



Keeping the Dream Scholarship 2012

For 2011 Cal-SOAP Scholarship Recipients

Sponsored by: College Access Foundation of California

San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP has received \$350,000 to award in scholarships.

Award	Scholarships will be awarded to previous recipients of the Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship or Keeping the Dream Scholarship. Students must:
\$1,000	Be enrolled full-time and attend a Community College and complete an Education Plan/Transfer Agreement with the intent of transferring to a 4-year college or university.
\$2,000	Be enrolled full-time and attend a 4-year college or university pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.

All students who meet the following criteria are eligible to participate:

1. Previous recipient of the Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship or the Keeping the Dream Scholarship.
2. GPA of 2.5 or better.
3. Be enrolled or attend a community college to be considered for the Community College Award, or be enrolled or attend a university to be considered for the University Award.
4. Complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA and GPA Verification form by the March 2nd deadline.
5. Provide a photocopy or printout of the Expected Family Contribution as determined by FAFSA.
6. Write a 500 word essay on one of the three provided prompts.
7. Must submit a copy of your financial aid award letter for the 2012-2013 school year (as provided by your college/university) by August 1, 2012.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked or submitted no later than Thursday, **MARCH 15, 2012**.

Students are to mail **or** drop off their application to the San Diego Cal-SOAP office. All materials (main application, transcript, EFC, etc) must be sent **at the same time** or the application will considered incomplete.

Students will be notified by May 1, 2012 regarding their acceptance status. All scholarship moneys will be sent directly to the college or university campus by September 30, 2012, not before.

Please direct any questions to the Scholarship Coordinators at scholarship@sandiegocalsoap.com.

Mail or bring application to:

ATTENTION: Keeping the Dream Scholarship
 San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP
 6735 Gifford Way, Rm. 14
 San Diego, CA 92111
 (858) 569-1866 Ext. 220
 Office Hours: M-F, 8:00am-4:30pm

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Applicant: Please provide name (last, first, middle initial)

Cal-SOAP is an Outreach Program of the California Student Aid Commission
Keeping the Dream Scholarship Program Application

Postmarked by: March 15, 2012
Please type or write neatly and legibly in blue or black ink

Student Information

Social Security Number: _____

Name Last First Middle Initial

Address City

State Zip Code

E-mail Address Parent E-mail Address

Telephone () - Cell phone () -

Postsecondary School Information (Do Not Use Abbreviations)

Applying for (please check only one):

- 4 yr. University Award 2 yr. Community College Award

College Name City State

Major or Course of Study College Level

FAFSA Information (Attach photocopy or printout to the application)

Did you complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA? Yes No

Date completed: Month Day Expected Family Contribution (EFC):

Current Involvement

Are you a part of, or do you actively participate in any academic support programs? Include tutoring, learning centers, and any support programs such as OASIS, Freshman Year Experience, EOP, EOPS, Puente, etc. List as many as possible, and include any you have used in the past.

Blank lines for listing academic support programs.

Submit Transcript Information

A transcript of grades must be included in this application packet. Official transcripts may be obtained from the Registrar's Office at your college or university. An unofficial transcript, such as a printout of your academic history, is acceptable as long as it includes your current GPA.



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Submit Current Resume

Please attach a resume with activities from the **past four years** that include the following elements (sample resume format at end of packet):

Educational Objective
Education
Work Experience(s)
Honors and Awards

Community Service Activities
Extracurricular Activities (outreach programs, clubs, sports, etc. special skills/talents)

Essay Instructions

Please attach a 500 word type-written essay double-spaced on one of the following topics:

- **Pick a controversial problem on college campuses and suggest a solution.**
- **How has your education contributed to who you are today?**
- **Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your future goals.**

The essay must be your own original creative work. Essay will be evaluated on clarity, grammar, and content.

Unusual Circumstances (If applicable)

Please describe how and when any unusual family, financial, or personal circumstances have affected your achievement or participation in school, work experience and/or community activities during the 2012-2013 school year. **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

-----IMPORTANT-----

****PLEASE NOTE:** All scholarship recipients **must submit a copy of their financial aid award letter** (as provided by your college/university) by August 1, 2012. Your financial aid award letter may either be sent to you by mail or e-mail. You may also have access to this document at your online college account.

****If you are selected for the Community College Award, you must also send a copy of your Education Plan/Transfer Agreement from a community college and/or provide some other proof of enrollment** to the Cal-SOAP office no later than August 1, 2012.



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Keeping the Dream Scholarship Professor/Counselor Recommendation Form

Please write **NEATLY** and **LEGIBLY** in **BLUE** or **BLACK INK**

Student Instructions: Give this form to a professor or counselor. He/she must fill it out and return to you to submit as part of your scholarship application packet. You do NOT need to be present while he/she fills it out, but please remind him/her to return it to you when complete.

Applicant's Name _____

The above student is applying for the Cal-SOAP *Keeping the Dream Scholarship Program*. If selected, the student will be awarded either a \$1,000 Community College Scholarship or a \$2,000 University Scholarship. Your candid and careful appraisal of the applicant's readiness and commitment is appreciated. Please consider the applicant's ability level as well as social maturity for this scholarship.

Professor/Counselor: After you complete this form, please return it to the student. Students are to submit this recommendation form, scholarship application, and essay (application packet) to the Cal-SOAP office. Scholarship postmark deadline: 3/15/12.

Please compare the candidate with peers on the following levels:	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
Intellectual Ability					
Writing/Speaking Ability					
Willingness to Learn					
Interpersonal skills					
Maturity					
Responsibility					
Overall Evaluation: Compared to his/her peers I would rank this student in the top...					
_____1% _____5% _____10% _____25% _____50%					
Additional Comments:					

Recommender's Name (Please Print)

Position/Title

Name of College

Phone Number or Email Address

Signature

Date



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Release of Confidential Information to Authorized Persons/Organizations

By signing and submitting this form, I authorize San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP to share all information held by San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP relating to me, including all information I provide in my application including, but not limited to, personal information, such as my name, mailing address, email address and date of birth, and information relating to any financial aid awarded to me and my attendance at any higher education institution (together, my “Personal Information”), with the College Access Foundation of California (“CAFC”) for the purpose of researching and evaluating scholarships and programs, and to better enable young people to attend college and university. I further authorize CAFC to share my Personal Information (including my name and birth date) with the National Student Clearinghouse in order to verify my enrollment in and attendance at any higher education program to which I am admitted. I also authorize CAFC to share relevant portions of my Personal Information with (i) governmental agencies responsible for administering public financial aid programs, including the California Student Aid Commission, so that CAFC can obtain information on financial aid I receive or to which I may be entitled, (ii) any higher education institution to which I am admitted so that CAFC can verify my enrollment and obtain information on my academic progress (including transcripts), (iii) CAFC’s third party service providers, such as CAFC’s or San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP’s data management system provider, (iv) research institutions which undertake research on strategies to increase access to and successful completion of higher education programs, where transcripts and similar information are analyzed by such research institutions so that CAFC can obtain information on my academic progress towards a degree or transfer to a four-year degree awarding institution, and (v) any other administrative, law enforcement or governmental agencies to the extent required by order or requirement of a court or such administrative, law enforcement or governmental agency.

CAFC monitors the progress of students who receive scholarships funded by it and students served by its grantees and partner organizations so that CAFC can better evaluate the effectiveness of these scholarships and other sources of financial aid in light of its charitable mission. As part of the monitoring process, CAFC may share aggregated information that does not include my Personal Information and may otherwise disclose non-identifying information with third parties for analysis, demographic profiling and other purposes. Any aggregated information shared in these contexts will not contain my Personal Information. I understand that CAFC will take appropriate steps designed to secure and protect the information I provide, to keep it confidential, and to prevent others from connecting this data to me. To the extent possible, except as set forth in this form, any information that could identify me will be



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removed or **changed** before such information is shared with other researchers, organizations, or institutions and before any research results are made public in an aggregated form. Except as set forth in this form, under no circumstances will my identity and Personal Information be revealed by CAFC.

This authorization will remain in effect until I revoke it, which I may do at any time by contacting Linda Doughty at 858-569-1866. Any waiver, modification or amendment of this form will be effective only if acknowledged in by CAFC. Further, I understand that San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP will maintain a record of this form, that I am entitled to request and receive a copy, and that I may wish to make a copy of this form for my own records.

This form will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, excluding that body of law known as conflict of laws. If any provision of this form is found to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible and the other provisions will remain in full force and effect. Failure to enforce any provision of the form will not constitute a waiver of future enforcement of that or any other provision. This form may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ (if student is under 18)

Student's Signature: _____ (if student is 18 or over;
if student is emancipated)

Date: _____



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Application Checklist and Certification

Did you attach your...

- EFC? (Page 1 of the FAFSA Student Aid Report that is e-mailed to you)
- Essay?
- Transcript?
- Resume?
- Recommendation Form?

- Did you submit the 2012-2013 FAFSA by the March 2nd deadline?
- Did you answer every question on the application?
- Did you sign the “Release of Confidential Information” page?

- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions.
- I have completed the FAFSA and a Cal-Grant GPA Verification Form by the March 2nd deadline.
- If my Community College Award is renewed, I understand I must submit my updated Education Plan/Transfer Agreement and/or provide some other proof of enrollment by August 1, 2012.
- I understand that I must submit a copy of my financial aid award letter from my college/university to Cal-SOAP before my scholarship funds can be released.
- I understand that the actual scholarship check will be submitted directly to the college or university financial aid office by September 30, 2012, NOT BEFORE.
- I understand falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.
- I understand that if I switch colleges or discontinue attending college, I will lose all scholarship money.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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-DO NOT SUBMIT THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION. THIS IS A SAMPLE.-

Sample Resume Format

Legal Name

Address
City, State Zip Code

Phone number
Email address

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE:

EDUCATION:

- College: College Name
GPA:
Intended Major:
Expected Graduation Date:
- High School: High School Name
GPA:
Class Rank
Graduation Date:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Employer's Name Date Began-Date End
- Job Title
Job Duties:
- Employer's Name Date Began-Date End
- Job Title
Job Duties:

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Honor/Award Date Received
- Honor/Award Date Received
- Honor/Award Date Received

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Include all volunteer activities):

- Community Service Activity Date of Participation
- Community Service Activity Date of Participation
- Community Service Activity Date of Participation

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Include Outreach Programs, Clubs, Sports, etc.):

- Activity Position Held Date of Participation
- Activity Position Held Date of Participation
- Activity Position Held Date of Participation

SPECIAL SKILLS/TALENTS

- Skills or Talents
- Skills or Talents