challenge for you (can be personal or academic). *Briefly* describe the situation, but devote most of your essay to a discussion of how you addressed the situation and what resources (people, programs, services, etc) you used to help yourself.
 3. *Getting connected at your college or university (250 words):*
What makes you most excited and/or nervous about starting at your college? What do you plan to do to help yourself get connected at your new school?
 4. *What are your housing plans for your freshman year and why are you choosing that option? (100 words)*

All application materials must be submitted together by mail or hand-delivered to the College OPTIONS Center in Redding and **must be received in the center by 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 25, 2010.**

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BEFORE filling out application, please check to see if you meet **ALL** eligibility criteria (listed on page 1)
You may download this as a Microsoft Word document or a PDF from www.collegeoptions.org/scholarships_co.html

Section 1: Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Female	Male

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
		CA	

E-mail	Home Phone	Cell Phone

Current High School	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Social Security Number

Ethnicity (this information will be NOT be used for selection; it will be used only for statistical reporting to our funder)

- Hispanic or Latino
 Asian (specify: _____)
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (specify: _____)
 Black or African American
 Caucasian
 Native American or Alaskan Native
 Other: _____

Section 2: Educational information

What is the highest level of school your parents *completed*?

- Mother Don't Know Middle School High School 2 year college (Associate's) 4 year Bachelor's or beyond
 Father Don't Know Middle School High School 2 year college (Associate's) 4 year Bachelor's or beyond

My current major/career interest is:

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For 2010-11, I plan to attend the following four-year college/university (must provide proof of acceptance to at least one)

1 st choice:	Accepted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet
2 nd choice:	Accepted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet
3 rd choice:	Accepted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet

If you do not feel your high school GPA is reflective of your academic capabilities, you may attach a separate statement explaining your situation. If you have any supporting documentation, such as SAT or ACT or STAR test scores, you may attach a copy of your scores. *Note: ACT/SAT scores are **not** required as part of the application.*

Section 3: Financial Information

To be eligible for this scholarship, your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the 2010-11 FAFSA must be \$4,500 or less. You must attach a copy of your **multi-page Student Aid Report (SAR)** from your 2010-11 FAFSA that shows your EFC.

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Section 4: Short statements: please type your responses to the following four topics on a separate sheet of paper and include with your application.

1. *How you utilize your time (250 words):*

Describe what you do with the time you are not in school. What do you wish you had more time for and why? You may attach a resume or list of activities in addition to your written answer.

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4. *What are your housing plans for your freshman year and why are you choosing that option? (100 words)*

Section 5: Signature

Please read the following statement and sign and date your application before you submit it:

By signing this application, I verify that I have read all of the eligibility criteria and meet all criteria. I certify the accuracy of this completed form and all accompanying documents and, if asked, agree to provide proof of this information. I also give permission to College OPTIONS to share this information with the scholarship review committee. If selected to receive this scholarship, I authorize both the college of my attendance and College OPTIONS to exchange any information necessary in the administration of the scholarship including, but not limited to, financial aid information, registration information and grades. I understand that by submitting this application I am not guaranteed to receive any award or scholarship and that all submitted applications and accompanying documents become the sole property of College OPTIONS, and I agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify College OPTIONS for any acts, failures to act, or omissions of College OPTIONS, its employees or volunteers. If I am selected for a scholarship, I give permission to College OPTIONS to use my name and any recorded images of me such as photographs for the purposes of publicity releases, public service announcements, outreach or recruitment. If selected, I will also be required to authorize College OPTIONS to share my data with the funding organization, the College Access Foundation of California.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature (if student is under 18 years old)

Date

Your application must include the following items and be received in the College OPTIONS center by 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 25, 2010:

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- Copy of transcripts from any other schools (community college coursework taken while in high school, online courses, etc); unofficial transcript is fine
- Proof of acceptance from one of the three colleges listed on the previous page
- Copy of the your complete SAR (Student Aid Report) you received after submitting your 2010-11 FAFSA; must show EFC (Expected Family Contribution) to be \$4,500 or less
- Letter of recommendation (please use form on page 5 of this application; letter writer may also attach a letter to the form)
- Short statements responding to the writing topics

Applications may be mailed to:
College OPTIONS, Attention: Buffy Tanner, Scholarship Coordinator
(please call 245-1845 for current mailing address)

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please complete and return this form directly to the student. You may attach a letter with additional comments to the form.

Student Name

Recommender's name

Position/Title

Organization

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E-mail

Phone

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Relationship to Student

How long have you known this student?

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Categories for evaluation: *please complete this portion*

No basis for evaluation		Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding
	Academic <i>potential</i>				
	Writing ability				
	Active participation				
	Respect for self				
	Respect for others				
	Realistic self-assessment of abilities				
	Ability to handle stress				
	Initiative				
	Follow-through				
	Organizational skills				
	Ability to work independently				
	Ability to work in groups				
	Ability to take direction/input				
	OVERALL: capacity for success at a four-year college/university				

Additional comments: Please write whatever you think is important about this student. You may write below or attach a separate letter.

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