



SOLANO SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

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Current prompt for ALL scholarship applicants:

“Tell us about your academic and career goals, your involvement in campus and community activities, and any special interests or responsibilities you may have. What barriers and/or challenges have you faced in attaining your educational goals? How will a scholarship help you in fulfilling your educational goals? This information is extremely important to our evaluation of your application. (Please limit your essay to 500 words.)”

Applicants are also asked to upload Solano transcripts, indicate where they attended high school, list their occupational/professional objective and academic plans, as well as list any activities, organizations, or clubs they have been involved with, whether they have received any special honors or recognitions, and to describe their work experience and current job, if applicable. It also asks whether they are returning to school after an absence of more than a year due to work, family, or other life experience.

Other Considerations

- The Academic Senate may review the applications for this scholarship and make recommendations to the Scholarship Foundation. The final award decision would be made by the Scholarship Foundation
- The Academic Senate may require supplemental questions or a supplemental essay for this scholarship, if we choose to do so
- Most scholarships require that students have completed 24 units in the preceding academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer) – this is how full-time attendance is determined
 - Students are not required to be enrolled full time at the time of application or award
- A few scholarships that don't require the 24 units in the previous year:
 - Robert Ford (Science), Diana Muir (re-entry with English preference), Marge Blaha (specified majors with student continuing at Solano), DeKloe Biotechnology. Also, most of those specifying vocational programs require fewer units (18-24.)
- There are about 15 scholarships that either require or prefer the student to be re-entry
- Re-entry students may apply for any scholarship that they qualify for
- The Academic works platform does allow "blind" evaluations of the applications
- Currently, we award 5% of the principal each year for scholarships
 - At our current level of ~\$3000 that would be one \$150 scholarship
 - If we were to raise our balance to \$6000 we could award a \$300 scholarship

Possible Scenarios:

1. Suggested: Award one scholarship to a student with demonstrated leadership, either in high school or at Solano Community College, no GPA or unit requirement

Other Options:

1. Award one scholarship per year – open to any student who demonstrates need, not necessarily covered by the Solano Promise, possibly using supplemental questions or essay, open to new or continuing students (No GPA requirement)
2. Award one scholarship per year based on current prompt, with transcripts required and a GPA of 3.0 at either at SCC or in high school (open to new or continuing students)



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3. Award one scholarship per year, with transcripts required and a GPA of 3.0 at SCC, with the current requirement of at least 24 units completed in the previous academic year
4. Award two scholarships per year – one for a full-time student (one who has completed 24 units in the previous academic year) and one for a new or part-time student (with 0-23 units completed the previous academic year). Transcripts would be required to verify unit completion for the first scholarship
5. Decide based on applications whether we want to award one or two scholarships