



SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

2024 SCHOLARSHIPS: HOW TO APPLY!

The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County Scholarship Program

Accessing the Applications

Go to our website: www.cfsloco.org

Click on the “Scholarships” tab & select “Available Scholarships”

The screenshot shows the website's header with navigation links: "About Us", "Donors", "Advisors", "Nonprofits", "Scholarships", and "Impact". The "Scholarships" link is circled in red, and a dropdown menu is open, listing "Scholarships", "FAQs", "Student Resources", "Available Scholarships", and "Scholarship Stories". A red arrow points to the "Available Scholarships" option. Below the navigation is a large banner image of hands being held, with a red semi-transparent box containing the text "Support Humanitarian Aid" and a call to action button with a right-pointing arrow. The URL "https://www.cfsloco.org/available-scholarships-2/" is visible at the bottom left of the banner.

[Click here to be directed to the Available Scholarships page!](https://www.cfsloco.org/available-scholarships-2/)

Available Scholarships

Available Scholarships 2024

View or download step-by-step application instructions here: [How to Apply](#)

Apply Here!

Most scholarship applications require students to submit additional forms. Please select from the following files to download directly to your personal computer, fill out and upload to your application when directed to do so in the application you are completing. If assistance is needed, contact Emily Jagger, Scholarship Manager, at emily@cfsloco.org.

Scholarship Name	Eligibility	Amount	Deadline	Apply
Manford and Maude Brown Medical Education Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Level: High School, Undergraduate• Type of College: Certificate, associate, 4-year college/university or graduate school• Major: Medical field (medicine, nursing, medical assistant, dentistry, dental hygiene, phlebotomy, etc.)	Up to \$2,000	February 12, 2024	High school students apply here Undergraduate students apply here

Check the eligibility for ALL scholarships. You don't want to miss an opportunity for funding or spend time applying when ineligible.

Click **"Apply Here"** when you have found a scholarship you wish to apply for!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable: No 			
Douglas DeGross Automotive Studies Learn More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Level: High School, Undergraduate • Term: 1-Year • GPA: Not considered • Demonstrated Financial Need: Yes • Type of College: Community College, 4-year college/university, or Vocational School • Major: Automotive Studies • Other Requirements: Video, Essay, or PowerPoint Presentation • Renewable: No 	Up to \$2,000	February 12, 2024	High School students apply here Undergraduate students apply here
				 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; background-color: white;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Apply Here!</h2> </div>
Helen and Ronald Dunin Legacy Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Level: High School • Term: Multi-Year • GPA: Minimum of 2.7 to a maximum of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale • Demonstrated Financial Need: Yes • Type of College: 4-year college/university • Major: not considered • Other Requirements: Must graduate from a San Luis Obispo County high school AND be a first generation college student • Renewable: No 	Up to \$12,000	February 12, 2024	Apply Here
Zach Elliott Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Level: High School 	Up to \$10,000	February 12, 2024	Apply here

Some scholarships are for high school seniors and others for current undergraduates. Some scholarships are for both! Be sure to read the requirements carefully!

Navigating Smarter Select

First time applicants **must** create an account that will hold all their applications on the online platform. If you have already applied for a scholarship on our website, sign in with your previous log in information.

Sign into your Account

 Email Address

 Password SHOW

Sign In

 Sign in with Google

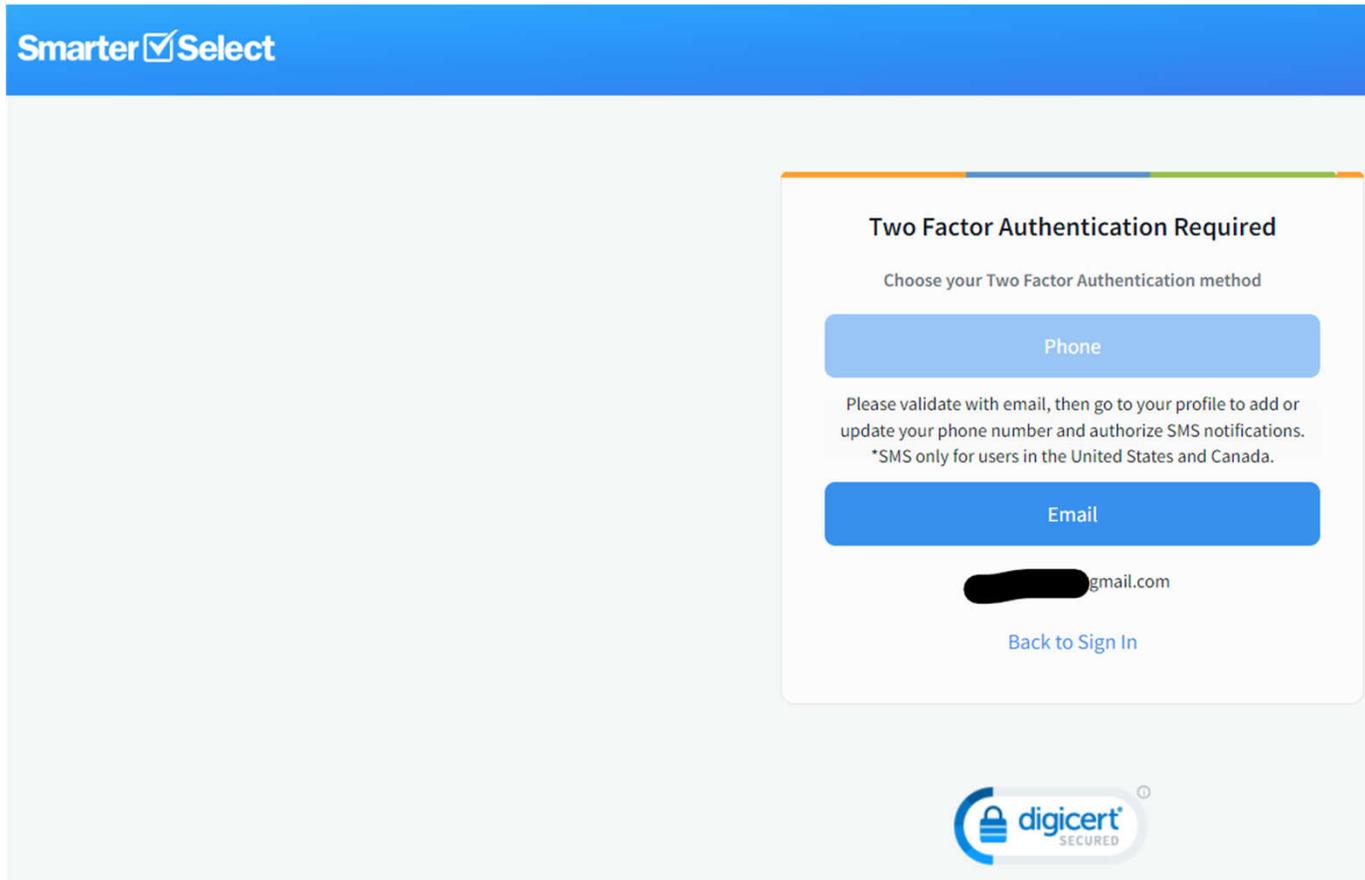
[Forgot your Password?](#)



2-Factor Authentication

Smarter Select requires 2-Factor Authentication to protect private information. Be sure that you set up your account with an email and/or phone that you can easily access.

Reach out if you have any questions about 2-Factor Authentication.



The screenshot shows the Smarter Select login interface. At the top is a blue header with the "Smarter Select" logo. Below the header is a light blue background. On the right side, there is a white box with a title "Two Factor Authentication Required" and a subtitle "Choose your Two Factor Authentication method". There are two blue buttons: "Phone" and "Email". Below the "Email" button, there is a text input field containing a redacted email address followed by "@gmail.com". Below the input field is a blue link that says "Back to Sign In". At the bottom right of the page is the "digicert SECURED" logo.

2024 Bernhard H. Singsen Scholarship

PROGRAM DEADLINE: February 16, 2024 at 11:59 PM PST (Midnight)

DESCRIPTION

The Bernhard H. Singsen Scholarship was established to support young men graduating from San Luis Obispo County High Schools who plan to attend full time at a four-year liberal arts college, or four-year university liberal arts degree program, and pursue a career in medicine, civil service, or education.

REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility:

- **School Level:** High School
- **Term:** 1-Year
- **GPA:** Minimum 3.75 on a 4.0 scale
- **Demonstrated Financial Need:** Yes
- **Type of College:** 4-year Liberal Arts college or university
- **Major:** Medicine, Civil Service or Service or Education
- **Other Requirements:** Must be a graduating, male senior from a San Luis Obispo County high school
- **Renewable:** No

NUMBER OF AWARDS

1

AWARD AMOUNT

\$4,000

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

\$4,000

[Preview](#)

If you click “Apply Here” on our website, you’ll be directed to Smarter Select. On this page you can view the individual scholarship criteria and focus, preview the application, and apply. If you meet the criteria for the scholarship, click “Apply”

Apply

2024 Alan D. Stephenson Scholarship

PROGRAM DEADLINE: February 16, 2024 at 11:59 PM PST (Midnight)

Alan D. Stephenson Scholarship Eligibility Verification

Your response to the following questions must be YES in order to be eligible to apply for this scholarship from The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County.

Do you identify as LGBTQIA+? *

- Yes
 No

Will you be enrolled as a full-time student at a four-year college or university next fall? *

- Yes
 No

Are you a current high school senior in San Luis Obispo County? *

- Yes
 No

Submit

Some applications will ask you **prequalifying questions** to ensure your eligibility. If you are eligible, you will be directed to the application.

- Fourth
- Stretch or Dream School

Application status

4-Year University, Community College, or Technical School school name

The rank of the college/school choice per the student's order of preference.

- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Stretch or Dream School

Application status

What is your proposed major?

*If you are undecided, please write "undecided", do not leave blank. **

What is your proposed career?

*If you are undecided, please write "undecided", do not leave blank. **

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- ✓ Personal Information
- ▶ Academics
- ✓ Activities
- ✓ Personal Essay
- ✓ Letter of Recommend...
- ✓ Extraordinary Circu...
- ✓ Financial Statement
- ✓ Certification and S...
- ✓ Thank You for Applying

Helpful Hints!

- Applications can be printed at any time as a reference tool.
- If you need any help, pressing the help icon will allow you to email our Scholarship Manager.
- 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.

What You'll Need:

✓ Unofficial Transcript

Must include Fall 2023 grades. Ask your school's Registrar or counselor for help!

✓ Activities Form

Link to fillable form is provided in application ([Google Doc](#) or [PDF](#))

✓ Personal Essay

✓ Letter of Recommendation

Prepare Name, Title, Email Address of Recommender

✓ FAFSA/ CADAA- Student Aid Report (SAR)

For scholarships for students with financial need.

Application Sections (1-5):

✓ Section 1: Personal Information

Name, Date of Birth, Address, Contact Information

✓ Section 2: Academic Information

Unofficial Transcript, College Choices, Major/ Proposed Career

✓ Click [here](#) for an example of an unofficial transcript!

✓ 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(s)

Pick one of the essay prompts. You can type it directly into the application or upload a file.

✓ Section 5: Extraordinary Family Obligation/ Student Challenges

Application Sections (6-9):

✓ Section 6: Letter of Recommendation

Suggestion: Complete this section first! Your application is **NOT** complete until your recommendation 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 link they receive.

✓ If you are unsure of how to ask for a letter of recommendation, follow [these tips!](#)

✓ Section 7: Financial Statement

FAFSA/ CADAA, Student Aid Report, Student Aid Index (SAI)

✓ Section 8: Supplemental Essays

✓ A few scholarships will refer to a supplemental essay. It will appear at the end of the application.

✓ Section 9: 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.



Scholarship Activities Form – Common Application

Student Name: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STUDENT EXAMPLE

Message to applicants:

Please complete all 4 sections to the best of your abilities.

Let our volunteer community evaluators decide which activities count—include everything you've done.

For example, if you work after school every day, you might not have much volunteer experience.

Alternatively, if you are involved in multiple sports or clubs, you might not have the time to work after school or volunteer.

That's okay! Write who you are, not what you think we want to hear!

Extracurricular Activities <i>Please list any clubs, sports, fine art programs, or other activities that you have participated in the past 4 years.</i>					
Organization Name	Position Held	Participation Grade Level (9, 10, 11 or 12)	Short Description: Details, Honors Won, and Accomplishments (50 Words or Less)	Time Commitment (ex: School Year, Summer Break, Fall or Spring Semester, All-Year)	Hours Spent per Week
Future Farmers of America	Vice President	9-12	Club Member, Bronze 3 Prepared Public Speaking 10th Grade, Automotive Repair SAE grades 10-12	School Year	10

Activities Form Tips

- Check out the example activities form linked in the application.
- Be sure to use the form provided in the application!
- Talk to someone about the activities you've done and write them down for future reference.
- If you're not sure if an activity qualifies, ask us via email at scholarships@cfsloco.org or call our office during business hours
- (805) 543-2323

3. Activities

Activities Outside of the Classroom

In this section, please list and describe the activities you have participated in since starting high school. It is important to focus on the quality of your involvement in each activity.

Provide details of your activities outside the classroom during both school and summer months. Do not include junior high activities, high school only. Click [here](#) to see an example of a completed activities form.

To submit the information, the applicant MUST use the Scholarship Activity Form-Common Application ([Fillable PDF](#) or [Google Doc](#)).

Your application will be disqualified if you do not use this exact form which is also located on our [Available Scholarships](#) webpage.

If you use the Google Doc version of this form, in order to type into the form, first go to "File" in the Google Doc, then "Make a Copy". On the copied form you should be able to type in your information.

Upload a PDF of your Scholarship Activity Form here: *



Maximum File Size: 10MB , Accepted file types: .pdf

No file attached

My Applications

You have 2 total applications.

Sort by: Program 

 Ascending

2024 Bernhard H. Singsen Scholarship Application	Incomplete Status	in 3 months Time remaining	02/16/2024 Deadline
2024 Ian Purdon Memorial Scholarship Application	Submitted Status	Closed Time remaining	11/15/2023 Deadline

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Helpful Hint!

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS:

- Be courteous- request letters of recommendation at least 3 weeks before scholarship deadline AND remind your recommender to submit their part.
 - Let your recommender know to expect an email from The Community Foundation
- Some applications require a supplemental essay—be prepared!
 - Read the prompts carefully and respond as best as you can.
- Make your account with your personal email address—you may not have access to your student email upon graduation.
 - Example: EmilyGoesToCollege2024@gmail.com
- Contact Emily Jagger, Scholarships Manager, with questions at emily@cfsloco.org or call our office during business hours (805) 543-2323.