UCLA SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

UCLA’s Scholarship Resource Center (SRC) guides students through the scholarship process. Centrally located to the residence halls in Covel Commons, SRC is easily accessible and offers free resources to help students find and apply for scholarships.

DID YOU KNOW?

The best time to apply for private scholarships is between September and April.

Applying for as many scholarships as you can ensures more success.

You do not need a 4.0 GPA or financial aid eligibility to qualify for many awards. Hobbies, work experience, extracurricular activities, and many other factors may qualify you to apply for scholarships.

Handwritten applications look unprofessional. If you apply for a scholarship that does not allow an online application, make an appointment at SRC to use a typewriter.

Setting aside a little time (even just an hour or two) each week to work on scholarships will help ward off psychological resistance to the process. Being persistent and consistent is the best way to ensure scholarship success.

Think broadly by taking note of your interests, hobbies, ethnic/religious background, affiliations, etc. There are scholarships based on many, many characteristics that have nothing to do with grades or financial need.

Many academic departments at UCLA offer scholarships for their undergraduates. Always check for listings on department bulletin boards and ask in the departmental office. Also, departmental counselors might receive information from scholarship agencies.

When asking for a letter of recommendation, remember to: give your recommender(s) plenty of time to complete the letter(s); remind your recommender(s) as the deadline approaches; collect the letter(s) yourself; meet with your recommender(s) in person; and always remember to send a thank you note.

“Networking” will provide you with supportive people on your “scholarship resource team,” give you some external motivation to help you meet deadlines, and help you with your scholarship hunt. Use your personal network of friends, relatives, instructors, bosses, and coworkers.

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