



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BAY AREA ALUMNI CHAPTER

Criteria for Receiving Financial Assistance Awards

Who Is Eligible

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 a Bay Area college or university including two year and community colleges.

Eligibility 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.

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 ID) 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 for 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 Alumni Chapter, all remaining monies will be forfeited.

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 (Complete Sections A & D only)
- Proof of completed pre-registration for the incoming semester
- An official transcript

DEADLINE: MAY 31st. for any given year

** NOTE:*

To allow ample time for processing, all requests for financial assistance must be submitted to the Southern University Northern California/Bay Area Alumni Chapter at least by the deadline stated prior to the beginning of the semester for which you are seeking funds. Financial assistance packages received after the deadline date will be considered for the following semester, if applicable.

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