

College OPTIONS Transfer Scholarship Application



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What is the College OPTIONS Transfer Scholarship?

Through a grant from the College Access Foundation, College OPTIONS is reaching out to first-generation, income-eligible students who choose to start at Shasta College or College of the Siskiyous, are ready to take college-level classes and are focused about their transfer goals. Our scholarship will provide the following award:

- \$1,000 for freshman year at community college (Shasta or College of the Siskiyous)
- \$1,000 for sophomore year at community college (Shasta or College of the Siskiyous)
- \$5,000 for junior year at a four-year, regionally accredited college or university
- \$5,000 for senior year at a four-year, regionally accredited college or university

In addition to the monetary award (a total of \$12,000), our scholarship coordinator will be in frequent contact with you throughout your entire college career to make sure that you are successful in meeting your academic goals.

Who is eligible to apply for this scholarship?

If you can check EVERY box below, we encourage you to submit an application:

- Your entire senior year in high school was in Shasta or Siskiyou County and you will graduate with a high school diploma
- You are a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident
- You are a 1st generation college student (neither of your parents completed a 4 year, Bachelor's Degree)
- Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the 2009-10 FAFSA is \$4,000 or less
- You will attend Shasta College or College of the Siskiyous as a first-time freshman as a full-time student in Fall 2009
- You completed the "a-g" course pattern in high school with a 2.0 GPA or better in those courses
- You will be ready to take college level coursework at the community college as demonstrated by the results of your community college assessment tests
 - English: you must place into English 1A or higher
 - Math: you must place into a college-level, transferrable math course
- You plan to transfer to a four-year institution after two years at community college. To do this, you must:
 - Have well-defined major/career goals OR be willing to spend the time required in your first semester to develop your major/career goals, *and*
 - Be willing to take an *average* of 15 units per semester to have the required 60 units for transfer

How are students selected for this scholarship?

Community members will review submitted applications. Some applicants will be selected for an interview on May 7th or 8th. If you are selected for an interview, you will be notified in early May. From the interviews, a total of ten students from the two counties will be selected as recipients for 2009-10.

How do I apply for the College OPTIONS Transfer Scholarship?

Submit the following application and all supporting documents to the College OPTIONS center. All application materials **must be received together in the College OPTIONS Center by 5:00 pm, Friday, April 17, 2009:**

College OPTIONS

Attention: Buffy Tanner, Scholarship Coordinator
1890 Park Marina Dr. #202 Redding, CA 96001

If you have questions about the scholarship criteria, the scholarship application or any of the supporting documents, please contact Buffy Tanner at (530) 245-1842 or ektanner@ucdavis.edu

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Before submitting this application, please make sure you that you meet the eligibility criteria as stated on the page 1. If you do not meet ALL the criteria, you are not eligible for this scholarship.

Your application packet must include the following documents:

The following documents must be submitted as a packet to the College OPTIONS center:

- The completed application form (pages 3 and 4 of this application)
- Copy of high school transcript; unofficial transcript is fine
Notice to homeschooled students: if your school does not provide transcripts or does not have an approved "a-g" courselist, please provide a short statement describing your studies, copies of any test scores available (SAT, ACT, CHSPE, etc) and the name and phone number of your school contact
- Copy of transcripts from any other schools (community college coursework taken while in high school, online courses, etc); unofficial transcript is fine
- Copy of Shasta College or College of the Siskiyous math and English assessment test results
- Copy of the SAR (Student Aid Report) you received after submitting your 2009-10 FAFSA; must show EFC (Expected Family Contribution) to be \$4,000 or less
- Short statements addressing the following topics (type answers on a separate sheet):

Major/Career interest (300 words):

What is your intended major or career goal? Discuss how your interest in the major/career developed and how you have researched this major/career. If applicable, describe any experience you have had that could be connected to your major or career — such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in student organizations and activities — and what you have gained from your involvement.

Personal information (300 words):

Tell us about a time in high school that was a challenge for you (can be personal or academic). *Briefly* describe the situation, but devote most of your essay to a discussion of how you addressed the situation and what resources you used to help yourself.

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BEFORE filling out application, please check to see if you meet ALL eligibility criteria (listed on page 1)

This application may be downloaded as a Microsoft Word document or a PDF from www.collegeoptions.org/financial.html

Section 1: Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Female	Male
Street Address		City	State	Zip Code
			CA	
E-mail		Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Current High School		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Social Security Number	

Ethnicity (optional)

- African American
 Asian or Pacific Islander
 Caucasian
 Native American
 Other: _____
 Decline to State

Section 2: Educational information

What is the highest level of school your parents completed?

- Mother Don't Know Middle School High School 2 year college (Associate's) 4 year Bachelor's or beyond
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For academic year 2009-10, I plan to enroll at College of the Siskiyous or Shasta College

My current major/career interest is:

I am interested in transferring to the following 4 year college/university:

1 st choice:
2 nd choice:
3 rd choice:

If you do not feel your high school GPA is reflective of your academic capabilities, you may attach a separate statement explaining your situation. If you have any supporting documentation, such as SAT or ACT scores, you may attach a copy of your scores. *Note: ACT/SAT scores are **not** required.*

Section 3: Financial Information

To be eligible for this scholarship, your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the 2009-10 FAFSA must be \$4,000 or less. You must attach a complete copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) from your 2009-10 FAFSA that shows your EFC.

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Section 4: Short statements: please type your responses to the following topics on a separate sheet of paper and include with your application.

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Section 5: Signature

Please read the following statement and sign and date your application before you submit it:

By signing this application, I verify that I have read all of the eligibility criteria and meet all criteria. I certify the accuracy of this completed form and all accompanying documents and, if asked, agree to provide proof of this information. I also give permission to College OPTIONS to share this information with the scholarship review committee. If selected to receive this scholarship, I authorize both the college(s) of my attendance and College OPTIONS to exchange any information necessary in the administration of the scholarship including, but not limited to, financial aid information, registration information and grades. I understand that by submitting this application I am not guaranteed to receive any award or scholarship and that all submitted applications and accompanying documents become the sole property of College OPTIONS, and I agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify College OPTIONS for any acts, failures to act, or omissions of College OPTIONS, its employees or volunteers. If I am selected for a scholarship, I give permission to College OPTIONS to use my name and any recorded images of me such as photographs for the purposes of publicity releases, public service announcements, outreach or recruitment.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature (if student is under 18 years old)

Date

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