



## CSU San Marcos General Scholarship Application

Spring 2021 and Fall 2021

### Scholarship Description:

Students who complete this application will be considered for The A. Sandy Parsons Pathways to Completion \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded in the semester of MA in SPED completion.

All students must submit a letter of intent, as described below, along with their application.

### Student Eligibility:

Minimum Requirements for Cal State San Marcos Scholarship:

- Must be enrolled at Cal State San Marcos in at least 5 units in the spring 2021 semester as a **Graduate Student**.
- 3.5 or higher GPA
- Must be admitted to and enrolled in a program of study leading to a graduate degree in Special Education.
- Two letters of recommendation that evidence your work with students with moderate/severe disabilities:
  - \* Letter of support from a school district administrator or university cooperating/or supervising teacher who has observed and evaluated your classroom teaching in the area of moderate/severe disabilities.
  - \* Letter of support from your MA Chair who has knowledge of your academic work in special education: moderate/severe disabilities.
- Copy of Advancement to Candidacy Form (or Culminating Experience Pathways form for Fall completers)
- Recipient of this award must submit a 1-page description/reflection upon completion of the program.

The Application Deadline: **Thursday, April 15, 2021**

The purpose of this scholarship is to support the Master of Arts in Special Education Candidate in pursuing completion of their project/thesis that focuses on the delivery of services to children with extensive support needs and their families. Funds will be awarded upon proof of final submission and acceptance of the approved Master's Project/Thesis with the CSUSM Library.

Provide the reviewers with and a well-written letter of intent. Follow the prompts below; you may number your responses if you like. Begin by introducing yourself to the reviewers, state your reason for entering the field of special education and why you have chosen to work with individuals with severe disabilities. This award is specifically for the support of Master's research (project or thesis) for the delivery of service to children, birth through 21 years of age, that have severe and or multiple disabilities. This does not include the areas of mild disability or of learning disabilities.

*Remember: the purpose of the Parsons Pathways to Completion Scholarship is specifically to support a Master's Candidate with specialization in Special Education Moderate/Severe Disabilities to pursue their project/thesis and complete their degree.*

### Letter of Intent Direction:

- Who are you? Briefly state your education background and your teaching experience.
- Why did you enter the field of special education with a focus in serving individuals with severe disabilities and their families?
- What experiences in your life and work have motivated you to work with children with severe disabilities and their families?
- What community, volunteer, and professional involvement have you had in local, regional, national and or international agencies, organizations and/or districts to help further the education of children with severe disabilities?
- What is your philosophy and approach to working with children with severe disabilities and their families?
- What is the topic or area of inquiry you have identified for your project or thesis relating to the support of students with severe disabilities and why do you consider this line of inquiry important in your education and research in the field of severe disabilities?



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## A. Sandy Parsons Pathways to Completion Scholarship Application

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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 2021 school year at CSUSM? **Check One Only**

Graduate Student

3. Have you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2020-2021?  Yes  No

If you have not completed a 2020-2021 FAFSA, we suggest you complete one at the federal processor's website at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Most CSUSM scholarships require that a 2020-2021 FAFSA be on file at the CSUSM Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. The CSUSM School Code is 030113.

5. Are you a single parent?  Yes  No

6. When do you expect to graduate from Cal State San Marcos? \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Spring 21 or Fall 21)

### 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:  
[jrobledo@csusm.edu](mailto:jrobledo@csusm.edu)

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