UndocuQueer Scholarship Guide

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Scholarship Guide Intended for:

- Graduating High School Seniors and Continuing College Students
- Hispanic Students
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Students
- Undocumented, AB-540 Students
- Southern California Residents

Note: All scholarships are researched with LGBTQ-friendliness in mind. 
Note: U.S. citizenship required LGBTQ scholarships*
Note: Though list is primarily focused for Hispanics; majority of scholarships are open to EVERYONE regardless of gender, class, sexual orientation, ethnicity, ability, religion, or place of residence.
**JANUARY**

**Point Foundation – The National LGBTQ Scholarship Fund – $10,000-$40,000**

November 1 - Part I of Point’s Scholarship Application opens.

January 19 - Part I closed at 11:59pm PST.

November 1 - Part II of Point’s Scholarship Application opens to eligible applicants notified by email.

February 1 - Part II closed at 11:59pm PST.

[https://www.pointfoundation.org/point-apply/apply-now/](https://www.pointfoundation.org/point-apply/apply-now/)

**Great Minds in STEM “HENAAC” Scholarship Program - $10,000**

Early January – Application Opens.

Deadline Varies – Please check application ASAP when available (usually April 30th)

- Official Transcripts
- One-page Resume
- 700-word Essay
- ONE faculty letter of recommendation from an advisor/professor.
- ONE peer letter of recommendation from a friend.
- HQ Photo in full colors.

[http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/scholarship-application-information](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/scholarship-application-information)

**CoffeeForLess.com “Hit the Books” Scholarship - $500 Fall, $500 Spring**

January 31 – Spring Scholarship Deadline.

September 30 – Fall Scholarship Deadline.

[http://www.coffeeforless.com/scholarship](http://www.coffeeforless.com/scholarship)

**Jones T-Shirts/Love Your Career Scholarship - $1,000 Fall, $1,000 Winter**

September 12 – Fall Deadline.

January 9 – Winter Deadline.

- 1,000-word Essay


**MarvelOptics National Scholarship Contest - $1,500 Fall, $1,500 Spring**

August 10 – Fall Application Deadline. / August 31 – Winner will be announced.

January 5 – Spring Application Deadline. / January 26 – Winner will be announced.

[https://www.marveloptics.com/about-marvel-optics/scholarship-program](https://www.marveloptics.com/about-marvel-optics/scholarship-program)

**FEBRUARY**

**TELACU Education Foundation Scholarship – Up to $5,000**

February 26 – Application must be postmarked.

- 2-page Personal Narrative
- TWO Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts
- Most Recent Tax Return (must be signed)

April 30 – Interview

**Additional Scholarship Opportunity – TOYOTA/TELACU Award (majoring in Business or Engineering)**

- In the same format as the personal narrative, please submit an additional one-page response.
TheDream.US National Scholarship – $24,000  
September 14 – Application Opens.  
February 15 – Application Closes.  
http://www.thedream.us/nationalscholarship/

American Psychological Society Undergraduate Research Fellowship - $4,000  
February 01 – Application Deadline.  
http://www.the-aps.org/mm/Education/Undergraduate/Educational-Projects/UGSRFs/Application-Information

*Bisexual Foundation Scholarship Award / Malyon-Smith Scholarship - $1,000 each  
February 01 – Application must be postmarked.  
- BOTH scholarships are due on February 01, but must submit separate applications.  
- Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in a Department of Psychology at the graduate level.  
- Applications from students in allied disciplines, such as social work and sociology, cannot be considered at this time.  
- ONE completed cover sheet.  
- ONE copy of the applicant’s curriculum vitae (CV)  
- ONE copy of the project description (please omit identifying information).  
- ONE letter from the applicant’s faculty supervisor addressing the quality and feasibility of the project, and qualifications of the applicant.  
http://www.apadivision44.org/honors/bisexual.php

**MARCH**

Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) – Up to $5,000  
January 01 – Application Opens.  
March 30 – Application Closes.  
Award Notifications – June-July  
Enrollment Verifications – August-October  
Award Distributions – November-December  
https://my.hsf.net/en/users/sign_in

Becas Univision Scholarship – Up to $5,000  
January 01 – Application Opens.  
March 30 – Application Closes.  
Processing – February-April.  
Selections – May-June.  
Award Notifications – June to July.  
Enrollment Verification – September-October  
Award Distribution – October-December  
http://www.univision.com/noticias/becas

CA Dream Act – Financial Aid for Undocumented, AB-540 Students
March 2 – Priority Deadline.
https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

Inland Empire Scholarship Fund (IESF) - $1,000-$3,000, Varies
February 01 – Application Opens.
Early March – Application Closes.
- 500-word Essay
- TWO Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of Financial Aid (SAR, 1040 federal tax form, EFC)
- Official Transcripts
https://iesfbecas.cvscholars.com/

Joe Baca Foundation - $1,000
Early March – Application must be postmarked.
Early April – Interview.
- 200-word personal narrative
- TWO Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts
- Proof of Acceptance to College/University or Registration Statement
http://www.valleycollege.edu/~media/Files/SBCCD/SBVC/financial-aid/scholarships/joebacafoundation.pdf

UCLA Labor Center | Dream Summer Fellowship (10-weeks, full-time) - $5,000
Early March – Application must be postmarked ONLINE.
Early May – Phone Interview.
http://www.labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/dream-summer/

LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) - $500-$2,000, Varies
March 01 – Application Opens.
March 31 – Application is Due.
June 15 – Applicants notified of scholarship award by local LULAC Council.
July 15 – First scholarship disbursement sent to a local LULAC Council.
January 15 – Second scholarship disbursement sent to local LULAC Council.
http://www.lnesc.org/#!llnsf/c17bl

*Gamma Mu Foundation LGBT Scholarship - $1,000-$2,500, Varies.
March 31 – Application Deadline.
May 31 – Scholarship Decisions.
- U.S. citizenship required.
- Must be under the age of 35.
- Must have High School Diploma, or GED.
http://www.gammamufoundation.org/grant_scholarships/scholarships.asp

APRIL
Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund - $10,000
January 01 – Scholarship Opens.
April 01 – Scholarship Closes. Must be postmarked by April 1st.
http://www.davisputter.org/

**MAES Latinos in Science and Engineering Scholarship - $Varies**
April 30 – Postmarked by deadline.
- Be a MAES Paid Student Member ($10 fee)
- Personal Statement
- Request Recommendation Letters
- Include a current resume
- Include Current Official Transcript

http://mymaes.org/program-item/maes-scholarships/

*AT&T League Foundation LGBT Scholarship - $Varies*
April 30 – Application Deadline.
- Be graduating High School student
- Be U.S. citizen, or legal immigrant
- Complete 2 personal essays
- TWO letters of recommendation from nonfamily members
- Prepare a detailed list of community involvement. Extra Points for activities and leadership roles relating to LGBT.
- Sign an acknowledgement form

https://www.leaguefoundation.org/apply/

**Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Scholarship - $1,000-$5,000**
April 30 – Application Deadline.
- Demonstrate an interest in service to the LGBTQ community.
- Undocumented, non-U.S. citizens are welcome to apply!

https://www.pflag.org/scholarship

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**MAY**

**El Café del Futuro “HACU” Scholarship – Up to $5,000**
January 04 – Application Opens.
May 27 – Application Closes.
- 800-word Essay
- ONE Letter of Recommendation
- Enrollment Verification Form
- Official Transcripts

http://www.hacu.net/images/hacu/StudentServices/Caf%C3%83%C2%A9%20Bustelo%20Scholarship%20Rules.pdf

**Actuarial Diversity Scholarship – $1,000-$4,000**
May 02 – Application Deadline

**NLGJA The Association of LGBT Journalists - $5,000**
May 15 – Application Deadline.
- ONE-page resume
- FIVE work samples as described under work samples.
- Proof of attendance: a letter of college acceptance or a letter of college enrollment.
- Official transcripts. Scans are acceptable.
- Write and publish a news story to Tumblr of words and multimedia. Click link to see topics.

http://members.nlgsf.org/?page=scholarships

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**JUNE**

**The Margarian Law Firm Scholarship – five $1,000 scholarships**

*June 30 – Application must be RECEIVED by June 30th.*
  - Resume
  - One-page Personal Statement
  - Official Transcripts
  - ONE Photo of yourself
  - ONE Letter of Recommendation Form

http://margarianlaw.com/scholarship/

**The Akash Kuruvilla Memorial Scholarship – three $1,000 scholarships**

*June 17 – Application Deadline.*
  - 750-word essay “What does the America Dream mean to you”
  - 500-word essay personal statement
  - ONE Letter of Recommendation
  - Resume
  - Official Transcripts
  - SAR (Student Aid Report) through FAFSA

https://www.akmscholarship.com/

**Dreamers Without Borders Study Abroad Program - $all-expenses-paid**

*June 24 – Application Deadline.*
  - Travel Dates: December 7th to January 3rd.


**Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship - $1,000**

*June 12 – Application Deadline.*
  - 500-1000-word career goals essay

http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

**Giva Student Scholarship and Worldwide Community Ambassador Award - $1,000**

*June 01 – First Cycle Deadline. / August 15 – Scholarship Notification.*
  - 600-1,000-word essay: How will you use your talents and education to make the world a better place for future generations? What are your career and personal goals and why?
  - Include Resume

*LGBT Health Professionals Heart Scholarship - $2,000
June 30 – Application must be postmarked.
- All awardees must be “out”.
- Must be at the graduate level seeking a degree in health sciences.
- Demonstrate commitment or contribution to the health of the LGBT community.
http://www.aphalgbt.org/resources/Y2009/09_HEART_Application.pdf

**JULY**
National Liberty Museum Scholarship Program – $500-$7,500 (30 winners)
July 15 – Application Deadline.
- Must be under the age of 25
- Join/Become a member of the Liberty Museum ($35 membership fee)
http://libertyscholars.libertymuseum.org/rules/

Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Coalition DACA Scholarship - $465
July 31 – Postmarked by date.
August 31 – Notifications.
- You must participate at IEIYC’s fall fundraiser in October where you will receive your award.
- If selected, you must submit a photo and a quote in order to receive your award.
http://www.ieiyc.org/?page_id=76

The National Foundation of Alpha Psi Lambda (NFAPL) Scholarship - $1,000
July 31 – Application Deadline.
August 15 – Announcement of scholarship recipient.
- TWO letters of recommendation
http://nfapl.org/Scholarships.html

California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program - $5,000
July 20 – Fall Program Deadline.
- Travel Dates: October 15th to November 6th.
- Open to ‘Self-Paid’ participants only.
August 31 – Winter Program Deadline.
- Travel Dates: December 18th to January 15th.
- Open to sponsored and/or Self-Paid participants.
http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Announcing-2-new-Dreamers-Study-Abroad-Programs.html?soid=1122576112933&aid=Gsdw7D5anAA

SALEF “Fulfilling Our Dreams Scholarship” - $1,000
July 15 – Application Deadline.
August – Finalists will be notified.
September – Scholarship recipients will be notified.
- Applicant must be of Central American or other Latino ethnicity.
- Only students from the Los Angeles Area may apply.
- TWO letters of recommendation
- 1,000-word Personal Statement
- Resume
- Official Transcripts
- Most current Federal Tax Return OR proof of family income
- Copy of Federal Financial Aid (Award Letter, SAR, Cal-Grant Aid)

http://www.salef.org/#!__programs

“From Failure to Promise” Scholarship Essay Contest - $10,000, $500
July 31 – Application Deadline.
September 01 – Finalists will be notified.
- ONE award will be given in the amount of $10,000
- THREE awards will be given in the amount of $500
- HS seniors, undergrad, and graduate-level college students can apply!
- Write essay of at least 1,500 words-long addressing all three prompts: see link.

http://www.fromfailuretopromise.com/#!essay-scholarship-contest--html/cfvg

**AUGUST**

**Lexington Law Scholarship Award - $10,000**
August 31 – Application Deadline.
- 800-word essay about how you repaired or established good credit.
- YouTube submissions are encouraged but not required.
- winners will be selected the following week.


**Chuan Ai Lu Engstrom Memorial Scholarship - $1,000**
August 01 – Fall Application Deadline. / August 15 – Announcement for Fall recipients.
December 01 – Spring Application Deadline. / December 15 – Announcement for Spring recipients.
- Write an essay of no fewer 800 words on the topic: Discuss the roll of engineering and business innovation as keys to driving the global economy.

http://www.pcb-solutions.com/chuan-ai-lu-engstrom-memorial-scholarship/

**Olshan Building Strong Foundations Scholarship - $1,000**
August 12 – Application must be RECEIVED by August 12. September 16: Winner Announced.
- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Official Transcripts with 3.0 GPA
- ONE 150-word response: Describe the coursework and/or lab work you have completed towards your elected area study.
- List any awards, scholarships, or recognitions that you have received.
- ONE 500-word essay: Describe your motivation and/or decision to pursue a degree in your chosen area. What do you hope to do with your degree once you’re completed your schooling.
- Submit a brief 15-30 second summary of your essay via Instagram, YouTube, Vimeo, or similar broadcasting platform to our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/OlshanFoundation

http://www.olshanfoundation.com/scholarships/

**MarvelOptics National Scholarship Contest - $1,500 Fall, $1,500 Spring**
August 10 – Fall Application Deadline. / August 31 – Winner will be announced.

The Clubs of America Scholarship Award for Career Success - $1,000
August 31 – Application Deadline.

Official Coupon Code Future Leaders - $3,000
August 15 – Application Deadline.
September 15 – Winner Announced.
   - Write 1,000-word essay based on three topics.
https://www.officialcouponcode.com/scholarship-application/

I Define Success Scholarship - $500
August 15 – Application Deadline.
http://idefinesuccess.net/

SEPTEMBER
Golden Door Scholars Program - $full-tuition, varies.
Early September – Application opens.
http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/apply.html

CoffeeForLess.com “Hit the Books” Scholarship - $500 Fall, $500 Spring
January 31 – Spring Scholarship Deadline.
September 30 – Fall Scholarship Deadline.
http://www.coffeeforless.com/scholarship

The Generation Google Scholarship - $10,000
Early September – Application Opens.
https://www.google.com/edu/scholarships/the-generation-google-scholarship/

Jones T-Shirts/Love Your Career Scholarship - $1,000
September 12 – Fall Deadline.
January 9 – Winter Deadline.
   - 1,000-word Essay
http://www.jonestshirts.com/scholarship

QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship - $full-tuition, varies.
September 27 – Application Deadline.
October 13 – College Ranking due.
October 20 – Applicants are notified of Finalists decisions via their application.
   - Finalists continue with their College Match Applications. Applicants not chosen as Finalists (Non-Finalists) should proceed on their own with college applications.
November 01 – Finalists must submit required documents to the colleges they have ranked.
Early November – Final college rankings and Match Agreement Form are due (if needed).
Finalists who are not matched continue with QuestBridge Regular Decision.

- **December 01** – Finalists are notified of College Match results.
- Finalists who do not match continue with QuestBridge Regular Decisions.
- **December 11** – The QuestBridge Regular Decision Form is due.
- **Mid Spring** – Admissions decisions are sent out by the colleges for Regular Decision applicants.

[https://apply.questbridge.org/apply/](https://apply.questbridge.org/apply/)

**Mexican American Dream Scholarship - $500-$1,000**
- **September** – Application Deadline is sometime in the fall.
  - Must be AB-540, or have DACA.
  - Must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Inland Empire, or Ventura.

[http://www.cofem.org/#!scholarships-bucas/c11m6](http://www.cofem.org/#!scholarships-bucas/c11m6)

**Google Lime Scholarship Program - $10,000**
- **September** – Application Deadline is sometime in the fall.
  - Open to undergraduate, graduate, or PhD students.
  - Application must have a visible or invisible disability at the time of applying.
  - Demonstrate passion for Computer Science and Technology.

[https://www.google.com/edu/scholarships/the-google-lime-scholarship/](https://www.google.com/edu/scholarships/the-google-lime-scholarship/)

**American Bullion Scholarship Program - $500**
- **October 31** – Application Deadline.
- **First Week of December**: Winners Contacted.
  - Write 500-1,000-word essay: What is a Gold IRA?

[https://www.americanbullion.com/scholarship/](https://www.americanbullion.com/scholarship/)

**CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award - $1,500**
- **October 24** – Application Deadline.
  - Must be pursuing a computing-related major/field.
  - Must be nominated by a faculty member first.

[http://cra.org/about/awards/outstanding-undergraduate-researcher-award/](http://cra.org/about/awards/outstanding-undergraduate-researcher-award/)

**AES Engineering Scholarship - $500**
- **October 6** – Application Deadline.
  - ONE 500-1,000-word essay will be judge based on character, not GPA.
  - ALL majors are eligible to apply. You do NOT need to be taking engineering courses.

[http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm)

**Scholarship America Dream Award – $5,000-$15,000**
- **October 1** – Application Opens.
- **October 31** – Application Closes.
  - Must be a Sophomore+ in college full-time.
  - 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate financial need, leadership, and volunteer spirit.

**NOVEMBER**

**I Am...Scholarship Slam - $1,000**

November 01 – Application Deadline.
- Must be between the ages of 13-25 to apply.
- Winners will be contacted three to five months after the deadline has passed.

[https://www.powerpoetry.org/content/power-poetry-scholarships](https://www.powerpoetry.org/content/power-poetry-scholarships)

**DECEMBER**

**Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders (USHLI) - $1,000**

December 31 – Application Deadline.
- 500-1000-word background essay
- 500-1000-word Leadership Essay
- Optional Essay (Recommended)
- Resume
- Portrait Picture
- Official Transcripts
- THREE Letters of Recommendation
- attend National USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL, February 18-21

[https://form.jotform.us/form/51946093356159](https://form.jotform.us/form/51946093356159)

**Giva Student Scholarship and Worldwide Community Ambassador Award - $1,000**

June 01 – First Cycle Deadline. / August 15 – Scholarship Notification.

December 01 – Second Cycle Deadline. / February 15 – Scholarship Notification.
- Write 600-1,000-word essay: How will you use your talents and education to make the world a better place for future generations? What are your career and personal goals and why?
- Include Resume


**Chuan Ai Lu Engstrom Memorial Scholarship - $1,000**

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December 01 – Spring Application Deadline. / December 15 – Announcement for Spring recipients.
- Write an essay of no fewer 800 words on the topic: Discuss the role of engineering and business innovation as keys to driving the global economy.


**$3,000 Annual USA University Student Scholarship - $3,000**

December 01 – Application Deadline.

[https://www.chameleonjohn.com/scholarship/universities/apply](https://www.chameleonjohn.com/scholarship/universities/apply)