

Fall 2010

- January 1–March 2, 2010
Apply for financial aid using the FAFSA
- February 1, 2010
Deadline to apply for SDSU scholarships
- May 3, 2010
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Visit www.sdsu.edu/scholarships and learn:

- Eligibility requirements for each SDSU scholarship
- How and when to apply
- Number and value of awards available
- Links to Web sites for non-SDSU scholarships

For more information:

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Scholarships

San Diego State University scholarships are awarded to students to recognize and encourage individual talents, academic excellence, leadership skills, and the determination to succeed in spite of significant hardships. A student's ability to pay expenses while attending the university also may be considered. Some scholarships are available to students to support participation in SDSU-approved study abroad programs, community service programs, and faculty-approved conference attendance.

Who Should Apply

Once you have applied for admission to the university you may apply for SDSU scholarships. You must be admitted and enrolled at SDSU to receive the funds should you be selected for an award. All students are invited to apply for SDSU scholarships, regardless of nationality, citizenship, residency status, area of study, or grade point average. We encourage you to apply for as many scholarships as possible.

How to Apply for SDSU Scholarships

Search, select and apply online from the free SDSU Scholarships Search on the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Web site at www.sdsu.edu/scholarshipsearch.

You can use Scholarship Search to generate a list of SDSU scholarships available for specific majors or areas of study, or to identify scholarships open to students in all majors. Many scholarships do not require a specific grade point average. You can submit your scholarship application and essay through the secure Web site by using your RedID (the SDSU student identification number assigned after you apply for admission) and password. Some scholarships may require you to submit additional application materials, such as a letter of recommendation. Review the application and eligibility requirements in each scholarship's description for more details.

The Essay

All scholarships require you to submit an essay as part of the application process. The essay topic for each is described in the application instructions for that scholarship. Typically, the essay is autobiographical. For some, you may be asked to answer specific questions. Scholarship committees often look to the essay to help them choose between similar applicants. Therefore, a succinct, coherent, and interesting essay may distinguish you from another applicant. Visit the Web site for essay writing tips and examples.

Deadlines

Deadlines vary and new scholarships are added to the Web site throughout the year. Application deadline information is available on the Scholarship Search Web site. Make a habit of routinely checking the Web site for new scholarship opportunities.

AidLink and Your SDSU Scholarship Applications

Check the status of your scholarship applications using AidLink, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships secure Web site. You establish an AidLink account automatically when you apply online for at least one SDSU scholarship. Access AidLink through the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Web site. (You also use AidLink to check the status of your financial aid application.)

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Academic Department Scholarships

Academic departments may offer additional scholarships, fellowships, and traineeships. Check with your academic department for more information about these opportunities.

Graduate students should review SDSU's Division of Graduate Affairs Web site at www.sdsu.edu/graduate to research other funding resources.

Non-SDSU Scholarship Resources

Many national scholarships are available. Refer to the SDSU Division of Undergraduate Studies, Office of Academic Scholarships Web site at <http://dus.sdsu.edu/oas>.

Ask your high school, your parents' employers, religious organizations, and other organizations and clubs to which you or your parents belong if they offer scholarship opportunities.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Web site also lists resources and links to non-SDSU scholarship information and free search Web sites (never pay for a search or a list).

Free Scholarship Search Sites on the Web

Here are some examples of FREE Web sites where you can search for scholarships on your own. Researching and applying for scholarships early can result in cash for college!

- www.sdsu.edu/scholarshipsearch
- www.finaid.org
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/scholarships
- www.review.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.college-scholarships.com
- www.brokescholar.com
- www.scholarsite.com
- www.myfreedegree.com
- www.uncf.org
- <https://careers.microsoft.com/careers/en/us/collegescholarship.aspx>
- <http://national.nsbe.org>
- www.hsf.net