SMCCCD
Institutional Scholarship
What is a scholarship?

- A financial award given to a student on the basis of academic achievement and promise.
- Scholarships do not have to be repaid
- Internal Scholarships
  - Institutional
- External Scholarships
  - Community
  - Local Organization
  - Jobs/Employment
The Institutional Scholarship

- 1 application form – ONLINE
- Over 50 different kind of scholarships
- Available to **ALL** current students and incoming new/returning students of SMCCCD

To apply there is:
- No GPA requirement
- No financial need requirement
- No citizenship requirement
During the 2015–2016 Scholarship Application Cycle (last year):

- 1009 SMCCCD students submitted a completed application
- 913 scholarships were given
- 693 students received a scholarship (Yes, some students got more than 1 scholarship)
- $590,971 in scholarship award was given to students to be used for the 2015–2016 academic year, including new, continuing and transfer students.
Online Scholarship Application

- Online scholarship application
  - Academic Works
    https://smcccd.academicworks.com/users/sign_in
    - Online Application
    - Personal Statement
    - Reference
    - Unofficial Transcript

**DEADLINE: February 18, 2016 at 11:59pm**
Quality not quantity. Maximum 750 words

Write about YOU
- Your future academic and career goals
- Your achievements, awards, community service, volunteerism, internship, etc. and how it impacts you
- Your involvement and impact of extra-curricular activities (clubs/programs)

Give examples and be specific

Proofread!
Personal Statement – Getting Started

Brainstorm and Reflect
- List your experiences, accomplishments, challenges, passions, goals, dreams, etc. – what is important to YOU

Outline
- Map out what you want to highlight.
  - It’s okay if you can’t use everything on your list.

Be thoughtful and reflective in your writing
- Demonstrate that you have awareness of who you are, not just what you do
- Demonstrate what has impacted/shaped who you are and “why” you do things

Remember to revise and proofread
Reference

- Ask someone who knows you well enough to write you a great reference
- Provide your reference with a resume or list of accomplishments
- Give advance notice
- Have a back up reference
- Follow up! It is your responsibility that your reference meet the scholarship deadline
- Remember to thank your reference for his/her time and let them know if you win a scholarship
## SMCCCD Upcoming Scholarship Workshops

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Check each college website for additional upcoming Scholarship Workshops.
Scholarship Timeline

- Scholarship Application Closes: February 18, 2016 at 11:59pm
- Scholarship Review Period: March 2016
- Scholarship Notification to Students: mid–April 2016
- Scholarship Award Ceremony: May 2016
- Scholarship pays out: Fall 2016 & Spring 2017
Are you a transfer orientated, committed, and academically-promising student with high financial need?

KASP Scholars receive a $6,000 scholarship per year and wrap-around services including connection with on-campus programs and services. KASP Scholars are required to attend KASP meetings and workshops to support their academic success and to enrich their student experience. KASP Scholars who maintain good academic standing are eligible to receive another $6,000 scholarship the following year.
Application period is OPEN NOW and closes February 18, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. Finalists will be invited for an interview, and 30 of those students will be selected as KASP Scholars. All applications submitted through AcademicWorks and that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed.

**How to apply:**

- Be a graduating high school student and:
  - Enroll in at least 12 units, and
  - Resident of San Mateo County, and
  - Demonstrate financial need, and
  - Plan to transfer to a 4-year college or university, and
  - Be a high school student entering an SMCCCD College with a 2.5 GPA or better in a-g courses completed in grades 9-12.

OR

- Be a continuing SMCCCD student and:
  - Have completed at least 12 college units at an SMCCCD College, and
  - Are entering the Semester in good academic standing as defined by the colleges’ Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (“SAP”) policy, and
  - Have a GPA of 2.5 or better, and
  - Not be in default on any Student Loans.

Submit your application today on [https://smccd.academicworks.com/](https://smccd.academicworks.com/)
For more information, visit [http://www.smcccfoundation.org/kasp](http://www.smcccfoundation.org/kasp)
External Scholarship

- Check with local organization and companies
- Check with your employer or your parent’s employer
- Check your colleges Scholarship website:
  - Canada College: [http://canadacollege.edu/financialaid/scholarship.php](http://canadacollege.edu/financialaid/scholarship.php)
  - College of San Mateo: [http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/scholarships/](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/scholarships/)
  - Skyline College: [http://www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/scholarships.php](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/scholarships.php)
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Thank you!