



# Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship

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The California Student Opportunity and Access Program is pleased to announce:  
*Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship Program.*

Number of scholarships	Award	Scholarships will be awarded to Cal-SOAP seniors in 42 high schools in San Diego and Imperial Counties. <b>Students must:</b>
103 Community College Scholarships	\$1,000	Enroll and attend a California Community College and complete an Education Plan with the intent of transferring to a California 4-year college or university.
87 University Scholarships	\$2,000	Enroll and attend a California 4-year college or university pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.

All Cal-SOAP seniors from the 42 high schools in San Diego and Imperial Counties who meet the following criteria will be eligible to participate:

1. Meet the Cal-SOAP program eligibility requirements and who have received intensive Cal-SOAP services in their senior year. Eligibility requirements include: must be a legal resident and either (a) low income, (b) first in their family to attend college or (c) from schools or geographical regions with documented low college eligibility and participation rates.
2. Must be a high school student at a traditional high school that is served by a Cal-SOAP College Peer Advisor.
3. Must apply and be admitted to a community college and have a completed Education Plan with the transfer or counseling center to be considered for the Community College Award, or must apply and be admitted to a university to be considered for the University Award.
4. Must have a weighted GPA of 2.0 or better for the Community College Award or have a weighted GPA of 2.8 or better for the University Award.
5. Write a 2-page essay on "How I Plan to Make a Positive Difference in My Community, Profession or the World After Successfully Completing My College Education".
6. Must complete the FAFSA and GPA Verification Form.

The application process will be composed of the following parts: Cal-SOAP scholarship application, 2-page essay as described above, official copy of transcript, and teacher/counselor recommendation form. Students are to mail or drop off their scholarship application packets to the San Diego Cal-SOAP office. Scholarship applications must be submitted no later than **MARCH 30, 2007**. To be considered for the scholarship, students must apply for the FAFSA and GPA Verification Form no later than March 2, 2007.

Candidates for this scholarship must be Cal-SOAP students who are currently enrolled in traditional high schools served by Cal-SOAP CPAs. If awarded, students will be notified by May 1, 2007 with further information regarding the mandatory Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Thank you for your continued support of Cal-SOAP.

**Mail or bring application to:**

ATTENTION: Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship  
 San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP  
 2351 Cardinal Lane, Bldg. O  
 San Diego, CA 92123  
 (858) 569-1866

*Cal-SOAP is an Outreach Program of the California Student Aid Commission*

High Schools eligible for the *Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship*:

### **San Diego Unified**

Clairemont High School  
 Crawford CHAMPS, IDEA, Law & Business, and Multimedia & Visual Arts  
 Gompers Secondary  
 Hoover High School  
 Kearny Digital Media & Design, International Business, School of SCT, and Construction Tech  
 La Jolla High School  
 Madison High School  
 Mira Mesa High School  
 Mission Bay High School  
 Morse High School  
 Patrick Henry High School  
 Point Loma High School  
 San Diego Business, CIMA, International Studies, LEADS, MVAP, and Science & Tech  
 San Diego SCPA  
 Scripps Ranch High School  
 Serra High School  
 University City High School

### **Grossmont Union**

El Cajon High School  
 El Capitan High School  
 Granite Hills High School  
 Grossmont High School  
 Helix High School  
 Monte Vista High School  
 Mount Miguel High School  
 Santana High School  
 Steele Canyon High School  
 Valhalla High School  
 West Hills High School

### **Brawley Union**

Brawley Union High School

### **Imperial Unified**

Imperial High School

### **Central Union**

Central Union High School  
 Southwest High School

### **Calexico Unified**

Calexico High School

### **Calipatria Unified**

Calipatria High School

### **Holtville Unified**

Holtville High School

### **San Pasqual Union**

San Pasqual Valley High School

### **Poway Unified**

Mt. Carmel High School

### **San Marcos Unified**

Mission Hills High School  
 San Marcos High School

### **Oceanside Unified**

El Camino High School  
 Oceanside High School

### **Escondido Unified**

Escondido High School



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## APPLICATION

**Postmark Deadline: March 30, 2007**  
Please type or write **NEATLY** and **LEGIBLY** in **BLUE** or **BLACK INK**

### Student Information

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Female  Male

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Country of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend a postsecondary school?  Yes  No

Are you eligible to receive free or reduced lunch/meals at your school?  Yes  No

Primary Ethnicity (Please choose only one)

- African American
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Latino/Hispanic
- Other

### High School Information

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship Program?

- College Peer Advisor (CPA)     Media (TV, radio, print)     Classroom presentation  
 Cal-SOAP website     Cash for College event     Word of mouth, friends  
 Counselor, career center, staff     Other

Did you complete the FAFSA?  Yes  No  
 If yes, date completed: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you complete (or did your school submit) the Cal-Grant GPA Verification Form?  Yes  No  
 If yes, date completed: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

### Postsecondary School Information

Please consider me for the:

- 4 yr. College or University (University Award)     2 yr. Community College (Community College Award)

Name of California postsecondary school you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.) Use official school names. **Do not use abbreviations.**

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Major or course of study \_\_\_\_\_

### Work Experience

Please describe any work experience you may have had during the **past four years** (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work, ROP). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate **number of hours worked** each week. List amount earned at each job. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Employer/Position	From – Mo/Yr	To – Mo/Yr	Hours per Week	Amount Earned

## Activities, Awards and Honors

List all school activities or outreach services in which you have participated during the **past four years** (e.g. yearbook club, student government, music, sports, Cal-SOAP, TRIO, GEAR UP, Upward Bound, CSF, etc.). List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the **past four years** (e.g. Boy/Girl Scouts, YMCA, hospital volunteer, Special Olympics). Note all special awards, honors, and offices held. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Activity	Number of years	Offices Held

### Special Awards, Honors


## Special Talents

List any special talents such as acting/drama, singing, poetry reading, dance, musical instruments, etc. that you perform. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

### Special Talents


## Unusual Circumstances

Please describe how and when any unusual family, financial, or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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## Transcript Information

An official transcript of grades **must** be attached to this application packet. Grade reports are not acceptable. Transcripts may be obtained from the Registrar's Office at your high school. Please have this section completed by the appropriate school official.

### Cumulative Grade Point Average

Weighted: \_\_\_\_\_/4.0 scale      Unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_/4.0 scale

School Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Official's Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Instructions

The student is to write a two-page (approximately 600 words) single-spaced essay on **"How I Plan to Make a Positive Difference in My Community, Profession or the World After Successfully Completing My College Education"**. Essays must be typed and attached to this application packet.

# REWARDING COLLEGE DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP TEACHER/COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please write **NEATLY** and **LEGIBLY** in **BLUE** or **BLACK INK**

**Student Instructions:**

**Step 1.** Fill out your scholarship application and complete the essay.

**Step 2.** Give this form to a teacher or counselor. He/she must fill it out and return to you to submit as part of your scholarship application packet. You do NOT need to be present while he/she fills it out, but please remind him/her to return it to you when complete.

**Step 3.** Submit your scholarship application packet, essay, and recommendation form to the Cal-SOAP office ASAP.

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

The above student is applying for the Cal-SOAP *Rewarding College Dreams Scholarship Program*. If selected, the student will be awarded either a \$1,000 Community College Scholarship or a \$2,000 University Scholarship. Your candid and careful appraisal of the applicant's readiness and commitment is appreciated. Please consider the applicant's ability level as well as social maturity for this program.

**Teacher/Counselor: After you complete this form, please return it to the student. Students are to submit this recommendation form, scholarship application, and essay (application packet) to the Cal-SOAP office. Scholarship postmark deadline: 3/30/07.**

**Rate the applicant relative to others at your school. Feel free to use an additional sheet for further comment.**

To what degree does the applicant deal with his/her own needs, personal problems and challenges?

\_\_\_\_\_ Very mature – emotionally stable  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Average – on par with peers  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Immature – shows signs of inability to cope with problems

To what degree does the applicant follow through with commitments and accomplish tasks assigned?

\_\_\_\_\_ Very committed – does more than expected  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Average – does just what is required  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Not committed – does just the minimum

To what degree does this applicant demonstrate his/her commitment to attend college and succeed in school?

\_\_\_\_\_ Very committed  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Above Average  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Average  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Does not demonstrate a solid commitment to pursue a postsecondary education

What is your overall recommendation for the candidate?

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommend strongly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Recommend  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Recommend with reservations  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Not recommended

Teacher/Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work # or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Checklist

Submit your entire completed application packet to the Cal-SOAP office.  
Postmark date: **March 30, 2007**

*Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.*

**Did you answer every question on the application?**

**Did you sign and date the application?**

**Did you have your teacher/counselor complete the recommendation form?**

**Did you attach your two-page essay on "How I Plan to Make a Positive Difference in My Community, Profession, or the World After Successfully Completing My College Education"?**

**Did you attach an official copy of your transcript?**

**Did you complete the 2007-2008 FAFSA and a Cal-Grant GPA Verification Form? (Due March 2)**

Please note: If you are selected for the Community College Award, you must send a copy of your Education Plan/Transfer Agreement from a Community College to the Cal-SOAP office no later than August 1, 2007.

## Applicant Certification

- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions.
- I understand I have been called out of class to meet with a Cal-SOAP College Peer Advisor and/or Cal-SOAP AVID tutor.
- I understand that application materials become property of Cal-SOAP and will not be returned.
- I have completed the FAFSA and a Cal-Grant GPA Verification Form by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.
- I understand I must attend a Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
- I understand if awarded a Community College Scholarship, I have to submit my Education Plan/Transfer Agreement by August 1, 2007.
- I understand that the actual scholarship check will be submitted directly to the college or university financial aid office by September 30, 2007.
- I understand falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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