

Opportunity Scholarship 2010

Application Cover Page

Application available: January 1, 2010. 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, 2010 to:
Shasta Regional Community Foundation
1335 Arboretum Drive, Suite B, Redding CA 96003
Driving directions are available at www.shastarcf.org

Scholarship Details: Page 4 of this application packet and at both websites.

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 or will you submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, www.fafsa.ed.gov) by March 2, 2010?
- 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.org.
- Did you attend a Cash for College workshop and complete an evaluation?
Location: _____
Date and Time: _____
- Are you planning to attend a four-year, degree granting accredited college or university in the fall of 2010?

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

Personal Information

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: CA Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____ DOB: _____

County of Residence: _____ High School you attend: _____

Ethnicity (Select one): Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Select one or more, regardless of Ethnicity): Asian Black or African American

White American Indian or Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Opportunity Scholarship Application Questions

Responses to questions must be typed using a 12 point font, double spacing and 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left, right). Use a maximum of 4 pages. Submit single sided pages only. No double-sided copies. Applications not following these requirements will not be considered.

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?

Opportunity Scholarship Application Submission Instructions

Submit your complete application by mail or in person. Your complete application must include:

1. Cover page
2. Application questions 1 – 8 (a maximum of 4 pages, single sided typed pages)
3. Two letters of recommendation from people who know you. Include one high school counselor or teacher (if home schooled, choose someone other than a family member who knows you). Please show them this application and tell them about the possible scholarship award. Maximum of one page each.
4. A copy of your transcript (through the fall semester of your senior year).
5. A copy of your SAR and CAR reports. If you do not have them, please tell us when you can provide them. They become the basis for determining the amount of the scholarship award.
6. Signed Agreement to Release of Scholarship Recipient Information to Media (below).

Agreement to Release of Scholarship Recipient Information to Media

I agree to allow Shasta Union High School District and/or Shasta Regional Community Foundation to use my name and photo to inform the public of the Opportunity Scholarships award through various media outlets (TV, newspaper, radio). If awarded, I agree to sign a Consent Form to release basic data to the funder, College Access Foundation.

_____ Signature of Student Applicant	_____ Date Signed
_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian if student is under 18	_____ Date Signed

What Happens After You Submit Your Application?

(Keep this page – do not submit)

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 in early May.

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 group 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 2010 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 (based on 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.

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College Access Foundation of California
to Shasta Union High School District for the seven counties of Far Northern California.

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