

Opportunity Scholarship Application

Application available: January 2, 2008. An online version of this form for completion and printing (cannot submit online) is available at www.mycollegequest.org or www.shastarcf.org.

Submission Deadline: Postmarked or delivered by March 31, 2008 to:

Shasta Regional Community Foundation
1335 Arboretum Drive, Suite B, Redding CA 96003

Driving directions are available at www.shastarcf.org

Scholarship Details: Page 6 of this application packet.

Do you meet the eligibility requirements? Please check those that apply:

- Are you a graduating senior in any school (including home schools) in one of the following counties: Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity?
- Did you submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, www.fafsa.ed.gov) by March 2, 2007?
- Was your GPA Verification submitted to CSAC? Check with your high school counselor for verification. You can also verify your status at WebGrants at www.calgrant.org.
- Do you meet the basic Cal Grant eligibility requirements (family income limits, GPA)? For more information, go to www.csac.ca.gov.
- Did you attend a Cash for College workshop and complete an evaluation, which is also an application for a \$1,000 scholarship?

Location: _____

Date and Time: _____

- Are you planning to attend a four-year, degree granting accredited college or university next fall?

If you checked every box, please proceed with the rest of the application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

High School you attend: _____ County: _____

The Advisory Committee will not see this page when they make selections for interviews.

Instructions: Use only the space provided to answer the following questions. Do not write or type on the back of pages or on additional sheets of paper. Your answers may be typed on the online format provided and then printed or you may handwrite on this paper form. If writing, use black ink. Typed responses must be double spaced and 12-point font.

1. To which colleges or universities have you applied?

2. From which colleges have you received acceptance?

3. Have you made a final selection of a college?

No Yes (which one?) _____

4. What career plans do you have – and/or – what do you see yourself doing in ten years? How do your education plans support your career goals?

5. Which of your responsibilities have had the greatest impact on you? How, and what has been the result? Include community, school, church, volunteer, hobbies, sports, jobs, activities, etc.

6. Which of the responsibilities addressed in #5 has had the greatest impact on others? How and why?

7. What else would you like the Advisory Committee to know about you and your financial needs for education after high school as we consider your application for this major scholarship grant?

8. Why should the Advisory Committee consider you as one of the best possible candidates for this particular scholarship? What else do you want us to know about you and your future?

Your application is not complete without these attachments:

- Two letters of recommendation from people who know you.** Please show them this application and tell them about the possible scholarship award.
 - Include one high school counselor or teacher (if home schooled, choose someone other than a family member who knows you).
 - Maximum of one page each.
- A copy of your transcript (through the fall semester of your senior year).**
- A copy of your SAR and CAR reports. If you do not have them, please explain and tell us when you can provide these records. They become the basis for the amount of the scholarship so the Advisory Committee must have a copy by the interview date.**

Keep this page for your own reference. Do not submit with your application.

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What Happens After You Submit Your Application?

We will verify that you completed a FAFSA and that your Cal Grant Verification was submitted by March 2. We will also verify that you are eligible for a Cal Grant and that you attended a Cash for College workshop during January or February.

The Advisory Committee, composed of one representative from each of the seven eligible counties, will review all complete applications, using a rubric to score and rank the applications. Top candidates will be called to come to Shasta Regional Community Foundation (SRCF) for an interview on Thursday, May 1. We'll contact your school in advance about the absence and will reimburse mileage costs for your travel to the interview.

We realize that you put time and thought into completing this application. We will carefully consider what you have told us about yourself before making a collective decision.

Opportunity Scholarships can be up to \$10,000 per year for four years of college attendance. FAFSA and Cal Grants and other awards will determine actual scholarship amounts. The maximum amount for any one student is \$40,000 over a four-year period. The amount of the scholarship is determined the first year and remains the same for all four years, regardless of changes in financial need. The number of recipients will depend on the financial needs to those selected, limited by the amount of money allocated to 2008 awards.

Scholarship recipients will be notified and asked to complete a Scholarship Recipient Agreement. Funds will be distributed directly to the Financial Aid Office of the college or university where the student is enrolled.

Continuation of the award for four years is contingent upon:

- Enrollment as a full-time student (12 units on a semester basis);
- Making "adequate progress" toward degree completion (course enrollment and grades);
- Annual completion of request for continued funding (due March 2), which will be mailed or e-mailed as an attachment to scholarship recipient to submit to SRCF;
- Completion of FAFSA application annually by March 2;
- Student provision of e-mail, phone number and address to SRCF regularly.

If you have not received notification by June 30, you may contact the Shasta Regional Community Foundation to inquire about the status of your application.

E-mail info@shastarcf.org or call 530-244-1219