Summer Scholars Support Checklist

Summer Scholars Support is a need- and merit-based scholarship opportunity for California high school students enrolled in grades 8th – 11th. The Summer Scholars Online Application opens **February 1**. The deadline is **5pm PDT, March 15**. Applicants will be notified of award announcements via email on **Friday, April 21 by 5pm PDT**.

To apply for the scholarship, please complete the steps below.

- **STEP 1**: Complete the registration form for a Summer Course, the Summer College Immersion Program, or a Precollege Summer Institute. Record your five-digit registration number.

- **STEP 2**: Finish registration by paying the nonrefundable registration fee. NOTE: The Summer College Immersion Program and some Precollege Summer Institutes are by admission only. You will not be able to complete Step 2 until admission is granted.
  - If you are unable to pay the registration fee, it may be deferred for students who meet the eligibility requirements for Deferred Deposit. If this applies to you, please skip Step 2 and apply for Deferred Deposit after submitting your Summer Scholars Online Application. (See Deferred Deposit Criteria and Instructions for more information).

- **STEP 3**: Finish the Summer Scholars Online Application and upload all required application documents listed below by **5PM, March 15**:
  - Unofficial copy of your most recent transcript;
  - Student resume;
  - Copy of your parent(s) or guardian(s) first two pages of the 1040 tax form for 2022 (Black out all social security #s). If 2022 taxes haven’t been filed yet, you may provide the 1040 tax form for 2021;
  - Copy of your parent(s) or guardian(s) W-2 tax form for 2022, if eligible (Black out all social security #s). If 2022 taxes haven’t been filed yet, you may provide the W-2 tax form for 2021;
  - A PDF or Word document with your answers to 3 of the 6 questions below. Answer the questions in 250 to 300 words per question. Please include the question you have selected above each answer.
    - Describe a pivotal experience in your education and how it has shaped the person you are today and/or your goals for the future.
    - Describe a significant challenge you have faced. How has it affected you and what steps have you taken to overcome it?
    - What class or extracurricular activity has had the biggest impact on you, and why?
    - Why are you interested in the program and/or course you have registered for, and what do you hope to get out of it?
    - Describe a community you are a part of. Why it is important to you, and what role have you had in that community?
    - What issue are you passionate about, and why? How have you acted on that passion?
**How to Apply**

*If submitting your scholarship application between February 1-14, please be sure to complete the program registration form when it opens on February 15. You must enroll in the same program you stated on your scholarship application. Failure to complete registration for your program or failure to notify us of a switch to a different program will result in disqualification of your scholarship application.*

1. Fill out program registration form*
2. Does your program have application requirements for admission?
   - **YES**
     - Wait to receive email notifying admission decision. (can take 2 weeks)
   - **NO**
     - Finish program registration form by choosing one of the below options:
       - **OPTION 1**
         - Pay $350 non-refundable registration fee to secure space in program.
       - **OPTION 2**
         - Apply for registration fee to be deferred.
3. Gather all scholarship application materials listed on page 1
4. Complete scholarship application form & upload all application materials by March 15.
5. Applicants notified of decision on April 21.