



County of Sacramento

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION



BACKGROUND

Employees of Sacramento County's Department of Human Assistance raise funds and seek donations annually to award college scholarships to graduating high school seniors living in Sacramento County. This collaborative college scholarship program is available to encourage graduating seniors from low-income families to pursue an education at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school.

Eligibility for scholarships is without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation. Employees of Sacramento County and their families, except for employees working in the Classification of student aide, are not eligible.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded each year to promote:

- Higher Education
- Economic Resilience
- Stronger Communities

Scholarship recipients will be notified mid-April 2024. Cash awards will be presented at a ceremony to be held in the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 700 H Street (downtown Sacramento) on Thursday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY (All applications are subject to verification and proof of eligibility)

- ✓ **Must** be currently living in Sacramento County.
- ✓ **Must** be a graduating high school senior from the class of 2024, entering a two- or four-year accredited college, university, or technical/trade school.
- ✓ **Must** have a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 2.5.
- ✓ **Must** be on public assistance or low income. Submit current verification of public assistance or if not on public assistance, IRS tax form 1040 (2023).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) All applications **must** include the following:
 - ✓ Official sealed high school transcript(s) - copies will not be accepted.
 - ✓ Two letters of recommendation from references who can comment on students Leadership/academic abilities (at least one must be from a teacher). ✓ Acceptance letter or proof of enrollment - scholarship check will not be issued unless proof of acceptance is provided.
- 2) Essays **must** be typed and be at **least 800 words**.
- 3) Students **must** title their essay to indicate the essay question they are answering.
- 4) Applicant and parent/guardian **must** sign application.
- 5) Application **must** be postmarked **by Friday, March 15, 2024**.

Applications are available from: ♦ School/Counselor's Office ♦ All DHA Bureaus ♦ Online, at: <http://www.dha.saccounty.gov>

NOTE: The online application is a PDF file and requires a special reader application, which may be downloaded from the Adobe Acrobat® site.

Scholarship Program Income Limits 2023-2024	
Number of People in Household	Income Limits
2	\$ 65,895.00
3	\$ 69,890.00
4	\$ 73,885.00
5	\$ 77,880.00
6	\$ 81,875.00
7	\$ 85,870.00
8	\$ 89,865.00
9	\$ 93,860.00
10	\$ 97,855.00
Add per person	\$ 3,995.00

**The posted income limits are based on Earned Income Tax Credit Limits and the 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines.

YOU MAY HAVE POTENTIAL ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS UNDER A PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM. For Veterans, PLEASE CLICK ON THE RESOURCE LINK@ www.dha.saccounty.gov OR CONTACT DHA AT (916) 874-6811.

USE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The DHA Scholarship shall be applied toward educational expenses in any field of study at an accredited college, university, technical, or trade school.

- **Incomplete applications will *NOT* be accepted. Please answer *all* questions.**
- **All information will remain confidential and will not affect the household's financial assistance.**