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# 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

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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

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### 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/>

### Great Minds in STEM "HENAAC" Scholarship Program - \$10,000

**Early January** – Application Opens.

**Deadline Varies** – Please check application ASAP when available (**usually April 30<sup>th</sup>**)

- 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>

### 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>

### 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

<http://www.jonestshirts.com/scholarship>

### 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>

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## 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.

<http://telacu.com/telacu-education-foundation/college-success-program/apply/>

### **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>

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## **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](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**

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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/#!lnsf/c17b>

### **\*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](http://www.gammamufoundation.org/grant_scholarships/scholarships.asp)

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## **APRIL**

### **Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund - \$10,000**

January 01 – Scholarship Opens.

April 01 – Scholarship Closes. Must be postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

<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

<http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/actuarial/act-diversity.shtml>

### **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.nlgja.org/?page=scholarships>

## **JUNE**

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

**June 30** – Application must be **RECEIVED** by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 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 7<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

<https://mydocumentedlife.org/2016/05/26/2016-dreamers-without-borders-travel-opportunity-open-to-undocumented-youth-with-daca/>

### **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.

**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

<https://www.givainc.com/scholarships/student-scholarship-worldwide-community-ambassador-award.cfm>

### **\*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](http://www.aphalgbt.org/resources/Y2009/09_HEART_Application.pdf)

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## **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](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 15<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Open to ‘Self-Paid’ participants only.

**August 31** – Winter Program Deadline.

- Travel Dates: December 18<sup>th</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 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

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- 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](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.

<https://www.lexingtonlaw.com/credit-education/newsroom/lexington-law-news/what-does-a-credit-score-mean-to-you.html>

### **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.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.



January 5 – Spring Application Deadline. / January 26 – Winner will be announced.  
<https://www.marveloptics.com/about-marvel-optics/scholarship-program>

### **The Clubs of America Scholarship Award for Career Success - \$1,000**

August 31 – Application Deadline.

<http://www.greatclubs.com/scholarship-award-for-career-success.asp>

### **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/>

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## **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).

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- 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/>

### **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-becas/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/>

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## **OCTOBER**

### **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/>

### **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/>

### **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>

### **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.

[http://scholarshipamerica.org/dream\\_award.php](http://scholarshipamerica.org/dream_award.php)

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## **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.

<http://www.powerpoetry.org/content/power-poetry-scholarships>

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## **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

<http://form.jotform.us/form/51946093356159>

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

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

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

**December 01** – Application Deadline.

<http://www.chameleonjohn.com/scholarship/universities/apply>

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