



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP / WHAT IT IS NOT?

- This is not Financial Aid or the BOGG Waiver (now known as the California Promise).
- A scholarship is a gift!
 - You earned this scholarship by submitting a successful application and demonstrating you are working hard to achieve your goals.
 - You took the time to write your personal statement and ask for letters of recommendation.
 - Someone saw something in you which they felt made you worthy of receiving a scholarship.
 - Please treat the award with the utmost gratitude and humility.

2. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HONOR YOUR DONOR?

- **Why do they give scholarships?**
 - This community works hard volunteering their time and money in support of your education.
 - You are someone who is completely anonymous to them.
 - Most of our donors are local and from this area.
 - It is important to them that you have a successful educational experience and maybe stay and help to support the community they love.
 - Or, if you leave, one day come back and share your experiences and expertise.
- **What it takes for them to raise money?**
 - They ask others to financially support a cause they believe in.
 - They donate their own financial resources.
- **What is their reward?**
 - Thank-you from the students they support.
 - Your success!
 - Following in their footsteps and one day also paying it forward.
 - There are many more who will come behind you who will need the same financial help – make a difference in someone else's life who

you have never met, the same way you may never meet the donor who cared enough to invest in your education.

3. HOW WILL THE FOUNDATION THANK THE DONORS?

- Student testimonial publishing on our website, social media, monthly reports, etc.
 - We need your photo! Email one of the contacts above or use the ThankView link provided in a previous email.
- Recognizing them at today's ceremony.
- The rest is up to you... bring a thank you card into the Foundation office and we can mail it for you. Take the time to read the information on your donor included in the scholarship information file!

4. HOW WILL I BE ABLE TO ACCESS MY SCHOLARSHIP?

- Money must be received in the Foundation office by the donor first. Some come later in the semester. Be prepared to pay your own expenses and get reimbursed.*
- All scholarships are sent to the Bursar and posted to your account.
 - Automatically pays tuition / fees first.
 - Bookstore vouchers can be requested after fees are paid by the Bursar.
 - *Scholarship balances are automatically distributed after the last add/drop date. **Be sure your address is correct on file with Admission and Records since the balance will be mailed!**
- Rules about using funds:
 - Most donors require the funds be used for books and tuition first.
 - If your award is over \$500, it may be split between semesters – for example if your scholarship is \$1,000 you will receive Fall \$500 and Spring \$500.
 - Some have different rules – for example if you need to purchase a laptop?
 - Please check with Chris if you are not familiar with what you can and cannot purchase with your award.
 - Remember, your financial aid can be affected (meaning lowered) if you receive a scholarship.
 - It is recommended that you speak with the specialists if you have concerns.
- **Transfer student requirements** - If the scholarship is confirmed to be transferrable:
 - You must provide transfer school id # and registration statement to the Foundation office in order for funds to be transferred to the school you are attending. You can email that to one of the contacts above.

FINALLY...

- Congratulations again!
- At any time if you have questions, stop by our office.
- You can pick up your certificate in the Foundation office during the Fall 2020 semester.
- Please complete all of the forms that are included in this file and email them or return them to the Foundation office when you pick up your certificate.