Stan State Scholarship Application

Helpful Hints & Frequently Asked Questions

Signing In

You must use the same Warrior ID and password that you use to log into MyCSUSTAN. For help with your Warrior ID and/or password, please visit https://my.csustan.edu/.

General Application

The first page you see should be "Your General Application." You must complete the General Application before you will be shown any recommended scholarships that you may be eligible to apply for. Please read all of the instructions in the box at the top of the page and complete all questions in the application. Please note that you will not be asked any specific questions regarding your major, grade level, GPA, financial need, etc. because this information will automatically be loaded in and matched to your information from your Stan State's records.

Additional General Application Content

In addition to your general questions, you will be asked to provide a statement on Community Service, Educational and Career Goals and Honorable Awards.

- ***Community Service***- List any community service activities in which you have participated (include activity description, year, and name of the organization).
- ***Educational and Career Goals***- Explain your educational and career goals and describe any specific qualification you may have for scholarship consideration.
- ***Honorable Awards***- List any honors/awards you have received (include dates), club or cultural activities you have taken part in, including any sport activities (team participation).

This is your chance to express yourself beyond your academic achievements and make your application stand out to the scholarship review committees so make it count!

Help Text

For additional information and clarification on some questions, hover over the gray question marks.

Applying to Scholarship Opportunities

Once you answer all of the **General Application** questions and submit your application, you will automatically be provided with a list of **Recommended Opportunities** that you may apply for**.** These scholarships may require additional information that is not included in the questions on the General Application. You must click on each scholarship name to review the requirements. You are encouraged to apply for all scholarships where you meet the additional requirements.

Providing Letters of Recommendation

Not all scholarships require letters of recommendation. If a recommendation is required, you may request an electronic letter of recommendation by entering the individual's full name and email address when applying for a specific scholarship opportunity that requires a letter of recommendation. We encourage you to request permission to use an individual as a reference PRIOR to entering their contact information. Once the contact information is entered, an email is immediately sent to the individual with instructions on completing the recommendation. Please allow plenty of time for your recommender to complete your recommendation before the

scholarship application deadline. You will not be able to view the submitted recommendation, only that is has been received.

Submitting Essays

Not all scholarships require additional essays. If an essay is required, you will be prompted with the essay subject and text area in which to enter your essay. You are encouraged to use word processing tools to confirm that your essay is grammatically accurate (spelling and punctuation). You may preview the content of your essay to ensure that no unusual formatting occurs after you copy/paste from another program. Do not simply copy and paste one essay for all scholarship essay requirements. Each scholarship essay has a unique essay subject that must be addressed in order for your application to be considered.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **What is the scholarship application deadline?**
   March 2, 2020

2. **Where is the List of Scholarships and scholarship criteria?**
   The Stan State Scholarship Handbook may be found here.

3. **What is the logon site to start applying?**
   You may log on to the Stat State Online Scholarship Application here.

4. **Do I have to have a 3.00 GPA or higher to apply for scholarships?**
   Most scholarships require a minimum 3.00 GPA. However, there are some scholarships that have a lower GPA requirement.

5. **Are there Merit/Non-Financial Need scholarships available?**
   There are many scholarships that do not require financial need- that have additional criteria. Please read the criteria carefully.

6. **Are Non-California residents considered for scholarships?**
   Yes, for most scholarships. You may refer to the Stan State Scholarship Handbook for a listing of scholarships that require California residency.

7. **What are "Opportunities"?**
   "Opportunities" refers to scholarship opportunities.

8. **Am I eligible for scholarship opportunities if I have not been admitted to Stan State yet?**
   You may apply for scholarship opportunities; however, your application will only be considered if you are admitted and you meet the scholarship eligibility requirements.

9. **Can I make changes to my General Application after it is submitted?**
   Yes, you may make changes to your General Application after it is submitted. However, please note that the system completes a point-in-time snapshot of your application when applying for individual scholarship opportunities based on its respective deadline date.

10. **What is an electronic letter of recommendation?**
    This allows you to enter the name and email address of a reference provider such as a current or previous professor. Your recommender will receive an email with a link to log in and submit your requested letter of recommendation electronically. The status of the letter of recommendation will show as either "Requested" or "Submitted".

11. **Can I receive more than one scholarship?**
    Students have been awarded more than one scholarship. If you meet all of the eligibility requirements, your application for each scholarship will be sent for review to the scholarship review committees.

12. **What is the difference between Recommended opportunities, Our opportunities and External opportunities?**
    - Recommended opportunities lists only those scholarships for which you meet the basic criteria, based on your answers in the General Application and imported data from Stan State's records.
    - Our opportunities presents a total list of all scholarships available at Stan State. You may apply for any scholarship as long as you meet the required criteria.
    - External opportunities presents a list of other Stan State scholarships that may be available but require a separate application process.

13. **Why don't I have more scholarship opportunities on my "Recommended" List?**
    "Recommended" opportunities provide you with suggested scholarships for your review to determine if you meet eligibility requirements.

14. **If I have one semester left, can I still apply for scholarships?**
    Yes, you may apply. If selected as a recipient by the Scholarship Review Committee we will confirm with the donor that an award may be offered for one semester.

15. **How do I show that I have financial need for a scholarship that has this requirement?**
    A student's financial need is determined based on their FAFSA/Dream Act application. Students must submit their FAFSA or Dream Act applications by the priority deadline of March 2nd each year for scholarship consideration.

16. **Do I have to apply every year?**
    Yes, you must apply for scholarships every year.

17. **When will I be notified if I do or do not receive a scholarship?**
    Both recipients and non-recipients are notified via their MyCSUSTAN email address late September.

18. **Who can I contact with questions?**
    You may contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at (209) 667-3336 or by email at Scholarships@csustan.edu.