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SMCCCD Institutional Scholarship



What is a scholarship?

- ▶ A financial award given to a student on the basis of academic achievement and promise.
- ▶ Scholarships do not have to be repaid
- ▶ Internal Scholarships
 - Institutional
- ▶ External Scholarships
 - Community
 - Local Organization
 - Jobs/Employment



The Institutional Scholarship

- ▶ 1 application form – ONLINE
- ▶ Over 50 different kind of scholarships
- ▶ Available to ALL current students and incoming new/returning students of SMCCCD
- ▶ To apply there is:
 - No GPA requirement
 - No financial need requirement
 - No citizenship requirement



SMCCCD Scholarships At-a-Glance



- ▶ During the 2015–2016 Scholarship Application Cycle (last year):
 - 1009 SMCCCD students submitted a completed application
 - 913 scholarships were given
 - 693 students received a scholarship (Yes, some students got more than 1 scholarship)
 - \$590,971 in scholarship award was given to students to be used for the 2015–2016 academic year, including new, continuing and transfer students.

Online Scholarship Application

▶ Online scholarship application

◦ Academic Works

https://smccd.academicworks.com/users/sign_in

- Online Application
- Personal Statement
- Reference
- Unofficial Transcript

DEADLINE: February 18, 2016 at 11:59pm

Personal Statement

- ▶ Quality not quantity. Maximum 750 words
- ▶ Write about YOU
 - Your future academic and career goals
 - Your achievements, awards, community service, volunteerism, internship, etc. and how it impacts you
 - Your involvement and impact of extra-curricular activities (clubs/programs)
- ▶ Give examples and be specific
- ▶ Proofread!



Who Am I?



Personal Statement – Getting Started

- ▶ **Brainstorm and Reflect**
 - List your experiences, accomplishments, challenges, passions, goals, dreams, etc. – what is important to YOU
- ▶ **Outline**
 - Map out what you want to highlight.
 - It's okay if you can't use everything on your list.
- ▶ **Be thoughtful and reflective in your writing**
 - Demonstrate that you have awareness of who you are, not just what you do
 - Demonstrate what has impacted/shaped who you are and “why” you do things
- ▶ **Remember to revise and proofread**



Reference

- ▶ Ask someone who knows you well enough to write you a great reference
- ▶ Provide your reference with a resume or list of accomplishments
- ▶ Give advance notice
- ▶ Have a back up reference
- ▶ Follow up! It is your responsibility that your reference meet the scholarship deadline
- ▶ Remember to thank your reference for his/her time and let them know if you win a scholarship



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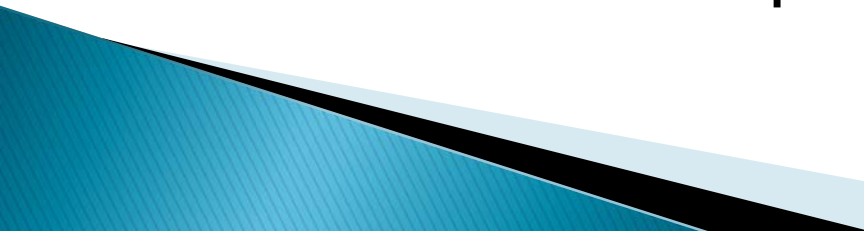
Upcoming Scholarship Workshops



Day	Date	Time	Location
Wednesday	February 10, 2016	5:00pm–6:00pm	Cañada College Bldg. 9, Room 123
Wednesday	February 10, 2016	12:00pm–1:00pm 1:30pm–2:30pm	College of San Mateo Bldg. 14, Room 101
Tuesday	February 9, 2016	1:30pm–2:30pm	Skyline College Bldg. 2, Room 2117B

Check each college website for additional upcoming Scholarship Workshops.

Scholarship Timeline

- ▶ Scholarship Application Closes:
February 18, 2016 at 11:59pm
 - ▶ Scholarship Review Period:
March 2016
 - ▶ Scholarship Notification to Students:
mid-April 2016
 - ▶ Scholarship Award Ceremony:
May 2016
 - ▶ Scholarship pays out:
Fall 2016 & Spring 2017
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THE KRUTTSCHNITT ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Are you a transfer orientated, committed, and academically-promising student with high financial need?

KASP Scholars receive a \$6,000 scholarship per year and wrap-around services including connection with on-campus programs and services. KASP Scholars are required to attend KASP meetings and workshops to support their academic success and to enrich their student experience. KASP Scholars who maintain good academic standing are eligible to receive another \$6,000 scholarship the following year.

\$6,000 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR 30 STUDENTS



College of San Mateo



How to apply:

Application period is OPEN NOW and closes February 18, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. Finalists will be invited for an interview, and 30 of those students will be selected as KASP Scholars. All applications submitted through AcademicWorks and that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed.

Eligibility requirements

Be a graduating high school student and:

- Enroll in at least 12 units, and
- Resident of San Mateo County, and
- Demonstrate financial need, and
- Plan to transfer to a 4-year college or university, and
- Be a high school student entering an SMCCCD College with a 2.5 GPA or better in a-g courses completed in grades 9-12.

OR

Be a continuing SMCCCD student and:

- Have completed at least 12 college units at an SMCCCD College, and
- Are entering the Semester in good academic standing as defined by the colleges' Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress ("SAP") policy, and
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or better, and
- Not be in default on any Student Loans.

Submit your application today on <https://smccd.academicworks.com/>
For more information, visit <http://www.smcccfoundation.org/kasp>

External Scholarship

- ▶ Check with local organization and companies
- ▶ Check with your employer or your parent's employer
- ▶ Check your colleges Scholarship website:



<http://canadacollege.edu/financialaid/scholarship.php>



<http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/scholarships/>



<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/scholarships.php>

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Thank you!

