2022-23 SCHOLARSHIPS: HOW TO APPLY
The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County Scholarship Program
Go to our website: www.cfsloco.org
Click on the “Scholarships” tab & select “Available Scholarships”

Click here to be directed to the Available Scholarships page!
Check the eligibility for **ALL** scholarships. You don’t want to miss an opportunity, but you also don’t want to spend time applying when ineligible.

**Click “Apply Here”**
On this page you can view additional criteria, preview the application, apply online, or access a previously started application for your scholarship. Click “Apply”
First time applicants must create an account that will hold all of their applications on the online platform. If you have already applied for a scholarship on our website, Click “Sign In”
Some applications will ask you **prequalifying questions** to determine your eligibility for the scholarship. If you are eligible, you will be directed to the application.
Required to Complete Application:

✓ Unofficial Transcript
  We are not looking at grades, just class schedules for the fall

✓ Activities Form
  Link to fillable form is provided in application (Google Doc or PDF)

✓ Personal Essay

✓ Letter of Recommendation
  Recommender’s Name, Title, Email Address

✓ FAFSA/CADAA- Student Aid Report (SAR)
  For applications with “financial need” as criteria
Application Sections (1-5):

✓ Section 1: Personal Information
   Name, Date of Birth, Address, Contact Information, Individual Circumstances

✓ Section 2: Academic Information
   High School Name & Unweighted GPA, College Choices, Major/Proposed Career

✓ Section 3: Activities
   You MUST use the fillable Activities form we provide (Google Doc or PDF) to complete and upload to your application.

✓ Section 4: Personal Essay
   Pick one of the seven essay prompts. You can type it directly into the application or upload a file.

✓ Section 5: Letter of Recommendation

   Suggestion: Complete this section first! Your application is NOT complete until your recommendation letter is submitted. Once you complete this section, an email will be delivered to the recommender. Your application isn’t complete until they submit their letter to the email link they receive.
Application Sections (6-9):

✓ Section 6: Extraordinary Circumstances/Family Obligations
✓ Section 7: Supplemental Essays
   A few scholarships will refer to a supplemental essay. It will be referenced in the Personal Essay section.
✓ Section 8: Certify and Submit Application
   Sign your name and date. Submit each application!
**SAMPLE ACTIVITY FORM**
You **MUST** use this form, or your application will be disqualified.

We have updated our activity form, so besides the Volunteer Chart above, we have sections for Extracurricular Activities, Employment and Family Commitments.

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<th>Position Held</th>
<th>Required for Graduation (Y/N)</th>
<th>Participation Grade Level (9, 10, 11 or 12)**</th>
<th>Timing of Participation (during school year, during school break, all year)</th>
<th>Hours Spent per Week</th>
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Helpful Hints!

• Applications can be printed at any time as a reference tool.
• If you do not complete all portions of the application, you can save your progress and return to it at any time before the deadline.
Helpful Hint!

Clicking on “My Applications” shows a table of all your active applications, their deadlines, status, and the last time that you edited.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS:

• Be courteous- request letters of recommendation at least 4 weeks before scholarship deadline

• Many of our applications are linked to a common application so your information is copied over

• Be mindful of the word count on your essay (250-650 words)

• Contact Heather Fissel, Scholarships & Grants Coordinator with any questions at heather@cfsloco.org. I also have a Google Voice #, you can text me at (530) 349-1983.