CSU San Marcos General Scholarship Application

2013-2014

Scholarship Description:
Students who complete this application will automatically be considered for all Cal State San Marcos scholarships awarded for the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semesters. Applications submitted with the required essay will be considered for all applicable scholarship opportunities.

Scholarship applicants should review the scholarship listing on our website at http://www.csusm.edu/finaid/scholarship_all/index.html. Please note that eligibility requirements for scholarships vary and some have very specific eligibility requirements. Students will be considered for any scholarship for which they meet the application criteria. All students must submit an autobiographical essay with their application.

Student Eligibility:
Minimum Requirements for Cal State San Marcos Scholarships:
• Must be enrolled at Cal State San Marcos in at least 6 units in the 2013-2014 academic year.
• Must be admitted to and enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate program.
• Must submit a typed essay (see below).

The Application Deadline is: Monday, March 4, 2013

Autobiographical Essay Instructions:
Begin your essay with a strong introduction and discuss what sets you apart from other students. Be personal and remember that members of the Faculty Scholarship Committee read hundreds of personal essays so try to be original and authentic. Make sure the Faculty Scholarship Committee can assess what type of person you are, what motivates you, what are your professional plans, and academic achievements, and what, if any adversities you have overcome. You may wish to think of the essay as an interview with the Faculty Scholarship Committee - introduce yourself and explain your life history. Be succinct, clear, and make your essay interesting. Discuss community involvement, extra-curricular activities, leadership experiences or positions, high school and/or college life, and your family. Discuss your strengths, weaknesses and any obstacles you may have overcome or are currently confronting. Adhere to standard grammar and writing rules. The essay should be two pages in length, double spaced and must be typed. Include your name and Campus ID in the upper right-hand corner of each page of your essay.

Essay Writing Tips:
• Plan your essay before you write and keep it within two pages, double spaced.
• Think about what you want to say before you begin to write.
• Determine key pieces of information you feel the Faculty Scholarship Committee should know about you. Remember, this is your opportunity to introduce yourself.
• The Faculty Scholarship Committee will review hundreds of applications and the essay is one important factor of the process and can sometimes be used to differentiate applicants.
• Utilize the on-campus Writing Center, located in Kellogg Library, 1st floor. Their staff can assist you in crafting a coherent essay and give you ideas for improvement.

Scholarship Time Line:
• Scholarship decisions are generally made throughout the summer.
• Selected scholarship recipients will be notified in late August.
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1. STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Name: ___________________________  Student ID#: __________________
   Last                  First

CSUSM Email: ____________________________  Phone #: _________________________

Street Address ________________________________________________________________

City_________________________  State______________  Zip Code _____________

2. STUDENT HISTORY:

1. What will be your grade level when you begin the 2013-2014 school year at CSUSM? Check One Only

☐ First Time Freshman  ☐ Continuing Freshman  ☐ Sophomore  ☐ Junior  ☐ Senior
☐ Teaching Credential Candidate  ☐ Second Bachelor’s Degree  ☐ Graduate Student

2. What is your CSUSM Major? ____________________________

3. Have you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2013-2014?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If you have not completed a 2013-2014 FAFSA, we suggest you complete one at the federal processor’s website at www.fafsa.gov. Most CSUSM scholarships require that a 2013-2014 FAFSA be on file at the CSUSM Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. The CSUSM School Code is 030113.

4. Were you ever in the AVID program in high school?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

5. Are you a single parent?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

6. When do you expect to graduate from Cal State San Marcos? ________________ (e.g., Fall 2017)

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW

I understand that by signing this statement, I have read and understand the scholarship application and essay directions. I understand that my completed application and essay may be released to applicable donors and that my application and essay information may be used for external and internal communication purposes. I further understand that members of the CSUSM Financial Aid and Scholarships committee comprised of faculty and staff may review information related to my enrollment, academic records, financial aid application information, disciplinary action within the past twelve months, and any other appropriate university records in the course of their review of my scholarship application.

Student Signature: ___________________________________________  Date: ______________________

Submit the completed application and essay to:
Cal State San Marcos Financial Aid and Scholarships Office
3rd floor Craven Hall –Cougar Central or fax to (760) 750-3047
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