



College OPTIONS Scholarship Application 2012-13

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COLLEGE OPTIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS:

- Our scholarships provide a financial award of up to \$10,000 (total) paid directly to your college, plus personalized guidance from the College OPTIONS Scholarship Coordinator during your four years of college.
- There are two separate scholarship programs for 2011-12 high school seniors:
 - Transfer Scholarship: if you are starting at College of the Siskiyous or Shasta College in Fall 2012, and planning to transfer to a four-year college/university to complete a Bachelor's Degree.
 - University Scholarship: if you are starting at a four-year college/university in Fall 2012.
- This application can be used to apply for the Transfer or the University Scholarship. Note: there are some differences in eligibility, deadlines and supporting documentation for each program.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Follow this checklist to see if you are eligible for either scholarship. If you answer "No, STOP!" that means you are not eligible; do not spend time applying. If you are unsure, contact us:

ALL STUDENTS COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

- I am attending a Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama or Trinity County high school for my entire senior year (2011-12) and will graduate with a high school diploma or GED during the academic year 2011-12.
 No, STOP! Yes, continue
- I am a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident. No, STOP! Yes, continue
- I am a 1st generation college student (neither of my parents completed a college degree of any level).
 No, STOP! Yes, continue
- My Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the 2012-13 FAFSA is \$5,200 or less.
 No, STOP! Yes, continue
- I will enroll in college as a full-time, first-time freshman in Fall 2012 No, STOP! Yes, continue with either the "Starting at a Four-Year University?" **OR** the "Planning to Transfer?" box.

STARTING AT A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY?

- I will attend a four-year, non-profit, bachelor-degree granting, regionally accredited* college or university in Fall 2012 ("accredited" explained on page 5)
 No, STOP!
 Yes, continue
- I have at least a 2.5 GPA (9-12th grades, unweighted),
 No, STOP!
 Yes, continue
- I have been accepted by at least one four-year college as of the day I submit this application.
 No, STOP!
 Yes, complete the application as a "**University Scholarship**" applicant

YOUR DEADLINE IS **MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012**

OR

PLANNING TO TRANSFER?

- I will attend Shasta College or College of the Siskiyous in Fall 2012
 No, STOP!
 Yes, continue
- I have at least a 2.0 GPA (9-12th grades, unweighted)
 No, STOP!
 Yes, continue
- I am eligible to enroll in *transferable, college-level math and English* in Fall 2012 as demonstrated through community college assessment tests, the CSU EAP results, AP Exams or written permission from a community college counselor.
 No, STOP!
 Yes, continue the application as a "**Transfer Scholarship**" applicant

YOUR DEADLINE IS **MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012**



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BEFORE filling out application, please check to see if you meet the eligibility criteria (page 1)

SECTION 1: PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION (ALL applicants)

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	County of Residence
		<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta <input type="checkbox"/> Siskiyou <input type="checkbox"/> Tehama <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity

I am a U.S Citizen Permanent Resident Last 4 digits of my Social Security # :

My Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the 2012-13 FAFSA is: \$

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: _____

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

*If you are a foster youth, ward of the court, in legal guardianship or an emancipated minor, answer this question about your biological parents, but indicate your status below.

I am a Foster Youth Ward of the Court in a legal guardianship situation
 Emancipated Minor Other special circumstances (describe in your essay)

I live with at least one of my biological parents: Yes No
 If yes, how many people are in your household (include older siblings in college if still dependent):

I plan to major in (it's ok to say undecided):

	<input type="checkbox"/> Very sure	<input type="checkbox"/> Not very sure
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Career Plans:

	<input type="checkbox"/> Very sure	<input type="checkbox"/> Not very sure
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SECTION 2: UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY:

In Fall 2012, I will attend one of the following four-year colleges or universities (University Scholarship applicants must provide proof of acceptance to at least one listed school):

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

My housing plans for my freshman year are: On-campus residence halls ("dorms")
 Will live w/ parents and commute Will live off-campus w/roommates Will live off-campus w/ relatives

I have applied to the following student support program for low-income, first-generation college students:

EOP (CSU and UC campuses) TRiO Student Support Services (SSS)

Other: _____

I have not applied to any special programs, but I will look into it before April

SECTION 3: TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY:

In Fall 2012, I will attend: College of the Siskiyous or Shasta College

I am ready to take college-level, transferrable math, as well as English 1A (or higher) in **Fall 2012**.

- At Shasta College, I am eligible to take
 - English 1A (or an English class that lists English 1A *as a pre-requisite*)
 - A math class that lists completion of Math 102 *as a pre-requisite*
- At College of the Siskiyous, I am eligible to take
 - English 1001 (or an English class that lists English 1001 *as a pre-requisite*)
 - A math class that list completion of Math 980 *as a pre-requisite*)

I have attached the following documentation to prove my readiness to take college-level, transferrable math and English:

- Community college assessment test results
- California State University Early Assessment Program (EAP) results from my junior year STAR test
- Written support from a community college counselor
- AP exam results of a 3 or better in a math or English AP exam

I have applied to the following student support program for low-income, first-generation college students:

EOPS and/or TRiO Student Support Services (SSS)

I have not applied to any either program, but I will apply before June 2012



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SECTION 4: SHORT STATEMENTS (ALL applicants): please type your responses to the following four topics on a separate sheet of paper and include with your application.

1. What skills do you have that will help you be successful at college, and what skills do you need to develop? Be specific. (250 words max)
2. Briefly describe a challenge or obstacle you faced while in high school. What did you learn about yourself from this experience? (250 words max)
3. Explain your career aspirations and your educational plan to meet these goals. Discuss how your interest in the major/career developed. If applicable, describe any experience you have had that could be connected to your major or career — such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in student organizations and activities — and what you have gained from your involvement. (250 words max)
4. Who influences and encourages you to go to college? Who do YOU influence and encourage to attend college? (250 words max)

SECTION 5: SIGNATURE (ALL applicants):

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, which is comprised of local community members and representatives from College OPTIONS partner institutions. 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



Application available online at: www.collegeoptions.org/scholarships_co.html

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SECTION 6: APPLICATION CHECKLIST (ALL applicants):

Assemble your application *in the following order*. Do not staple. Do not put in a presentation folder.

- The completed application form (pages 1-4 of this application)
- Short statements addressing the four topics (type answers on a separate sheet)
- One letter of recommendation from an adult not related to you (for example, teacher, counselor, supervisor, coach, activity leader, etc) (page 6 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, online courses, etc); unofficial transcript is fine
- Copy of the **complete, multi-page** SAR (Student Aid Report) from your 2012-13 FAFSA; must show EFC (Expected Family Contribution) to be \$5,200 or less. Go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to print.
- University Scholarship only:** Proof of acceptance from at least one of the 3 colleges listed on page 3
- Transfer Scholarship only:** Proof of your eligibility to take college-level, transferrable math and English classes in Fall 2012 (may be assessment test results, CSU EAP results, AP Exams and/or letter from a community college counselor)

DEADLINES: This scholarship application and ALL supporting documents must be **RECEIVED** in the College OPTIONS Center by 5:00 pm:

- University Scholarship:** Monday, March 5, 2012 (award decisions will be made by April 30th)
- Transfer Scholarship:** Monday, May 7, 2012 (award decisions will be made by mid-June)

College OPTIONS mailing address:

Buffy Tanner, College OPTIONS Scholarship Coordinator
1407 Market Street, Redding, CA 96001

If you mail your application, please make sure you mail it at least 3-4 days before the deadline so it will be received by the deadline.

College OPTIONS fax number:

530-245-4316
Attention: Buffy Tanner

** 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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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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

If you prefer to send the letter directly to our office, please fax to 530-245-4316, attn: Buffy Tanner.

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*

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

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