Getting to Know the Scholarship Resource Center Workshops

By: Hannah Nahm, SRC Staff

Whether you are an entering freshman, a transfer student, or a continuing student, there’s no time like the beginning of the academic year to begin thinking and planning your scholarship application process. But what does that mean? Where do you start? Where do you look for scholarships, and what are the supporting documents needed to apply? How can you put together an application that is compelling and polished? These are some questions you may have facing a new academic year and a new scholarship cycle.

We here at the Scholarship Resource Center can help you with all aspects of the scholarship process, from where to search, how to apply, and what to write in your scholarship personal statement. Every quarter, we offer a series of workshops focusing on a salient scholarship topic: Secrets to Winning College Cash; How to Win Scholarships; How to Find Scholarships; How to Write Personal Statements for Scholarships; and finally, How to Get Letters of Recommendation for Scholarships. Each workshop usually runs half an hour (personal statement workshops tend to run an hour) and is held in Covel 229. Our center is conveniently located in Covel Commons, so the added plus is that should you have further questions or need further guidance, you can swing by our center post-workshop to follow-up with us.

To the right is a brief overview and description of the workshops that we offer. Please see the back page of the Strategies newsletter for specific times and dates of our Fall Quarter Workshops.

1. Secrets to Winning College Cash: Offers an introduction to online scholarship databases and provides helpful tips and guidelines to maximize your scholarship search and applications using online databases.

2. How to Win Scholarships: Provides detailed tutorial on how you can organize your scholarship material and keep track of your scholarship application process. It also offers guidelines for how to closely read scholarship applications and for how to put together a polished application portfolio.

3. How to Find Scholarships: Focuses on where students can look for scholarships (including the internet and published books), and how and why students should utilize the various sources of scholarship information.

4. How to Write Personal Statements for Scholarships: Designed to help students write a compelling and well-written scholarship essay by reviewing the purpose and goal of this critical document. The workshop covers the dos and don’ts of essay writing, writing to the target audience, and some hands-on brainstorming activities.

5. How to Get Letters of Recommendation for Scholarships: Offers key guidelines and tips for obtaining a strong letter of recommendation, including who to ask and how to ask; how to build a professional working relationship with your prospective letter writer; and what you can/should do to help your recommender write the best scholarship letter on your behalf.
Superstar Scholarships on the Horizon

By: Jeremy Schmidt, SRC Staff

Looking for opportunities that come with serious cash and serious cachet? Major national and international scholarships might be your ticket. These awards, funded by large institutions and non-profit foundations, have applications that require extensive preparation on your part because they’re extraordinarily competitive. But the payoffs can be substantial.

Superstar scholarships require a UCLA nomination before applying. And many of them—like the well-known Rhodes and Marshall scholarships—have campus deadlines over the Summer or in early Fall. However, there’s a second wave of such scholarships with deadlines in late Fall and early Winter. Below you’ll find a partial list of some of our favorites on the horizon.

Keep in mind that the dates listed are UCLA campus deadlines, rather than foundation deadlines. For more information about nominations, contact the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center. Meanwhile, make sure to check out the SRC’s “Prestigious Scholarships” page for additional application information and a full list of similar opportunities:

scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu/prestigious-scholarships/all-prestigious-scholarships

Fashion Scholarship Fund (FSF) Award
For students interested in fashion, including design, business, and marketing. This scholarship provides a $5,000 monetary prize and an internship in New York or Los Angeles. Web: fashionscholarshipfund.org. Campus deadline: October 27, 2016.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship
Provides $30,000 to juniors planning to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in public service. Awardees also receive leadership training, graduate school counseling, preferential admission to premier graduate institutions, and internship opportunities with federal agencies. Over 60 scholarships are awarded to juniors from across the country. UCLA may nominate up to seven candidates, four who entered as Freshmen and three who entered as Transfers. Web: truman.gov. Campus deadline: January 6, 2017.

Beinecke Scholarship
Provides $34,000: $4,000 upfront and $15,000 per year for two years of graduate study in the arts, humanities, or social sciences. Approximately 100 colleges and universities from across the U.S. (including UCLA) are invited to nominate one student for a Beinecke Scholarship, and 20 scholarships are awarded nationwide. Web: fdnweb.org/beinecke. Campus deadline: January 16, 2017.

Donald A. Strauss Scholarship
Provides a $10,000 scholarship to sophomores and juniors who will pursue a self-initiated public service project during their senior year. The project may be a new undertaking or an extension of an existing project. The Strauss Foundation annually awards at least 14 scholarships to students from 15 eligible California institutions. Each participating institution (including UCLA) can nominate three students for the award. Web: straussfoundation.org. Campus deadline: February 2, 2017.

Udall Undergraduate Scholarship
Provides $7,000 for educational expenses to outstanding sophomores and juniors who fall into one of the two following categories: (1) students who study the environment and related fields; OR (2) Native Americans or Alaska Natives in fields related to health care or tribal public policy. Web: udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx. Campus deadline: February 2, 2017.

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Are you an Engineering major?

Don’t forget to check out the HSSEAS Scholarships! Online applications are usually available early in October and due early in November.

Visit their website at http://www.seasoasa.ucla.edu/student-opportunities/
$10,000 to do your project

Sophomores & Juniors may apply

www.straussfoundation.org

UCLA Deadline: February 2nd 2017

*Submissions come to the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center, 233 Covel Commons, by 6pm.
IN THE SPOTLIGHT:
LATINA/O SCHOLARSHIPS

By: Yvette Martinez-Vu, SRC Assistant to the Director

Did you know that according to the 2000 U.S. Bureau of the Census for every 100 Latina/o students, only 54 will graduate high school, 11 will graduate college, 4 will move on to a graduate and/or professional degree, and less than one will receive a doctorate? One of several factors affecting the advancement of Latina/os in higher education is a lack of funding. At the Scholarship Resource Center, we believe that all students should receive resources to fund their education. For the purpose of this article, we will focus on providing scholarships for Latina/os. Therefore, if you self-identify as a Latina/o student or of Latin-American descent and are looking to apply for scholarships, then this article is for you. Below you will find a list of upcoming scholarships.

National Association of Chicana and Chicanos Immigrant Student Beca
For undocumented immigrant undergraduate students committed to furthering the well-being of Chicanas and Chicanos.
Amount: $500
Deadline: October 16, 2016
Link: http://www.naccs.org/naccs/Awards.asp

Becas Univision Scholarship Program
For Latino undergraduate students residing in the US and enrolled in a four-year university.
Amount: $500-$5,000
Deadline: March 2017
Link: https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/bucas-univision-scholarship-program

HSF Scholarship
For students of Hispanic heritage enrolled in a four-year university or graduate school. US Citizens, Permanent Legal Residents, DACA, or eligible non-citizens are eligible.
Amount: $500-$5,000
Deadline: March 2017
Link: https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/general-college-scholarships

Institute for Mexicans Abroad & Together We Can / Juntos Podemos Scholarship
For undergraduates interested in facilitating immigrant integration into Los Angeles via the creation of “how-to” infographics.
Amount: $2500
Deadline: May 2017
Link: http://www.international.ucla.edu/lai/article/164059

If none of the scholarships listed above are applicable for you and your current circumstances, please see the websites below to conduct your own search for Latina/o scholarships.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)
Link: http://www.maldef.org/

Hispanic Scholarship Fund
https://www.hsf.net/

If you need help with the search process, feel free to schedule a counseling session with one of our student advisors. Once you’ve selected a scholarship to apply for, you may also see us for essay writing assistance. We hope to see you soon!

Are You a Non-Traditional Student: a veteran, a parent, a transfer, a former foster youth, or an AB 540 student? There is an office on campus that is here to help you 1) network with other students like you, and 2) succeed at UCLA!
Check out the Bruin Resource Center, located in: B-44 Student Activities Center. www.brc.ucla.edu (310) 825-3945
## UCLA Resources for Scholarship Seekers

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<td>Assistance interpreting the E-Fan or other Financial Aid documents</td>
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<td>Help with your medical/law school personal statement</td>
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<td>To find resources for study abroad</td>
<td>The Education Abroad Program office (<a href="http://www.ieo.ucla.edu/eap/">http://www.ieo.ucla.edu/eap</a>). The SRC also offers a number of study abroad resources, including books.</td>
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<td>To know where to send your outside scholarship checks</td>
<td>The Financial Aid website (<a href="http://fao.ucla.edu">fao.ucla.edu</a>), and make note of the fact that the address is: <a href="http://www.ucla.edu/research/undergraduate-research">Payment Solutions &amp; Compliance Office, UCLA, Box 957089, 1125 Murphy Hall, 405 Hilgard Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90095-7089</a>.</td>
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<td>To apply for a national/international scholarship (such as the Rhodes, Marshall, or Mitchell Scholarship)</td>
<td>Come to the Scholarship Resource Center and we can help you get started on the process of applying for national and international scholarships. Be sure to visit us the spring before you want to apply.</td>
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Create Your Own Scholarship!

By: Mac Harris, SRC Staff

Are you frustrated by the difficulty of finding scholarships that fit your profile? Do you feel like there’s a scholarship out there for everyone except you? Well, if so, you’re wrong, but that’s not all!

There is a way to find scholarships perfectly tailored to your background, personality, and accomplishments — create that scholarship yourself!

Now, does it sound silly to put up money for a scholarship when you are the one who needs the money? Of course it does! But that’s not what we mean.

You can create your own scholarship by writing a charming and inspiring essay on all the great things you plan to accomplish in the near and far future and why you are qualified to accomplish them. Then send that essay to all the potential donors who might be interested in supporting those plans. Who might be interested in such a thing? Well, in addition to the legion of adoring fans you already know from your Facebook friend list, email contacts, Twitter tweet readers, etc., there are tons of organizations and big donors (aka “whales”) out there ready to be excited by your plans and/or your charming presentation of them. They might be organizations or people who share an interest in your area of study or your planned career, your community where you grew up, your charitable interests, your hobbies, your background (ethnic/cultural/national/regional/religious/etc), or your funny jokes.

How do you find those organizations and/or people to send your charming and inspiring essay to? Easy! Find them by Googling those topics of interest, or looking them up on Facebook, Twitter, Wikipedia, etc. As you read about those topics, make notes on whatever businesses, volunteer organizations, community clubs, and so forth that you find mentioned in connection with them. Look for sponsors of events connected with those topics. In your own community (past or present), find out what organizations do the most to support that community.

Also, put your charming and inspiring essay online. Reach people you already know by putting it on sites like Facebook. Reach people you don’t know by putting it on sites like GoFundMe or posting it on relevant online message boards.

Finally, use us at the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center as your support system for this project. Our talented staff can help you craft and perfect that charming and inspiring essay. We can help review the organizations and venues you’ve already considered as targets for your story, and suggest further ideas. And, we can help you celebrate once you’ve succeeded in creating and winning your own scholarship!

Join our fan page on Facebook/uclasrc to get alerts on upcoming scholarships!
Also, follow us on Twitter @UCLASRC
Interested in the fashion industry?

Apply for a $5,000 scholarship that includes a summer internship in New York or Los Angeles!

Want more information?

For questions or to obtain an application, contact the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center (310) 206-2875 src@college.ucla.edu

Applications due October 27, 2016 by 6:00pm (submit applications to the SRC, 233 Covel Commons)

UCLA SRC
WWW.FASHIONSCHOLARSHIPFUND.ORG
Scholarship Resource Center
Fall 2016 Workshop Schedule

All workshops are held in Covel 229 and include a personalized follow-up counseling session. Sign up for a workshop through MY.UCLA.EDU.

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