CSUSB Scholarships

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What You Need to Know for 2026–2027

- Scholarships require a **separate application(s)** from Financial Aid (e.g. FAFSA, CADAA)

- **One** scholarship application provides consideration for multiple scholarships

- Scholarships may be **merit-based, need-based, or program-specific**

- Awards support **Fall 2026 and Spring 2027**

- **Application deadline: March 20, 2026***
  - Deadlines are subject to change.

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What's New: CSUSB Scholarship Applications

This year marks an update to the CSUSB scholarship process. Students will have the option to complete *one or both* scholarship applications, which are available through the MyCoyote Student Portal, or by using the QR Code shown below:

- **CSU Systemwide Scholarship Application:** Supports scholarship opportunities available across the California State University system.

- **CSUSB Campus-Based Scholarship Application:** Supports scholarships offered specifically through CSUSB.

CSUSB scholarships are available to new, continuing, and conditionally admitted students who will be enrolled at California State University, San Bernardino or the Palm Desert Campus during the 2026-2027 academic year (Fall 2026 and Spring 2027).

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References Requirement

Minimum Required: One (1)
Maximum Allowed: Three (3)

At least one reference is required for all scholarships. Applicants are encouraged to submit more than one reference, as this may increase eligibility for additional scholarships and helps ensure a complete application if a reference is unable to respond.

Please note that some scholarships may require more than one reference and may specify who those references must be, such as an instructor or supervisor. If additional requirements apply, you will be notified during the application process. For questions, please contact FAScholarships@csusb.edu .

Reference Eligibility
At least one reference, and preferably all references, should be a current or former instructor. Professional references such as a manager, director, counselor, or supervisor are also acceptable.

Reference Submission Process
When you list your references below, they will be contacted automatically by email and asked to respond to a set of questions about you.
Please note: This is not a formal letter of recommendation. Paper, electronic, or physical letters of recommendation will not be accepted.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their potential references in advance to confirm their willingness to participate and to inform them that they will receive an email related to the scholarship application process.

Important: Failure to meet the required reference submission may result in your application being considered incomplete and therefore ineligible for review.

Reference responses are collected solely for scholarship evaluation purposes and cannot be shared with applicants. CSUSB is unable to provide copies of reference responses upon request.

Updating References
If you need to make changes to your references after submitting your application but before the application deadline, please contact FAScholarships@csusb.edu for assistance.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required references complete their submission by the application deadline.

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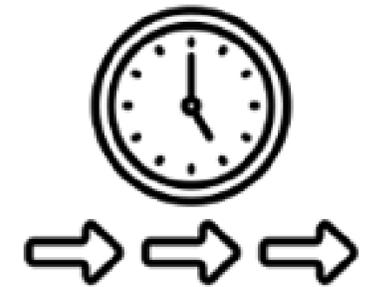# Graduate Equity
Reference Requirements

The **Graduate Equity Fellowship Program** is designed to support **underrepresented students** in the completion of a master's degree at California State University, San Bernardino, and to encourage continued academic advancement, including the pursuit of doctoral study and careers in higher education.

This fellowship requires **two references**. Applicants must list two references in the reference section on the next page in order to be eligible for consideration. References should be individuals who are familiar with your academic background, experiences, and potential, and who can speak to your qualifications as they relate to the goals and objectives of the Graduate Equity Fellowship Program.

Failure to provide the required two references may result in the application being considered incomplete and therefore ineligible for review.

Scholarship Timeline

- The **2026–2027 Academic Year** scholarship application cycle opened on **January 20, 2026**, and is expected to close on **March 20, 2026***. This application covers awards for **Fall 2026 and Spring 2027**.

- *Please note* that once the application period closes, the scholarship application **cannot be accessed or reopened**.

- The scholarship review process will begin after the application deadline. Scholarship recipients will be notified through their **MyCoyote email**.

- Most recipients can expect to receive notification prior to the start of the **Fall 2026** semester. *However*, some scholarships may require additional review, and award notifications may be sent later in the academic year.

* *Application deadlines are subject to change.*

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Off-Campus Scholarships

Off-Campus Scholarships are administered by other organizations not affiliated with CSUSB. Organizations such as community organizations, private companies, religious affiliations, etc.

Remember, the more applications you submit the better your chances are that you will be selected as a recipient.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- **FastWeb**
- **Bold.org**
- **Going Merry**
- **Scholarships.com**
- **ScholarshipOwl**

Local Organizations

Don't forget about your local network. Look for scholarship opportunities with nearby community foundations, rotary clubs, and even restaurants. Do a search for these kinds of organizations in your community and see if they have a list of scholarships on their website.

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Additional Scholarship Information

- Stay connected and informed by following us on our social media accounts for updates, reminders, and additional scholarship opportunities:
  - **Instagram:** @CSUSB.Scholarships
  - **TikTok:** @CSUSBScholarships

- If you have questions, please contact the **Scholarships Office at (909) 537-7399** or via email at: FAScholarships@csusb.edu.

- If you would like assistance with any writing component of the applications, please contact the Writing Center at: EmailWritingCenter@csusb.edu to schedule an appointment.