

Saddleback College Foundation's **Scholarship Application Information Session**

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Frequently Asked Questions:



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NOW?

What is a Foundation Scholarship?



A scholarship is a financial award given to a student to support their education.

This money does not have to be paid back.

Does financial need determine whether or not I receive a scholarship?



There are scholarships open to everyone regardless of financial need.



How and when do I apply for scholarships?



Students apply online through the scholarship portal during the application period from Jan. 3 to Feb. 24, 2023.

The link is on the Foundation website:

<https://www.saddleback.edu/administration/office-president/saddleback-college-foundation>



Do you have to apply individually to the different scholarships?



Submit one application known as the General Application. Based on the student's answers and information such as GPA, major and other criteria, the scholarship platform will automatically match students to the scholarships that they are eligible for.

How is the decision on winners made?



Awards are primarily based on applicants' review scores, however the highest score does not guarantee a scholarship as there may be other factors to consider.

Does GPA determine winners?

All scholarships have different qualifying criteria and many do not list a particular GPA as a condition. However, all applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA to be eligible.

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12/2 A 12/3 B 1. Polar vs. Rectangular 2. Slope of tangent line of $r(\theta)$	12/13 A 12/14 B	12/15 A 12/16 B
12/9 B Polar FR Questions	12/10 A 12/11 B	12/12 A 12/13 B
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12/23 _____	12/24 _____	12/25 _____

When will I find out if I will received a scholarship?



After the application period closes, a committee reviews and scores hundreds of applications, then award recipients are selected.

All applicants will be notified by email no later than the beginning of May.

When do I get the check?

Checks start processing mid-August of fall semester, only after recipients send in their thank you letter to their scholarship donor.

Checks are mailed to the student's mailing address on file with Admissions and Records, or to their transfer school's financial aid department.

Are there scholarships for transferring students?



Yes, scholarship recipients transferring to a 4-year institution must email “proof of enrollment” (a minimum of 6 units) to the Foundation.

Are scholarships added to my financial aid package?



California
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Colleges

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FAFSA

Federal**StudentAid**

An office of the U.S. Department of Education

If identified as having financial need through your CCC application or your FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Department, a financial aid package may have been created for you.

Scholarships are counted towards a student's financial aid package.



Can I lose my scholarship?

Yes, there are a number of ways to lose your scholarship, such as:

1. Enroll in fewer than 6 units or drop below 6 units for fall semester, if receiving an Osher scholarship, or drop all classes.
2. Not in good academic standing before fall semester by dropping below a 2.0 GPA.
3. No longer meeting a scholarship's criteria such as changing majors before the fall semester, etc.
4. Change school of record to IVC or another community college.

Accessing the Scholarship Application Tutorials

A short tutorial video with easy-to-follow instructions on applying to Saddleback Foundation scholarships is available by visiting:

<https://www.saddleback.edu/administration/office-president/saddleback-college-foundation/apply-scholarships>

Apply for Scholarships

Home > Administration > Office Of The President > Saddleback College Foundation > Apply For Scholarships

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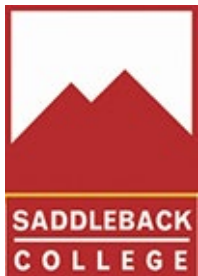
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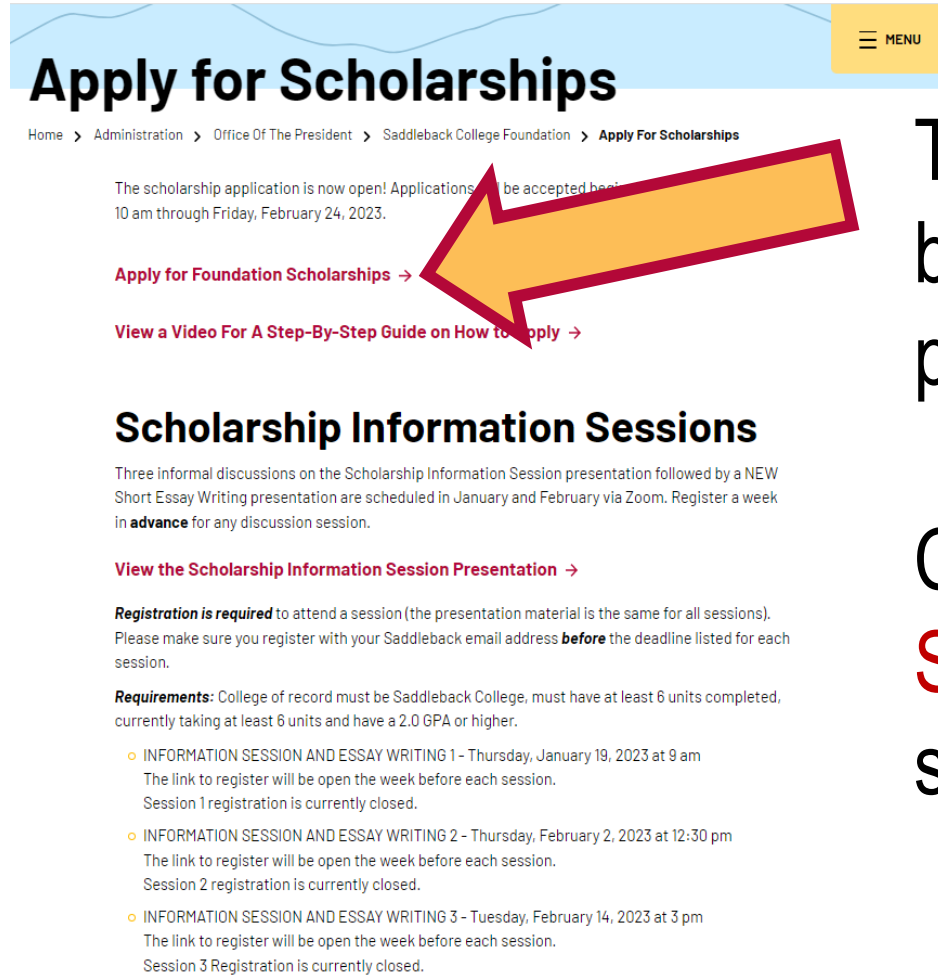
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Click the “**View a Video for a Step-By-Step Guide on How to Apply**” link to access the scholarship video.

Click the “**Scholarship Information Session Presentation**” to access the sessions pdf.



Navigating the Foundation Scholarships page



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The Scholarships page has links to access both the video tutorial and the scholarship portal.

Click on the “**Apply for Foundation Scholarships**” link to access the scholarship portal.



Scholarship Portal



Your scholarship account lets you view multiple pages.

[My Applications](#) [▼ Opportunities](#) [Donors](#)

! You won't be able to apply or be automatically matched to any opportunities until you [complete your general application](#).

Our Opportunities

Welcome to Saddleback College Foundation's Scholarship Portal

"HOW TO APPLY" YOUTUBE TUTORIAL:
Please click [HERE](#) for a step by step tutorial.

IMPORTANT:
Qualifying for a scholarship does not guarantee you will receive one. You must be enrolled in 6 units and have completed 6 units at Saddleback College. All submitted applications are awarded based on a rubrics score and other individual scholarship criteria. Please complete and submit all applications by the deadline (2/19/21 before 11:59 p.m.) in order to be considered for a scholarship. All scholarship winners will be notified by email in May. Good luck!

STEP 1:
You must be using either Chrome or Firefox NOT Internet Explorer. To begin the General Application, click the "Sign Up" or "Sign In" button above. There is only ONE General Application, not individual applications for the hundreds of different scholarships.

STEP 2:
Complete the General Application and click SUBMIT when finished. Your General Application will then be automatically screened to ALL the scholarships that you are eligible for based on the individual criteria. There are no further steps needed unless you see additional "APPLY TO" Scholarships listed.

STEP 3:
After your General Application has been submitted, you MAY see a list of "APPLY TO" Scholarships. You will be directed to complete any additional steps. Once completed, submit the supplemental application for each individual "APPLY TO" Scholarship.

Award	Name	Actions
Varies	Alan Lugena, M.A. Memorial Art Osher Endowed Scholarship This scholarship was established in the memory of Alan Lugena, Community Education Art Instructor, by his students and friends. Alan was an...	None
Varies	Algebra2go Osher Endowed Scholarship In accordance with Osher Foundation criteria: 1. I am a continuing Saddleback College student next fall 2. I completed 24 units of...	None ⓘ

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Application Progress

- ✓ General Application
- Other Recommended Opportunities ⓘ

Recommended Opportunities

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PLEASE NOTE Based on your General Application, the portal has identified you from your student record and matched you to potential opportunities. Further review of each opportunity will be necessary to determine if you meet all requirements. Next to each recommended opportunity, click **"Apply"** to review additional criteria and questions. If you are qualified, answer the questions specific to each recommended scholarship, then click **"Finish and Submit."** You must finish and submit each "Apply To" scholarship by the deadline in order to be considered for the scholarship. If you feel you do not qualify for any recommended "Apply To" scholarship, no additional steps need to be taken

Award	Name	Actions
Varies	Friends of the Library Memorial Scholarship Friends of the Library Memorial Scholarship criteria: 1. I am a...	Apply by 02/17/2022
	Gillian Marie Sabet Memorial Endowed Scholarship This scholarship was established in loving memory of Gillian Marie Sabet...	Apply by 02/17/2022

You must submit your general application in order to match to other recommended scholarship opportunities.



Scholarship General Application



The screenshot shows the "My Applications" section of the Saddleback College website. The "General Application" is selected, showing a progress indicator. The form includes instructions on saving and submitting the application, followed by "General Application Questions". These questions are marked with an asterisk and include radio button options for "Yes" and "No". A large yellow arrow with a red outline points to the "Save and Keep Editing" and "Finish and Submit" buttons at the bottom of the form.

My Applications ▼ Opportunities Donors

Application Progress

● General Application ⓘ

You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, submit your application by clicking **Finish and Submit**. You must **Submit** your application before the deadline date to be considered for a scholarship. **Note:** Required fields are marked with an asterisk.

General Application Questions

* First Name

* Last Name

* I am the first in my family to attend college.
☐ Y
☐ N

* I have completed at least 6 units with at least a 2.0 by the end of Fall 2020 and will be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units in Spring 2021.
☐ Yes
☐ No

* Will you be continuing at Saddleback College in Fall 2021?
☐ Yes
☐ No

* Will you be attending a 4-year college in the upcoming Fall 2021 semester?
☐ Yes

Save and Keep Editing **Finish and Submit**

The General Application has a list of questions to answer and four essay questions to write. If you need some time to get through the application, click the “Save and Keep Editing” button at the bottom of the page until you are ready to submit.



Scholarship General Application Essays

Some Advice for Getting Started – by Ryan Hitch

- A 250-word max means that you should avoid unnecessary introduction or conclusion paragraphs in your response. Instead, focus on the content of your answer and organizing that response in paragraph form.
- It can be challenging to write about yourself. If you're having trouble getting started, or you get stuck along the way, consider asking a friend or family member how they would answer that question about you.

Essay 1:

Write briefly about how you prevailed and overcame a personal challenge resulting in a positive impact on your life and education.
(250 word max.)

Everyone encounters challenges throughout their lives, some more difficult than others. A challenge does not have to be a traumatic experience, but does have to be a difficult situation that you solved on your own, or with help, that changed your perspective in a positive way.

Essay One

- **Writing Tips**

- Challenges come in big and small sizes. Don't rule something out if you think it ultimately had a positive impact on your life and education.
- **A multi-part question needs a multi-part response.** Make sure to save space for the challenge, how you overcame the challenge, and the positive impact on your life and education.

Essay 2

Write briefly about what you expect to accomplish at Saddleback College, why college is important to you and to your future career goals. (250 word max.)

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Why are you at Saddleback College and where will it take you?



Essay Two

- **Writing Tips**

- Focus on what you know, not on what you don't know. While you may not have a precise major picked out (ex: Chemistry), you may have a general area in mind (ex: STEM field).
- Use concrete language wherever possible. Writing, "I want a career helping people," may mean a lot to you as somebody who has spent some time thinking about it, but the person reading your essay doesn't know you or the time you've put into that goal. Instead, consider, "I'm interested in working at a hospital because I enjoy helping people."

Essay 3

Write briefly about how helping an individual, group or a community impacted your life and why. (250 word max.)

SEEKING
HUMAN
KINDNESS

It doesn't have to be a grand effort to impact someone's life by helping them.

Essay Three

- **Writing Tips**

- Like challenges, helping comes in big and small sizes. Don't rule something out if you think it had an impact on your life.
- If you're having trouble getting started on this question, this would be a good one to share with friends or family (who may have their own stories about how you helped them).

Essay 4

Write briefly about what would receiving a scholarship mean to you?
(250 word max.)



Describe how a gift of money will help you achieve both your educational goals at Saddleback and your career path.

Essay Four

- **Writing Tips**

- While it's easy to focus on the monetary aspect of this question, it doesn't all have to be about need. This money is meant to help you do something important with your education, and this question is a good place to talk about that.
- For example, you could talk about how this money might help you commute to school, manage childcare, or pay for expensive textbooks to help you succeed in those important classes you're taking.

Organizing Your Response

- When writing a paragraph, the first sentence is considered your topic sentence. Think of it like a mini-thesis statement for your paragraph. It should be broad enough to cover all the content in your paragraph, but specific enough to give the reader a good idea about what will be discussed.
- Consider using transition words like “first, then, finally” and more to create a smooth flow within the paragraph.
- Use the last sentence to briefly recap your response (and try to work in word(s) from the prompt if you can).

Editing and Proofreading

- Try writing your responses over more than one day. Time can always help you catch what you miss.
- Read your response out loud, and slowly, at least once before submitting. How you read a passage in your head can sometimes differ from how you read it out loud, and because your reader won't be "in your head", it's important that what you write also makes sense when you read it out loud.
- Consider asking someone to read your responses before you submit.

Asking for Help

- Remember the Saddleback Foundation offers several resources in the form of Zoom info sessions, website resources, and more.
- Consider reaching out to your current or past English instructor for assistance. Even a high school English instructor could be a useful guide in this process.
- But do know that LRC tutors are only allowed to help you with writing related to a class that you're taking.

Miscellaneous information

- Suggestion: write your essays using a word document so you can save them in case you need them at a later time, then copy and paste to the essay question in the general application.
- Applicants are able to receive more than one scholarship and the award amounts vary from \$500 to over \$1,000.
- If you are currently enrolled in less than 3 units you must enroll in late registration now in order to be eligible for scholarships.
- If you have questions, reach out to me as early as possible. Do not wait until the last day!

Questions?



**CALL
ME IF
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We hope you found the information in this presentation helpful.

Should you think of a question or need help with the platform it's best to email me, ecramer@saddleback.edu

For essay writing questions you may email Ryan Hitch, rhitch2@saddleback.edu

