



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

CENTER FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

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### **2007-2008 CSULA General Scholarship Application**

By filing this application, you will be considered for a variety of scholarships that are available through the Cal State L.A. Scholarship Program. This application is required for scholarships awarded from **summer quarter 2007 through spring quarter 2008** (June 20, 2007 – June 10, 2008). Amounts range from \$100-\$3,000 and students may receive more than one scholarship.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Selection for Cal State L.A. undergraduate and graduate scholarships are based on numerous and varied criteria, which may include: involvement in community and school activities, evidence of leadership qualities, achievement and promise in the chosen field of study, full-time enrollment and financial need. Applications will be sent to your major department if you are a continuing student (Continuing student are defined as those who have completed three quarters at CSULA). Check with your department for additional requirements.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

A complete scholarship file includes:

- a 2007-2008 general scholarship application
- an essay
- at least one [letter of recommendation](#)
- academic transcripts (unofficial) from your current school if you are a new student, high school senior, transfer, or new graduate

All scholarship materials, including the recommendation letter(s) which are non-confidential, must be submitted as a complete package by the appropriate deadline date. All sections of the application need to be completed or it will be considered incomplete. **Your application must be submitted in triplicate (original and two copies).** No faxes will be accepted.

Some scholarships require that you demonstrate financial need. In order to do so, you must file the 2007-2008 FAFSA beginning January 1, 2007. You can also apply on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Be aware that scholarships and financial aid are coordinated, and your financial need cannot be exceeded per federal law.

#### **DEADLINE**

All application materials must be in the Center for Student Financial Aid by 5:00 p.m., Friday, **February 2, 2007.**

#### **NOTIFICATION**

The university scholarship committees meet to review applications from March through May. If you are a continuing student applicant, you should receive a response in June.

Qualified applicants who are not initially selected for a scholarship award are placed on an alternate list for possible awarding should funds become available. Occasionally, scholarship recipients cannot accept their awards. The committee will then choose an alternate student, according to ranking order, as a replacement.



16. Previous Colleges/Universities Attended: (**List most recent school first**).

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	CITY/STATE	ATTENDED FROM - TO	DEGREE RECEIVED
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17. Employment History: Include job information for your past two jobs. (**List most recent job first**).

NAME OF FIRM	CITY/STATE	DATE EMPLOYED FROM - TO	FULL TIME/PART TIME	YOUR DUTIES
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18. Extracurricular Involvement: Include memberships, offices and activities from high school, college, community and volunteer organizations. Add additional sheet if necessary.

a. High School \_\_\_\_\_

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b. College \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Community/Volunteer/Service (List dates and duties)

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19. Honors and Awards: Include special awards, prizes, scholarships and recognition. List the school or organization that granted the award. Add additional sheet if necessary.

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**ESSAY:** Please tell us about yourself in a **2-page (maximum length) essay**. It must be typed legibly, double-spaced, in 10 or 12 point Arial or Times Roman font. Essay topics: focus primarily on your academic/career/life goals indicating how past achievements, hardships you have overcome, or family influences are related to these goals.

20. **Non-citizen identification:** You must complete this section if you answered "Other" to number 7.

I am:

- A1. A U.S. permanent resident and have an Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-151 or I-155). \_\_\_\_\_
- A2. A conditional permanent resident (I-151c). \_\_\_\_\_
- A3. A noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service showing one of the following designations: (a) "Refugee," (b) "Asylum Granted", (c) "Indefinite Parole" and/or "Humanitarian Parole", or (d) "Cuban-Haitian Entrant."
- A4. A valid nonimmigrant visa holder. Please state which visa you hold: \_\_\_\_\_ and its expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_
- A5. A citizen of the Freely Associated States (Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, or Palau).
- A6. A dependent of a noncitizen classified as NATO-1 through NATO-7.
- A7. A noncitizen who has been paroled into the U.S. under Section 212 (d) (5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- A8. A noncitizen who was been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the United States by my spouse or my parent (s) or a member of my spouse or parents' family residing in the same household as me and I have been approved or have a petition pending which sets forth a prima facie case of eligibility for an immigrant visa under certain provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- A9. An international student with an F-1 or J-1 visa.

<b>Certification and Authorization Release</b>
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I certify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate.

I give Cal State L.A. permission to release my transcripts, letter of recommendation, and/or application to scholarship donors, and to publicize my scholarship award if I am a recipient.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Don't forget to submit the original and two copies!  
It is your responsibility to provide a complete file.  
Selections are based on the documents in your file.**

## 2007-2008 Letter of Recommendation

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2, 2007

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ CIN \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

The University Scholarship Committee appreciates your willingness to comment on the applicant's strengths and potential for success. We ask that you complete the chart below AND write a letter of recommendation responding to the following specific points of interest.

Please note that all letters must be submitted on letterhead or stationery. Explicit descriptions of academic strengths and weaknesses are more helpful to the candidate than routine praise.

1. Please describe how you know the applicant, how long, and how well.
2. Describe the applicant's academic strengths.
3. Include any information you are aware of concerning obstacles that may have been relevant to student access to educational opportunity.
4. How would you rate the student's motivation and initiative in pursuing academic, personal and career goals?
5. Indicate the student's leadership ability, either inside or outside of the classroom. Please provide specific examples.

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students in the same class or academic program or other persons of comparable experience.

	Truly Exceptional	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
Academic ability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Imagination and creativity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leadership ability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to focus or set goals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Please attach your separate letter of recommendation to this sheet and return it to the student or mail it directly to:**

Attn: Scholarship Coordinator  
Cal State L.A., Center for Financial Aid  
5151 State University Drive, SA-124  
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_