



THE S.L. GIMBEL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship Information and Criteria

The S.L. Gimbel Foundation Scholarship Fund provides financial support for low-income students who will enroll or are currently enrolled at the California State University (CSU), San Bernardino (CSUSB), CSU Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), and CSU Long Beach (CSULB). It may provide up to four-years of scholarship awards, or until graduation, for students who have unmet need. The scholarship awards are outright grant awards. No services will be required as a consequence of receiving the award. Scholarship awards are for tuition, books, education fees, on campus housing and other educational expenses.

Eligibility

Undergraduate low income students, accepted to attend CSUSB, CSUDH, and CSULB and current undergraduate students of CSUSB, CSUDH, and CSULB from all backgrounds regardless of age, race, religion, gender, sexual preference or national origin are eligible to apply. First generation, college-going students, and/or traditionally underrepresented students in higher education, non traditional students such as single parents, older students, married students, foster youth and undocumented students who meet the requirements below are eligible to apply.

Scholarship Criteria

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need (EFC of \$10,000 or less) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Time enrollment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Undergraduate students: Minimum GPA of 3.3 Liberal Arts Major; 3.0 for Math/Science Majors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Seniors: 3.5 minimum GPA

Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or DREAM Act Application. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Priority will be given to students that have expected family contribution (EFC) of 0 to \$10,000, as per the Student Aid Report

Selection and Award Amounts

Scholarship recipients are selected by a scholarship committee, facilitated by Inland Empire Community Foundation, composed of educators and community leaders. Applications are reviewed competitively.

Award amounts are determined after a student is awarded any federal Pell Grant, Cal Grant and CSU need-based grants for which the student is eligible. A student will be awarded a scholarship only when these awards, taken together, are not enough to cover tuition, housing, and other educational expenses. The award amount per year is a maximum of \$10,000.

Students receiving financial assistance from the Scholarship Fund are required to maintain a minimum academic standing of “B” or its equivalent. Further, any criminal or otherwise illegal activity, lapse in appropriate conduct (e.g. cheating, plagiarism, illegal use of drugs or alcohol, expulsion from school), may disqualify students from receiving further financial assistance.

How to apply for the scholarship:

Eligible students must: 1) complete an application form; 2) submit two letters of recommendation (from persons not related to the applicant); 3) complete an essay, and 4) submit a transcript (unofficial is acceptable). Final award recipients must provide evidence of enrollment at CSUSB, CSUDH, or CSULB and their Financial Aid package summary. Scholarship checks will be written to the CSUSB, CSUDH, or CSULB on behalf of the recipient.

For more information, email Celia Cudiamat at ccudiamat@iegives.org

IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List all community activities in which you have participated in without pay during the past 3 years (e.g. Scouts, Church involvement, Volunteer work, etc.). Use additional page as needed.

Activity	Years of Participation	Special Awards, Recognition	Activity	Years of Participation	Special Awards, Recognition

V. WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer	Dates Employed	Job Description	Hours Worked/Week	Hourly Pay Rate

VI. FINANCIAL NEED:

Please briefly describe your financial need situation, unusual family and/or personal circumstances.

Did you complete the FAFSA? ___ Yes ___ No

What is your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) as indicated on your SAR? _____

(Please provide a copy of the page from the Student Air Report/SAR that indicates your EFC Please also provide a copy of your Financial Aid Award summary for AY 2021-22—Note that scholarship amounts will not be determined until the Financial Aid Award Summary is submitted)

VII. ESSAY

Write an essay (max. 500 words) on what you hope to achieve in college, what your interests are that will be advanced through education, and the need for this scholarship. Include your educational and career goals. Specifically address the following questions in your essay.

- 1) Are you the first member in your immediate family or in the first generation of students in your immediate family to attend college and why do you think you will be successful in this endeavor?
- 2) What leadership roles have you taken (community and college) and what have you learned from those experiences?

- 3) What specific goals do have in going to college?
- 4) Describe a challenge, difficulty, and/or barrier you encountered that impacted your academic achievement. How did you overcome the challenge and what lessons did you learn?
- 5) Have you been gainfully employed at any time and in what capacity, earnings level and duration?
- 6) Where do you see yourself in 10 years? What kind of career do you envision and where will you be on that career path?

VIII. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application and attachments are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application will be shared with appropriate Review/ Approval Committees. If I am awarded a scholarship, it will be used solely to support educational purposes and that information about me may be released for publicity purposes.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Email your completed application form and required documents (per the checklist) to:

gimbel@iegives.org

Application Package Checklist

- Scholarship Application Form
- Transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- Essay (maximum 500 words) *Include name on top of essay page*
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Copy of SAR (Student Aid Report)- EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) page
- Copy of Financial Aid Award Summary for AY 21-22