



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
- Transfer students, two-year 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, or former Southernite, etc.
- Must submit a 1500 word essay stating his/her reasons and academic goals for attending Southern University.
- Selected applicants are expected to participate in the application process.

Financial Assistance Awards

- **All Applicants will be notified on or before July 31st of application year submitted.**
- 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. One half shall be awarded for the beginning semester's registration, and upon proof of all initial requirements. The remaining half will be awarded providing proof of enrollment and GPA is met.
- **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.**

Please Include:

- **SU Acceptance Letter (Billing Statement)**
- **Official Transcripts from High School (sealed) Copy of Scores**
- **1500 Word Essay Biography about You (including college and career goals, volunteering, community service, and any personal challenges you may have had to overcome).**
- **Three letters of Recommendations (Teacher/Counselor, Community Member, Personal reference)**
- **3x5 Color Photo headshot or passport**

DEADLINE: MAY 31st. For Any Given Year

*Mail to: Scholarship Committee Chairperson,
Southern University Alumni, P.O. Box 70922,
Byron Rumford Station, Oakland, CA 94612-9996.*

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 (current enrollment)

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