Scholarship Program General Information

The Santa Monica College Foundation’s Scholarship Program offers privately funded scholarships ranging from $250 to $2000. Both continuing students and those transferring after the Spring 2009 semester can apply for scholarships, provided they meet the general qualifications and complete the scholarship application process by the deadline. While most scholarships do not have a citizenship requirement, some do require recipients to be a U.S. Citizen or a Federal Aid eligible non-citizen.

SMC Foundation Scholarships are administered through the SMC Scholarship Office, which is located on the main SMC campus—at 1738 Pearl Street. The Scholarship Office’s phone number is (310) 434-4290. Detailed information about Scholarship policies and procedures is available on the program’s website.

**Basic Scholarship Application Instructions:**
1. Complete the 2008-09 SMC Scholarship Application.
2. Type a one-page personal statement. Address your academic goals and career aspirations. Indicate your achievements, your participation in SMC clubs and other leadership experiences, and your involvement in other extracurricular experiences.
3. Obtain two letters of recommendation. At least one must be from a teacher. The second may be from a counselor, community or religious leader, club advisor, supervisor, an additional teacher, or other SMC staff member.

**Supplemental Scholarship Application Instructions:**
1. To be considered for scholarships which factor in a student’s “financial need,” students should complete a 2008-09 Federal Aid Application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students will also be applying for federal and state aid, including grants and fee waivers. Note: International students and AB540-qualified students are not eligible to apply for Federal Aid. However, they can complete the Financial Information section on the Scholarship application, instead of the FAFSA.
2. Some scholarships may require an essay, writing example, or portfolio. (See list of scholarships.)

**2008-09 Deadline and Scholarship Awarding Process**

*The deadline for submission of all scholarship materials is February 2, 2009.* Applications will then be assessed and sent to committees. Committees will review the applications, interview applicants, and select scholarship winners. Winners will be notified by May 29, 2009.

**General Qualifications:**
- Students need to declare a major through the SMC Admissions Office.
- Students need to complete 12 SMC units and have an overall 2.5 GPA by the end of the Winter 2009 term.
- Students need to be enrolled in at least 6 units for the Spring 2009 term—to be considered for a scholarship. Continuing students, who are awarded a scholarship, must be enrolled in at least 6 units in either the Summer 2009 or Fall 2009 term—to receive a scholarship check.
- Students must not have a Discipline Hold on their records.
- Student must not have earned a BA/BS degree.

**Scholarship Ceremony and Scholarship Check Disbursement:**
- The 2008-09 SMC Scholarship Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009.
- All students awarded a scholarship will be required to attend the Scholarship Ceremony.
- Scholarship checks will be disbursed at the beginning of the Fall 2009 term, after enrollment is verified.
Guidance for Writing Letters of Recommendation

In writing a letter of recommendation for a student, please provide your assessment of the applicant’s achievements and potential for success.

While there are no required topics for a letter of recommendation, the Scholarship Office has compiled the following commonly addressed points:

- The student’s performance in your class
- The student’s academic or career goals and your impression of her/his ability to accomplish these goals
- Any obstacle that the student has overcome
- Observations of leadership skills
- Observations of contributions to the community

When completed, please send your recommendation to the Scholarship Office or return it to the student in time to meet the February 2, 2009 deadline.

Scholarship Office Mailing Address and Phone Number:

Santa Monica College
ATTN: Scholarship Office
1900 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405

(310) 434-4290
Santa Monica College
Scholarship Application 2008-09

Deadline for all application materials
and supporting recommendations:
FEBRUARY 2, 2009

PLEASE USE BLACK INK / OR TYPE

Name _______________________________ SMC ID # _______________________

Address _______________________________

(______) ____________________________

Phone _______________ ____________

City ____________________________ State ____________ Zip Code ______________________

__________--_______--________ Male _____________________________

Female

Social Security Number _______________ Date of Birth ______________________

Citizenship Status:

□ U.S. Citizen □ F-1 Student Visa □ Refugee/ Asylee

□ Resident Alien □ Temporary Resident Alien □ Other

Enrollment Status after June 2009 (Check one)

□ Continuing in Summer or Fall '09 □ Transferring to 4-year College

□ Vocational Certificate Completed □ Graduated with AA degree (non-transfer)

Check ANY box that applies to you:

□ I am a single parent. I support ________ child/children.

□ I am a student returning to education. I have been out of school for ________ years.

□ I am a disabled student who has registered with SMC Center for Students with Disabilities.

□ I have submitted a 2008-09 FAFSA Application to the Department of Education.

Race or ethnic group: (will be used for statistical purposes)

□ Asian □ Black/African-American □ Other Ethnic

□ Filipino □ Native American □ Other ________

□ Caucasian/White □ Pacific Islander

□ Pacific Islander

□ Other ________

□ Hispanic/Latino ______________________

(Country of Birth/ Latin Heritage)

Major at Santa Monica College: Please choose only one.

□ Anthropology □ Engineering □ Music

□ Architecture □ English □ Nursing

□ Art □ Entertainment Technology □ Photography

□ Biological Science □ Fashion Design □ Physical Education/Athletics

□ Business □ Graphic Design □ Physical Science

□ Communications □ History □ Political Science

□ Computer Science □ Interior Design □ Psychology/Behavioral Science

□ Cosmetology □ Journalism □ Respiratory Therapy

□ Dance □ Liberal Arts □ Sociology/Philosophy

□ Earth Science/Urban Studies □ Mathematics □ Theater Arts

□ Education/Teaching □ Modern Language □ Vocational/Trades/Pre-Dental/Medical
SMC CLUB MEMBERSHIP & AS LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

List Current ASB # and Club and/or Associated Students Leadership Positions.

ASB#__________ Club/AS Leadership Positions: ________________________________________

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List your involvement in community service or extracurricular activities. (If you have participated in community service or extracurricular activities, one recommendation letter should reflect your involvement.)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

International students and AB540-eligible students can provide basic family and income information by completing SECTION A, below. (Others should provide this information by completing a 2008-09 FAFSA.) All students can provide supplemental information on SECTION B.

SECTION A

1) Were you born before January 1, 1985?  □ YES □ NO
2) Are you married?  □ YES □ NO
3) Do you have children (or other dependents) that you support?  □ YES □ NO
   If yes, please provide name/s: ____________________________________________

If you answered “no” to all of these questions, provide both parental and student income information below. Also indicate the total number in your parent’s family. Indicate yourself, your parents, and those supported by your parents.

   Number in parent’s family: ____________________________________

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, provide only student income information below. Also indicate the total number in your family. Include yourself, your spouse (if married), and your children or other dependents.

   Number in student’s family: __________________________________

Student 2007 Income Information

$_________ Total wages in 2007
$_________ Total untaxed income in 2007
$_________ Other support received in 2007

Parent 2007 Income Information

$_________ Total Wages in 2007
$_________ Total untaxed income in 2007
$_________ Other support received in 2007

SECTION B

Please provide any additional information about your financial situation that was not reported on the 2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or is not indicated above. (Provide attachment, if necessary.)

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

If you are currently working, please provide the following information:

Business Name: _______________________________________________________________
Business Address and Phone Number: _____________________________________________
Supervisor’s Name and Title: ____________________________________________________
Number of hours worked each week: ____________________________________________

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I affirm that all information on this application is true. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, information about me will be released for publicity purposes. I also understand that scholarship awards may be rescinded if it is determined that false or misleading information has been submitted to the SMC Scholarship Office.

Signature ____________________ Date ____________________