Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara

Fact Sheet

Founded in 1962

The nation's largest community-based provider of college scholarships

Has cumulatively awarded in excess of $175 million to more than 66,000 students over its history

Serves students throughout Santa Barbara County

Provides scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, and vocational study

Awarded $8.46 million in scholarships to 2,288 students in 2026

Average undergraduate scholarship (excluding community college students): $3,708

Average scholarship for community college students: $1,126

Average graduate student award (excluding medical and law students): $3,580

Total North County awards: $4.15 million

Total South County awards: $4.18 million

Sixty-two percent of SFSB scholarship recipients are first-generation college students

Fifty-four percent of SFSB scholarship recipients are eligible for Federal Pell Grants

Provides free financial aid advising services and resources

SFSB workshops and advising appointments serve approximately 20,000 individuals each year

SFSB recipients leveraged an estimated $51.4 million in additional aid through our advisory services in 2024-2025