Information for Students Searching for Outside Financial Resources

Every year beginning in January, University of San Diego students and potential students apply to the Office of Financial Aid for financial assistance for the following academic year. Students who apply before the priority deadline and meet the specified criteria usually receive sufficient funding in the form of scholarships, grants, employment and loans to begin or continue their education.

Students often inquire about "other sources" of scholarship and grant assistance that may be available to supplement their financial aid funding or to replace their student loans. While the Office of Financial Aid is the best place to start applying for financial aid, it is not the only source of educational funding. There are many outside resources of financial aid for which students may apply directly. Each year, students are selected for specific scholarships, grants, and loans that they may use to attend the institution of their choice. USD students may use outside scholarships to reduce their loans.

Identifying outside sources of financial aid is a challenge. The search can be time consuming and frustrating. The persistent student, who succeeds, however, is the first to proclaim that it is definitely worth the time and effort. During the 2012-2013 academic year, USD students received over $5.28 million in outside scholarships and grants!

The key is to become informed as early as possible before you actually need the funding. This allows time for identifying viable sources, obtaining the required applications, and meeting the critical deadlines. In other words, applying for outside sources of financial assistance is not something that can be done at the last minute. It requires early planning.

This bibliography has been compiled to assist students in their search for outside sources of assistance. It is updated each year with the assistance of USD Office of Financial Aid employees and USD students employed under the Federal Work-Study Program. You will note that many of the publications can be found in the USD Copley Library.

We hope you find the guide useful, and we wish you the best of luck in your search for outside resources of financial aid.

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Competition for these outside resources has increased with the rising cost of education. You can enhance your ability to secure such funding if you plan ahead. It is important to:

• Assess your particular needs and preferences
• Consider any special circumstances or conditions that might make you eligible for aid targeted to certain types of students
• Thoroughly research available aid programs.

Application Tips:

1. **Start Your Search Early**
   Any search for funding is likely to be more successful if it is started early. If you allow enough time to complete all the necessary steps, you will be more likely to identify a wide variety of awards for which you may qualify and be able to meet the application deadlines. Some experts recommend that you start this process as early as two years before you think you will need financial assistance.

2. **Assess Your Needs and Goals**
   Your first step in seeking financial aid should be to establish your basic qualifications as a potential recipient. To do this, you must clearly define your educational and financial needs and goals (e.g., I want to graduate in four years; I want to keep my student loans to a minimum, my tuition and fees per year = xxxx; my room/board per year = xxxx).

3. **Leave No Stone Unturned**
   Once you have defined your goals, the next step is to identify any special factors that might make you eligible for aid programs that are offered only to certain types of students (e.g., gender, race or ethnic group, membership in an organization, parent's employer, career goal)

4. **Allow Enough Time for the Application Process**
   The amount of time needed to complete the application process for individual awards will vary, so you should pay close attention to application details and deadlines. Some awards carry application deadlines that require you to apply more than a year before study will actually begin. Prepare each application carefully and neatly. Your application gives your first impression. Some applications are online.

5. **Don't Apply Unless You Are Sure You Qualify**
   If you find you don't qualify for a particular award, don't apply for it. Instead, use your time and energy to identify and apply for more likely sources of aid.
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6. Prepare for a Scholarship Interview
Prepare as you would for a job interview. You are competing with other scholarship applicants. You can prepare yourself by thinking through your answers to the following often-asked questions:

- Describe yourself in a few sentences.
- What are your goals and ambitions for the future?
- Describe your involvement in your school.
- Describe your involvement in your community.
- Who is the individual that has influenced you the most and why?
- In your spare time, what do you enjoy doing?
- Do you have any special talents that make you stand out as an individual?
- If you were to help solve one problem in the world, which would it be and why?
- Why do you feel you should be chosen for this scholarship?

Note: If you need a Letter of Recommendation contact your Faculty Advisor or, if you are a freshman, contact your Preceptor.

A Word of Encouragement
By doing your homework, you will greatly increase your chances of finding the necessary funding. The personal labor involved in securing financial support for your education is much like the resume rewriting and door knocking that is required during a job hunt. Success is likely to come to those who make themselves aware of the opportunities available, and who pursue those opportunities in a dedicated, continuous, and systematic manner. Frustration is part of the game and should not bring your search to a halt. In the quest for funding, your most valuable resource is you and your creative initiative.
A GUIDE TO OUTSIDE RESOURCES

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Many organizations and foundations offer scholarship assistance to students by contacting local high schools and colleges. When scholarship programs send information to the USD Office of Financial Aid, the opportunities are briefly described and posted on the Outside Resources Display Boards and on the USD Financial Aid Web Site under Academic Services. In addition, appropriate departments are contacted for assistance in posting the information within departments and for recommendations in identifying or nominating candidates. Criteria for these scholarships are determined by the donor(s) and can include such items as grade point average, class rank, major, SAT scores and/or documented need. Students who have not qualified for federal financial aid may compete for many of these scholarships, and are encouraged to do so. Students who have federal or state financial aid and qualify for private donor scholarships are usually able to use them to reduce loan or work in their financial aid package.

• OUTSIDE RESOURCES DISPLAY BOARDS

Information regarding outside resources of financial aid are posted on display boards near the USD OFA. Students should check these display boards on a regular basis since they are updated as information becomes available.

• OUTSIDE RESOURCES COLLECTION

The USD Office of Financial Aid has prepared a compilation of information regarding outside resources that have been received by the office during the last year. The collection includes information regarding over 100 sources of scholarships, grants, fellowships, and loans. *The Outside Resources Collection* is updated yearly by the staff of the USD Office of Financial Aid, and is made available at the Reserve Desk in the USD Copley Library.
SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES ON THE WEB

1. USD Financial Aid Web Site: http://www.sandiego.edu/financialaid
   Current postings of scholarships from the USD OFAS Bulletin Boards are available.

2. FastWeb: http://www.fastweb.com
   The Scholarship Search Program is linked to the USD Financial Aid Web Site or accessible directly through FastWeb website. This database has grown to include over 1.3 million scholarships totaling over $3 billion in scholarship money.

   This website is a free on-line scholarship search service that has thousands of scholarship, grant, and fellowship information for undergraduate through post-doctorate students.

4. FinAid: http://www.finaid.org
   This website is a free scholarship search program as well as a good site for financial aid sources. This site also provides information regarding scholarship scams, different types of aid, guide to applications, and a question and answer section.

   The award entails leadership, community service, and is applicable to all fields. This is a prestigious and competitive scholarship of $10,000 per year for 4 years. The deadline is in January. See the website for more details.

   JRF awards students four-year scholarships of up to $6,000 per year to minority students to attend an accredited four year college or university of their choice. It is based on academic merit, leadership potential, financial need, and is applicable to all fields. The deadline is in March. See the website for more details on how to apply online.

   The UNCF is one of our major scholarship gateways. The awards are of varying amounts, and awarded by UNCF as well as other outside organizations. Students can conduct scholarship searches within the website. Scholarship deadlines vary. See the website for more details.

8. National Italian American Foundation:
   http://www.niaf.org/scholarships/index.asp
   The award amount is $2,500 to $10,000. These scholarships are for Italian-American students or for students of any ethnic background majoring or minoring in the Italian language. Applications can only be submitted online. The application deadline is in March.

9. Kodak Scholarships:
   http://www.kodak.com/motion/education/scholarships
   The award varies up to $12,000. The number of awards varies. The scholarships are for those studying film/cinematography at U.S. colleges. The application deadline is in May. See the website for more details on individual scholarships.

    The award is from $5,000 to a $100,000 four-year scholarship, and finalists receive a high-performance computer. There are approximately forty awards in this prestigious competition. You must present a scientific research project. The deadline is in November. See the website for more details.
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   The Gates Millennium Scholarship promotes academic excellence and provides opportunities for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need. The scholarship will cover room, board and tuition for at least 1,000 high school students a year. The deadline is in January. See the website for more details.

   Offers a variety of awards and amounts generally range from $500 to $5,000 for members of NSBE and recently introduced a new program that awards up to $15,500. The number of awards varies. This is primarily for engineering students, and others majoring in related disciplines. For details see website.

   This scholarship is for minority undergraduate or graduate students studying accounting at a U.S. college with at least thirty credits completed. All applicants must be an AICPA student affiliate member. The awards are up to $5,000 with about 300 winners annually. The deadline is in June. See the website for GPA requirements and more details.

   This is a major site for Hispanic students studying in business-related areas, such as accounting, human resources, and communications. The award amount varies and over 140 awards are granted. The deadline is in April.

   This is a major competition with over 250 awards going to scholars with academic, leadership, and talent qualities. The award amount is from $4,000 to $20,000. The application is available online. The deadline is in October.

   There are over 170 scholarships for students in the San Diego region. The deadline is usually in January. See the website for more details.

17. Society of Women Engineers Scholarships: http://www.swe.org
   These scholarships are targeted for women who are majoring in engineering or computer science. Award amounts are from $200 to $5,000, and at least ninety scholarships are granted. The deadline for students already in college is February 1st but is May 15 for high school seniors entering an "accredited" program.

18. Xerox Technology Minority Scholarship: http://www.xerox.com
   Type "Scholarship" into the search engine to go to the scholarship page. The Technical Minority Scholarship Program is for minority students in technical degree programs such as chemistry, engineering, and physics. The award amount is $1,000 to $10,000 for undergraduates and more for graduate students. The deadline is Sept. 30. See website for more details.

   This is the major NCAA sports association with which student-athletes are associated. Awards are given in all sports categories. The amounts are from $3,000 to $12,500. The awards are also available for sports related study (like sports journalism). The deadlines vary, as do the number of awards each year.
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   The above link is to the Chicago headquarters and also to that gateway of scholarships. Note that there are over 700 AKA Chapters, and it would be wise to contact AKA’s at local chapters. The Undergraduate deadline is April 15. The Graduate deadline is August 15. *Editor's note: all of our Fraternities/Sororities offer scholarships, and you should tap your local chapters.*

   This is one of the most prestigious scholarships, shaped for students who intend to pursue a career graduate study in public service or government. You must be at least a junior, and your college must nominate you. A "nomination" package must be created. The awards can reach as high as $30,000 over the years. Generally about eighty students are selected. The deadline is in February.

   Multiple scholarships are available for application from $1,000 to $10,000. Students interested in journalism as a career can apply. The deadline is in February. See web site for application and information.

   NABJ offers scholarships for up to $5,000. Students should be attending a four-year University or eligible graduate students. All applicants must be a member of NABJ. Eligible students must be majoring in journalism-print, photography, radio or television. The deadline is in April. Go to the website for details and application.

   These awards are granted to high school or those 15 - 18 years of age who show talent in dance, voice, music, art, photography, jazz, visual arts, writing, or other creative areas. You must audition or submit a portfolio or tape. The award is to be used for freshman year in college. Award amounts range from $100 to $10,000. The deadline is in October. Go to the website for details and application.

25. Scholarship America: [http://scholarshipamerica.org](http://scholarshipamerica.org)
   Scholarship America’s mission is to mobilize America, through scholarships and educational support, to make postsecondary success possible for all students. See website for deadline and application.

   Select Scholarship Award to go to the scholarship page.
   The CHCI Scholarship Award is available to Latino students who are enrolled full time in an accredited community college, four-year university or graduate/professional program. You must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident and demonstrate financial need, good writing skills and consistent participation in public service-oriented activities to be eligible for this award. Award amounts range from $1,000-$5,000. The deadline is in April. See website for application and details.

   Select Programs – Student Programs – National Scholarship Programs to get to the scholarship page.
   NABA has offered over 40 national scholarships annually ranging from $1000 - $3,000 to students preparing to enter various business professions. All applicants must be NABA members to apply. See website for details and application. Applications are only accepted during the month of January.
28. **Sallie Mae Fund**: [http://www.salliemaefund.org](http://www.salliemaefund.org)
   Developed in partnership with the United Negro College Fund, this program offers scholarships to African-American students with financial need.

29. **Latino College Dollars**: [http://www.latinocollegedollars.org](http://www.latinocollegedollars.org)
   Scholarships for Latino students compiled by the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

    Promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.
A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PUBLICATIONS RELATING TO FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

* Includes information on resources for international students.
** Includes information for students without regard for financial need.

Call numbers are included for publications located in the USD Copley Library (CL) or the USD Law Library/Legal Resource Center (LRC).


** THE COLLEGE BOARD SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK. 2013. 16th Ed. Joseph A. Russo. College Board Publications, Box 886, New York, NY 10101. Provides the most authoritative, timely information available on college funding from private, federal, and state sources. Lists 2,500 private/public scholarships, grants, internships, fellowships and loans.


** COLLEGE STUDENT’S GUIDE TO MERIT AND OTHER NO-NEED FUNDING, 2012-2014. 2007. Reference Service Press, 5000 Windplay Drive; Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Biennial. $32.50, plus $5 shipping. Described here are more than 1,300 merit scholarships and other no-need funding programs open to all college students--whatever their income.


DIRECTORY OF GRANTS IN THE HUMANITIES. 2012. Oryx Press. Contains nearly 4,000 funding programs that support research and performance in literature, language, anthropology, philosophy, ethics, sculpture, crafts, mime, etc.

DIRECTORY OF RESEARCH GRANTS. 2010 $74.78 Oryx Press. Annual. This directory provides information about research grants in the United States. Includes bibliographical references.

FINANCIAL AID FINANCER: EXPERT ANSWERS TO COLLEGE FINANCIAL QUESTIONS 1999-2002. 23rd Ed. 2012 Joseph Re. Octameron Associates, P.O. Box 3437, Alexandria, VA 22302. Discusses uncommon situations such as job loss, divorce, death, and disability. It explains hundreds of unusual circumstances, and tells families facing these situations how the financial aid system can work for them.

FINANCIAL AID FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS. 2012. Reference Service Press, 5000 Windplay Drive; Ste 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. This directory describes 1,500 scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants, awards, and internships open to African and Black Americans.

FINANCIAL AID FOR ASIAN AMERICANS. Reference Service Press, 5000 Windplay Drive; Ste 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. This is the source to use to find funding for Americans of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, or other Asian origins. In all, nearly 1,100 funding opportunities are described in the directory.

FINANCIAL AID FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS. Reference Service Press, 5000 Windplay Drive; Ste 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. This directory describes more than 1,400 funding opportunities open to Americans of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Central American, or other Latin American heritage.

FINANCIAL AID FOR NATIVE AMERICANS. 2012. Gail A. Schlachter and R. David Webber. Reference Service Press, 5000 Windplay Drive; Ste 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. This directory describes nearly 1,800 funding opportunities set-aside just for American Indians, Native Alaskans, and Native Pacific Islanders.

FINANCIAL AID FOR RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES ABROAD. 2008-2010. Gail A. Schlachter and R. David Weber. Reference Service Press, 5000 Windplay Drive; Ste 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. This directory describes more than 3,000 funding opportunities in the United States and abroad for research and creative activities.
Drive; Ste 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Identifies nearly 1400 funding opportunities open to individuals looking for funding to support research, lectureships, exchange programs, professional development or creative projects abroad. The listings cover every major subject area and are sponsored by more than 500 different private and public agencies.


FINANCIAL AID FOR THE DISABLED AND THEIR FAMILIES. 2008-2010. 7th Ed. Biannual. Gail A. Schlachter with R. David Weber. Reference Service Press, 5000 Windplay Drive; Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Provides information on the hundreds of financial aid programs established primarily for the disabled and their children or parents. All disabilities are covered. Fully indexed. Also identifies state educational offices and agencies concerned with the disabled, and seventy-five key directories to locate additional sources of financial aid.


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PETERSON'S COLLEGE MONEY HANDBOOK. 2009. Peterson's Guides, P.O. Box 2123, Princeton, NJ  08543. Provides information about more than 1,600 four-year colleges regarding merit aid, athletic programs, co-op programs, ROTC programs, and guaranteed tuition/tuition repayment plans.

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