

Applying for CSUSB Scholarships as a Grad Student



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Financial Aid Brochure for Graduate Students



- A one-stop-shop for funding opportunities for grad students, along with the requirements for each individual opportunity.
- Please save the link to come back to this brochure when you might need to reference it!

The Graduate Equity Fellowship (GEF)

The Graduate Equity Fellowship seeks to increase the diversity of students completing master's degree programs at the CSU, encourages continuation toward doctoral programs, and promotes consideration of university faculty careers. It provides fellowships for economically disadvantaged CSU students who have had success in overcoming educational disadvantages and promotes faculty mentoring and research opportunities.

- Award amounts \$500 - \$2,000
- California resident or have an AB540 affidavit on file
- Complete the FAFSA or CADAA
- Admitted to a master's program by the effective date of the award
- Apply through the CSUSB Scholarship portal for the next academic year. Opening date and submission deadline: January 20, 2026 – March 20, 2026*.



Additional Information:

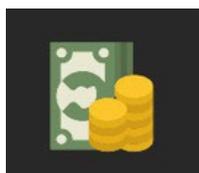
More information: [Graduate Studies Graduate Equity Fellowship](#)

General Scholarship questions: [Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships – On Campus Scholarships](#)

*Application deadlines are subject to change

Scholarships

The **2026-27 Scholarship Application** will be located via your **MYCOYOTE Student Portal** in the Financial Aid section, and the process is paperless! You must have a valid CSUSB Coyote ID# and email to log in to the scholarship application portal. The application will be applicable for FALL 2026 and Spring 2027.



My Financials

Make a Payment, My Financial Activity, OneCard Balance and CSUSB Scholarship Site



CSUSB Scholarship Site

Apply for a variety of CSUSB administered scholarships



The 2026-27 Scholarship Application is open.

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

Two Categories of Financial Aid:

- < Achievement-based
- < Need-based



Basic Types of Financial Aid Available

- < FAFSA
- < State University Grant
- < Grants
- < Loans
- < Scholarships
- ≤ [Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships](#)

Grants and Loans

Grants

- < A grant is free money! This is money that does NOT have to be repaid
- < Grants will be automatically accepted when added the students financial aid award
- < Example: State University Grant

Loans

- < This is money borrowed and will need to be repaid!
- < Loans must be accepted by the student.
- < Additional steps are required by the student to have the loan be disbursed through the university.

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

< Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Free and easy to apply
- If you don't fill it out, you may miss out
 - Apply early
 - Apply yearly
- Federal Work Study

< Scholarships

- On Campus
- Department fellowships
- Off Campus Scholarship Search Engines
 - [FastWEB](#)
 - [iGrad Scholarship Search engine](#)
 - [Scholarships.com](#)

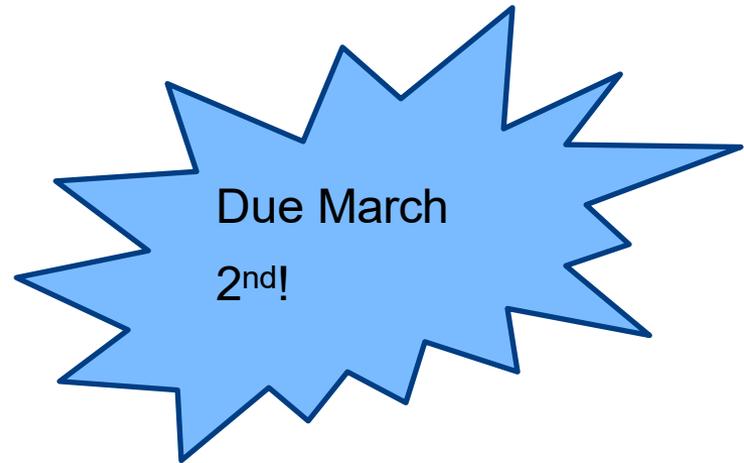
< State University Grant (SUG)

- The maximum annual SUG award is up to the tuition/fee
- Does not cover additional campus charges
- **Limited funding and based on availability of funding at time of review**
- May not receive a SUG if you are receiving another type of aid that pays your tuition fee costs.



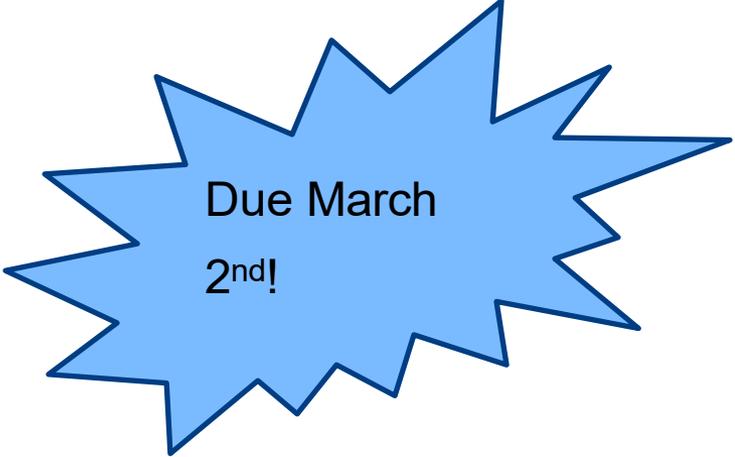
FAFSA

- Collects family's personal and financial information used to calculate financial strength of the household (SAI)
- For U.S. Citizens and eligible non-citizens, assesses eligibility for loans and federal and state grants
- Opened on **10/01/2025**
- Using 2024 Tax Year Income
- **Priority Deadline is March 2nd.**
- Available in English and Spanish



California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

- Collects family's personal and financial information used to calculate financial strength of the household (SAI)
- For eligible undocumented students
- Opened on **10/01/2025**
- Using 2024 Tax Year Income
- **Priority Deadline is March 2nd.**



Due March
2nd!

Contact Information

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Website:
<https://www.csusb.edu/financial-aid>



Scholarship Hotline: (909) 537-7399

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[CSUSB.Scholarships](https://www.instagram.com/CSUSB.Scholarships)



[@CSUSBSCHOLARSHIPS](https://www.tiktok.com/@CSUSBSCHOLARSHIPS)

Tips for Completing Funding Applications

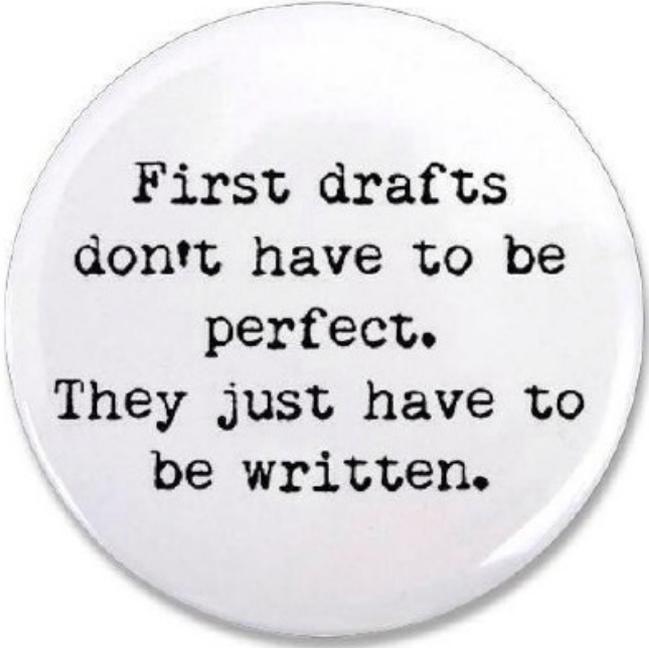
Be prepared to:

- < Develop a well-written and thought-out project/topic.
- < Reflect on how a commitment to diversity and underserved populations may be demonstrated in your written statement.
- < Provide an overview of you plan to use the money and resources.
- < Respond to *all* the prompts.



Megan's Writing Tips for Grants and Scholarships

- Develop a format based on the given prompt to organize your thoughts and ideas. *Remember, you are telling a story through your Personal Statement, and a concise narrative for your reader to follow will be crucial.*
- Be sure to make it your own, try to avoid cliché and boilerplate language. Use your own experiences to make the statement more personalized to you, this will help it stand out more!
- Address all questions stated in the given prompt.
- Always proofread your statement before you submit it. Reading it aloud can help catch errors, as well as asking a 3rd party to review it.
- Take your time! Give yourself about a week to work on a Personal Statement, don't rush it.



First drafts
don't have to be
perfect.
They just have to
be written.



Funding Resources

- **Graduate Equity Fellowship:** <https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support/graduate-equity-fellowship>
- **California Pre-Doctoral Program:** <https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support/california-pre-doctoral-program>
- **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program:** <https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support/chancellors-doctoral-incentive-program>
- **The Merit-Based Presidential Scholarship:** <https://www.csusb.edu/sites/default/files/CEGE%20Presidential%20Merit-Based%20Scholarship%20Award%20Guide%20to%20Students%2020210607%20with%20hyperlink.pdf>
- **Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships:** <https://www.csusb.edu/financial-aid>
- **Fastweb:** <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- **iGrad:** <https://www.igrad.com/tools>
- **Scholarships.com:** <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- **Over 60 Program:** <https://www.csusb.edu/registrar/over-60-program>
- **Office of Student Research:** <https://www.csusb.edu/student-research>



Additional Resources

- < **The Writing Center:** <https://www.csusb.edu/writing-center>
- < **Professional Resource Engagement Program:**
<https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/prep-program>
- < **Graduate Studies Financial Support Page:**
<https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support>
- < **HOWL Program:** <https://www.csusb.edu/howl-program>
- < **SMSU Financial Literacy Center:**
<https://www.csusb.edu/smsu/resources/financial-literacy-center>
- < **Federal Student Aid Page:** <https://studentaid.gov/>
- < **The CSUSB Career Center:** <https://www.csusb.edu/career-center>
- < **Cody's Closet:** <https://www.csusb.edu/career-center/employers-partners/partners-program/codys-closet>