



**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BAY AREA
ALUMNI CHAPTER**

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Statement of Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to Bay Area students admitted to Southern University and/or students already matriculating at Southern University on one of the three campuses in the Southern University System.

Financial Assistance Award Amount:

The amount set aside by the Northern California/Bay Area Chapter for Financial Assistance Awards is to be an amount that is determined by the body on an annual basis. From this allotment, Financial Assistance Awards will be given to eligible recipients based on need and dispersed incrementally in fixed amounts as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

Award Recipients:

A. Students eligible to receive financial assistance from the Northern California Bay Area Chapter of Southern University are identified as *beginning* or *continuing* students and include the following:

- Bay Area high school graduates**
- Students with a GED certificate**
- Students from another Bay Area college or university including two year and community colleges.**

A *beginning* student is defined as any Bay Area high school graduate or a student holding a GED certificate entering Southern University for the first time.

A *continuing* student is defined as any student previously or currently enrolled at Southern University as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior or a transfer student from another Bay Area college or university including two year and community junior colleges.

B. Special Circumstances

- **Non Bay Area students in good standing with the University are to be considered as requests may merit.**
- **Funding amount to be determined by the chapter from chapter resources.**

Requirements:

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for financial assistance:

- **Must have already been accepted at Southern University as an undergraduate student. Student may be an entering freshman or a sophomore, junior, or senior previously or currently enrolled at Southern University, or a transfer student.**
- **Must hold a minimum 2.5 GPA (grade point average) on a 4 point scale or its equivalent on any other scale.**
- **Must meet eligibility requirements as stipulated by the Southern University System and the Northern California/Bay Area Chapter.**
- **Must submit a formal application and a copy of his/her most recent transcript.**
- **Must submit a letter from a school representative, i.e. a teacher, counselor, coach, etc.**
- **Must submit a letter of recommendation from a community member, i.e. a minister, church member, a former Southernite, etc.**
- **Must submit a brief narrative (one or two pages) stating his/her academic goals and why he/she is seeking financial assistance.**
- **Selected applicants are expected to participate in the interview process.**
- **Applicants' parents/guardians are encouraged to become active**

participants in fundraising projects and support other activities sponsored by the Northern California/Bay Area Alumni Chapter. Letters regarding chapter fundraisers should be sent to the parents soliciting their support.

Selection Process:

- **All application packages shall be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.**
- **The chapter president will appoint an Interview Committee to interview selected award applicants.**
- **Final selection of financial assistance recipients shall be presented to the Chapter by the Scholarship Committee.**
- **The amount of financial awards will be based on individual need as determined by the Scholarship Committee.**

Financial Assistance Awards:

- **All recipients of financial assistance from the Southern University/Bay Area Alumni Chapter will receive a financial award upon presenting the proper credentials (Chapter Award Letter and a picture I.D.) to the Southern University Federation Alumni Office on the designated Southern University campus.**
- **All financial awards shall be given on a two-semester basis. of the total amount awarded to each recipient, one half shall be awarded for the beginning semester's registration, and upon proof of a 2.5 or better GPA, the remaining half will be provided or the following semester's registration.**
- **If a recipient does not enroll for the second semester of their two-semester stipend, or does not fulfill all of the requirements as stipulated by the Southern University System and the Northern California/Bay Area Chapter, all remaining monies will be forfeited and awarded to another student as designated by the Scholarship Committee.**

Reapplication:

Award recipients still enrolled and continuing their education at Southern University at the end of their two-semester stipend, and having a 2.5 or better GPA, may reapply for further financial assistance by submitting the following:

- **A letter of intent**
- **An application form**
- **Proof of completed pre-registration for the incoming semester**
- **An official transcript**

These students shall have priority over new applicants.

DEADLINE: MAY 31st. for any given year

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