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New 21-22 Centralized Scholarships Platform

- One Single Online Application for Most Scholarships

- Submit FAFSA Application or Dream Act Application for Financial Aid and Scholarships by March 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2021 for the 21-22 Academic Year

- The 21-22 Online Scholarship Application Open Period is November 2, 2020 – December 31, 2020. Submit your application by accessing the Scholarship Section on the Admissions Website (“Scholarships” under the Tab “Afford”)

- The 21-22 Recipients will be Notified in Late July 2021

- Holistic Evaluation with Five (5) Focus Areas:
  - Academic Achievement (GPA / Research)
  - Financial Need
  - Leadership Experience
  - Community Service
  - Overcoming Adversity
Scholarship Categories

Community Leadership Scholarships:
- Civic Leaders Scholarship
- Emerging Leaders Scholarship
- Global Leaders Scholarship
- Social Justice Leaders Scholarship
- Environmental Leaders Scholarship

Academic Excellence Scholarships:
- Academic Excellence in the Arts
- Academic Excellence in Biological Sciences
- Academic Excellence in Business
- Academic Excellence in Engineering
- Academic Excellence in Humanities
- Academic Excellence in Information and Computer Sciences
- Academic Excellence in Life & Health Sciences
- Academic Excellence in Nursing
- Academic Excellence in Physical Sciences
- Academic Excellence in Social Ecology
- Academic Excellence in Social Sciences

Innovation Scholarships:
- Emerging Researchers Scholarship
- Emerging Artists Scholarship
- Interdisciplinary / Renaissance Scholarship
- Applied Innovation – Startup Scholarship
- Applied Innovation – Creativity and Entrepreneurship Scholarship

Anteater Scholarships:
- Anteater Uplift Scholarship (Summer Scholarship)
- First Generation Scholarship
- Refugee Scholarship
- Barnes & Noble Scholarship
- The UCI XIV Dalai Lama Endowed Scholarship
Nursing Scholarships

Elizabeth C. Tierney Nursing Scholarship
The Elizabeth C. Tierney Nursing Scholarship supports students in the Nursing Science program based on academic performance, honors, awards, financial need, and leadership/volunteer activities.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Majors: Nursing program
- Must be B.S. students
- Incoming and continuing students

Mary Hannacker Scholarship
The Mary Hannacker Scholarship supports undergraduate students in the Nursing Program based on academic performance, honors, awards, financial need, and leadership/volunteer activities.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Majors: Nursing program
- Must be B.S. students
- Incoming and continuing students
Nursing Scholarships

Felix Schwarz Nursing Science Student Award
The Felix Schwarz Nursing Science Student Award supports students in nursing program based on academic performance, honors, awards, financial need, and leadership/volunteer activities.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Majors: Nursing program
- Must be B.S. students
- Incoming and continuing students

Nursing Leadership Award
The Nursing Leadership Award supports undergraduate students in the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Majors: Nursing program
- Must be B.S. students
- Incoming and continuing students
Nursing Scholarships

Feizel and Dorothy Waffarn MEPN in Maternal & Child Health

The Feizel and Dorothy Waffarn MEPN in Maternal and Child Health Award is a merit and financial need-based award that supports Master students in Nursing who have demonstrated a commitment to child and maternal health.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Incoming MEPN Master students
- Full-time enrollment
- Must be in good academic standing
- Demonstrated financial need and should have filed FAFSA
- Demonstrated commitment to child and mental health

Suzanne Leider Nursing Award

The Suzanne Leider Nursing Award provides an annual award to exemplary students in the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Majors: Nursing Program
- Incoming and Continuing Undergraduate & Graduate students (enrolled FT in BS or MEPN)
- Min cumulative GPA of 3.0
Nursing Scholarships

Jewell Johnson Nursing Scholarship Award

The Jewell Johnson Nursing Scholarship Award provides an annual award to exemplary students in the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Majors: Nursing Program
- Incoming and Continuing Undergraduate & Graduate students (enrolled FT in BS or MEPN)
- Min cumulative GPA of 3.0
Scholarship Application Writing Tips

Write about your experiences or accomplishments
- You can talk about your aspirations, but it’s even more important for our Scholarship Officers to see what you have done and how you learned from it. This is the time to brag about yourself!

Explain how you learned or grew from the adversity you faced
- Everyone experiences hardships in life. Show us how you grew in the face of adversity or how you helped others in the same position.

Provide thorough and detailed explanations of your experiences
- The more details our Scholarship Officers have, the easier it is for them to fully understand your situation. We want to hear your life story!

Add personality to your answers
- It gives us a better idea of who you are as a student and person.

Proofread your answers
- Read it out loud or have someone else read them. It increases the chances of catching mistakes or typos before submitting.
Have Questions Regarding These?

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Q & A

- What is the timeline to apply for scholarships?
  - November 2, 2020– December 31, 2020 (for 21-22 academic year)

- Are there any other scholarships I can apply for if I miss the deadline?
  - Yes. You may contact your school or department for awards or scholarships they may host and have available.

- Do I need to submit Letter of Recommendations, Personal Statement, or Essays?
  - No.
Q & A

- If I get a UCI scholarship and then transfer to another institution, can I take it with me?
  - No. UCI scholarships are not transferable.

- What happens to my scholarship if I withdraw for a term?
  - Scholarships require full-time enrollment in each quarter. You may submit an appeal for consideration.

- Do I have to submit a FAFSA / Dream Act application to receive a scholarship?
  - No. But we recommend that you submit a FAFSA or Dream Act application by December 30th to be considered for need-based scholarships.

- Are there scholarships for international students?
  - Yes. International students are considered for many scholarships.
  - Resource: www.iefa.org
Q & A

- **What do you look for when reviewing scholarships applications?**
  - Academic performance (GPA / Test Scores / Research Experience)
  - Financial Need
  - Leadership Experience
  - Community Service Experience
  - Life Experience in Overcoming Adversity

- **How does scholarships affect my financial aid package?**
  - It reduces or replaces need-based loans and/or work/study.

- **How do I receive my scholarship fund?**
  - The scholarship fund is divided in 3 with 1/3rd disbursement to your student account in each quarter.

- **Do I need to have a specific residency status to receive a scholarship?**
  - No. There are scholarships available for any kind of residency status.