



## John F Kennedy High School Counseling Office

### 2017 Scholarship Guide

#### Where do I find Scholarships?

##### Start close to home and in your community:

- Ask if your parent(s)/guardian(s) employer offers scholarships for high school students,
- Ask if your bank/credit union offers a scholarship,
- Research if your church, places you volunteer or community based organizations near you offer scholarships.

Visit the **John F. Kennedy Website School Counseling Office** page at <http://jfk.scusd.edu/counseling-career-center> and view **2017 Scholarships**

Visit the **Financial Aid page(s) on the websites of the Colleges and Universities** you have applied to. California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) lists both scholarships specific to CSUS students and community scholarships offered to all students:

[http://www.csus.edu/faid/types\\_of\\_aid/scholarships/index.html](http://www.csus.edu/faid/types_of_aid/scholarships/index.html)

##### Additional websites to use to search for scholarships

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) largest free list of scholarships on the Web

<http://www.sacregcf.org/students/> Sacramento Region Community Foundation Scholarships for Local Students

[www.pge.com/about/community/scholarships](http://www.pge.com/about/community/scholarships) Sacramento Community Scholarships

[www.asianpacificfund.org/scholarships](http://www.asianpacificfund.org/scholarships) Asian Pacific Fund Scholarships

[www.hsf.net/](http://www.hsf.net/) Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<https://www.uncf.org/scholarships> United Negro Scholarship Fund

<http://www.hrc.org/scholarship-database/c/california> Human Rights Campaign LGBTQ Student Scholarships

#### Organize the Process

Keep detailed note cards, or an excel spreadsheet or Google doc with the following information:

*FRONT (for a note card)*

Name of Scholarship:	<i>BACK</i>
Address:	Application Materials:
Phone Number:	Contact Details:
Contact Person:	
Deadline:	



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Scholarship Requirements:

**Make Lists with deadlines and target dates or use a calendar. Get started early on planning!**

- Name of Scholarship
- Scholarship Due Date
- Target Date – date you want to submit application
- Date you'll hear back

### **Tips for sending out applications**

- Make copies of your application
- Send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) along with your application
- Ask the post office to send it certified mail, and keep the receipt

### **Scholarship Scam Red Flags**

**Guarantees** - Nobody representing a legitimate scholarship can or will be able to guarantee that you'll win.

**Unsolicited Scholarship Offers** - If someone contacts you, via phone, mail or email, offering you a scholarship, and you never requested information from that provider, be very careful.

**Don't Pay Fees** - Applying for legitimate scholarships does **not** cost money! If the application requires money it's most likely a scam. Submitting scholarship applications will cost you time and effort, but should never cost money, no matter how small the amount.

**Be cautious in giving personal information.** Make sure you know that a scholarship is real and legitimate before providing personal information like a social security number.

**See your Counselor. If you need help or have questions about scholarships set-up a meeting with your Counselor.**