

General Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must have attended at least four* of the six years between grades 7-12 **AND** graduate or receive a GED from Santa Barbara County high school** by June 2016 **AND**
2. Applicant must be planning to attend full-time as a vocational, undergraduate, medical (M.D.), or graduate student at a Title IV-approved school **AND**
3. Applicant must be a U.S citizen, permanent resident, or AB 540 eligible

**If you are or have been a ward of the Santa Barbara County Court (youth in foster care after the age of 13), please call our office to check your eligibility status.*

***Homeschooled students and boarding school students: you and your family must have resided at least four of the six years the student attended school in Santa Barbara County between grades 7-12. Homeschooled students must have a private school (homeschooled) affidavit of approval on file with the Santa Barbara County Education Office. They must submit an affidavit for each 7-12 grade they were homeschooled with their application by January 31.*

Important Notes:

- All applicants must be planning to attend full-time at a Title IV approved college, university, vocational school, graduate school, or medical school in the 2016-2017 academic year.
- All applicants must remain in good academic standing and be making timely progress towards a degree or vocational certificate.
- Primary criteria for scholarship selection are financial need, motivation, and potential.
- Financial need is verified by providing a copy of the 2016-2017 Student Aid Report (SAR) generated by the FAFSA or Dream Act Application.
- The Foundation assists students studying in standard academic programs on a traditional academic calendar.
- The Foundation does not offer student aid for summer sessions, research, special projects, part-time study, distance learning, or executive MBA-type programs. Please note, online courses will be accepted as long as they are taken from an approved institution and do not exceed more than half of the required minimum full-time units.