

Auxiliary Organizations Association (AOA) Scholarship of Excellence:

OVERVIEW

PURPOSE

The purpose of the AOA *Scholarship of Excellence* is to annually recognize one California State University (CSU) student with a scholarship award of up to \$5,000 to support academic and academic-related expenses. The basis for the scholarship award shall be a combination of academic excellence and for service to the campus or community, particularly to an auxiliary or a nonprofit organization.

Ideal candidates should be able to demonstrate a history of service to auxiliary organizations at their campus of origin or throughout the California State University system. Examples include but are not limited to, serving as a member of an auxiliary organization governing board, volunteering time for a child development center or community service nonprofit organization, being 1st or 2nd author of a proposal that leads to an externally awarded contract or grant, promoting the mission of an auxiliary organization through committee or volunteer work, or by serving as an elected or appointed student leader.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The *Scholarship of Excellence* award shall be made in the amount of up to \$5,000. The award will be allocated to the student awardee via their campus financial aid account, at their Financial Aid Office. Scholarships are disbursed in equal amounts for each academic year term (quarter or semester) of full-time enrollment. This timeline reflects the scholarship awarding cycle and typical operating procedure. In accordance with Federal regulations governing over-awards (34 CFR 673.5), recipients of need-based aid shall have resources coordinated regardless if need is an eligibility requirement.

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APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

For fall 2016 application period

This document to be distributed Monday, September 26, 2016

Step 1: Begin determining if you meet the minimum qualifications required:

- Must be a full time CSU student (Undergraduate or Graduate) sophomore or junior at time of application.
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Be in Good Standing with your university.
- Must be able to demonstrate past service to a CSU auxiliary organization.

Step 2: Complete the AOA Scholarship of Excellence Application (attached).

Step 3: Please make an appointment with the Auxiliary Director in which you have served to discuss your application. You will need the Auxiliary Director to do the following:

1. Verify you are enrolled as a full-time student as either a sophomore or junior.
2. Verify you are a student in good standing; and

Note: Some campuses will not project into the future and certify that a student will have current enrollment status or a certain number of units at a future time. For students at those campuses, the verification may be the number of units the student is currently enrolled in, plus a statement of how many units the student had accumulated as of the end of the last term.

3. Verify your current cumulative GPA is at least 3.0 by including a copy of your university transcript.

Sign your application.

Step 4: Prepare your resume. Be sure to include any and all work experience, internships, or volunteer opportunities that you have held.

Step 5: Write an essay of no more than 500 words explaining your academic, professional and civic engagement experience and commitment.

Step 6: Assemble your application, which will include:

- a. Completed and signed application
- b. Your resume
- c. Copy of your university transcript
- d. Essay of 500 or fewer words

Step 7: Email of mail, either by regular mail or overnight delivery, to:

Auxiliary Organizations Association (AOA)- Scholarship of Excellence
C/O Richard Jackson, Business Manager
PO Box 2177
Chico, CA 95927-2177
rtjackson@csuchico.edu

Applications must be received no later than: Monday, October 24, 2016, no later than 5:00 p.m.

**Contact Arnecia Bryant, AOA Scholarship Committee Chair, for any questions or concerns, at Abryant@csudh.edu or (310) 243-3854.*

