

# Scholarships

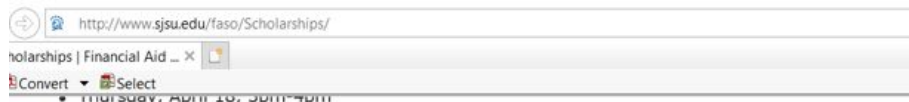
- **Types of scholarships**
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- **Scholarship Tips & Pointers**



# 2021-22 Spartan Scholarship Application

Apply online starting in  
mid-March:

**[sjsu.edu/faso/types-of-aid/  
scholarships](http://sjsu.edu/faso/types-of-aid/scholarships)**



## Apply for SJSU Scholarships

SJSU Spartan Scholarship applications are now available. SJSU campus wide scholarships have a deadline of **May 1**, but departmental opportunities have various deadlines. Check back regularly for new scholarship opportunities.

### STEP 1:

Complete and SUBMIT the General Application. You can edit or update your application on the stated scholarship deadline(s).

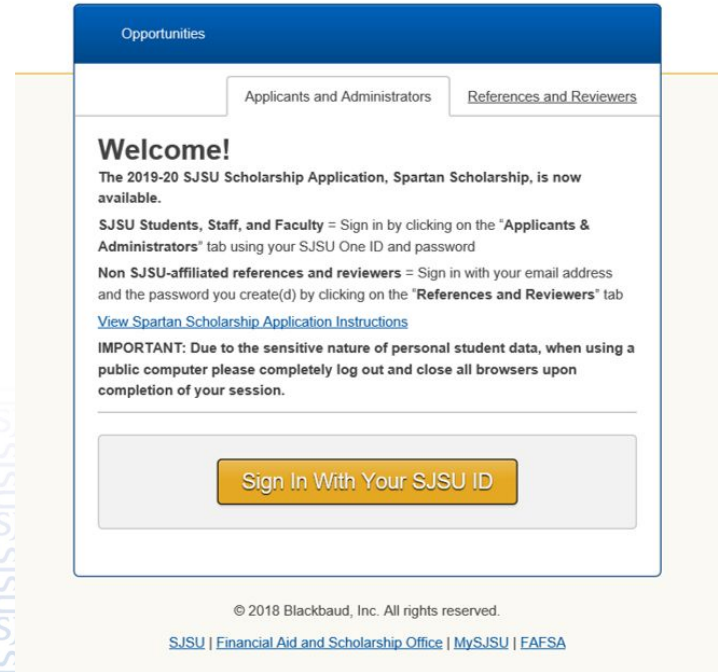
### STEP 2:

After submitting the general application, you will be presented with a list of "Recommended scholarship opportunities." These scholarships may require additional information that is not included in the questions on the general application. You are encouraged to click on each scholarship name to review the criteria. We encourage you to apply for all scholarships where you meet the additional requirements. There are some scholarship opportunities you do not have to apply to, but will be automatically matched to after you complete your general application.

View, [SJSU Spartan Scholarship Application Instructions](#) for tips on how to apply for scholarships on the Spartan Scholarship website.

# 2021-22 Spartan Scholarship Application

- Submit one application to be placed in the pool for all campus-based scholarships you are eligible for
- Departments also use the Spartan Scholarship Application - these scholarship opportunities have various start dates and deadline dates. *\*Check back regularly for new scholarship opportunities.*



## Department Based Scholarships

Various academic departments on campus manage their own scholarships. Students are strongly encouraged to keep in close contact with their major department for scholarship information. These scholarships each have their own specific criteria, deadlines, and application instructions.

## Private Based/External Scholarships

Scholarships offered by outside companies and organizations. You can look through our External Scholarships Catalog on our website.

### **Be aware of scholarship scams**

- Make sure the scholarship is a valid opportunity
- Do not give out personal information (bank account/credit card/Social Security numbers)
- There should be no additional costs for you other than submitting the application

# How to get started?

- Prioritize your applications by deadline dates
- Use a calendar and checklist
- Create an accomplishments resume
  
- Apply to all scholarships you are eligible for!
- Don't miss deadlines
- Follow directions (essay length, number of recommendations)



# Personal Statement

## ***Your personal statement is very important!***

- Personalize your essay
- Use an outline to organize your thoughts
- Give examples that are specific to you
- Essays can be reused and tailored to each new application



## ***Proofread for spelling and grammar errors!***

- Read it out loud
- Take advantage of the writing assistance on campus  
(Peer Connections, Writing Center)

***\*Explain the importance of your major/field of interest in today's society. 500 word maximum***

***\*What is your greatest strength/weakness? 300 word maximum***

# Tips for Recommendation Letters

- Make sure you check what type of recommender the scholarship is looking for (*SJSU faculty/staff, Employer, Mentor, etc.*)
- Contact the individual in advance to ask if they can provide you a recommendation. Outline for them the process and what they would need to provide. Provide the recommender with a copy of your accomplishments resume and a brief biography
- Thank the recommender for writing the letter
- Follow-up and keep the recommender updated if you are awarded a scholarship

## What happens after you submit your application?

- Selection Committee will review applications and select students. Students for campus-based scholarships will be notified in Fall semester.
- Departments will notify students based on their timeline(s).

## After you win a scholarship?

- Be aware of any conditions of acceptance that the scholarship may require, such as attending an award ceremony/writing a thank you letter to the donor
- Scholarship funds will be added to your Financial Aid award package and disbursed with your other financial aid (grants, loans, work study, etc.)



# Questions?

## **Contact us!**

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**Live Chat:** Icon at bottom right of our homepage - [sjsu.edu/faso](https://sjsu.edu/faso)  
*Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

**Phones:** Call us at 408-283-7500  
*Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

**Virtual Appointment:** Make an appointment through QLESS tile on one.SJSU  
*Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.*