



WATSONVILLE COLLEGE SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2010 Scholarship Application for New Awards

Deadline: Friday, April 16, 2010

The UC Santa Cruz Educational Partnership Center, in partnership with the MAIA Foundation, is awarding scholarships to support college-bound, low-income graduating seniors from Watsonville High School and Pajaro Valley High School in 2010. Only complete applications will be considered for scholarship awards. Scholarships will be directly disbursed to the student's college or university financial aid office and may be applied to the cost of attendance; this is a "last dollar" scholarship. No funds will be directly issued to the student.

Scholarship Award Amounts

- \$1,000-\$8,000 scholarship awards for students attending four-year colleges/universities
- \$1,000- \$2,000 scholarship awards for students attending two-year community colleges

Scholarships are for the 2010-11 academic year only and are NOT automatically renewable. Award amounts will vary based on the financial need of recipients, the educational costs, and the number of eligible applicants.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Demonstrated financial need.
2. Graduating 12th grade student (class of 2010) from Watsonville High School or Pajaro Valley High School.
3. Certification of enrollment at public or private degree-granting, four-year or two-year accredited college or university in the United States (e.g., UC, CSU, California Community College, private college). Students enrolled in vocational, technical, or certificate programs are NOT eligible for this scholarship.
4. Minimum high school cumulative 2.0 GPA
5. Must be willing to participate in follow-up activities with EPC or MAIA Foundation staff (e.g., phone interviews, online communication, workshops, individual appointments, presentations, etc.).
6. Submit complete scholarship application by the deadline, including application form, unofficial transcripts, personal statement, and proof of income/financial need.
7. Students planning to enroll in a California Community College must complete the attached Transfer Partnerships Program application form.

Checklist for Application & Required Attachments

A completed application must contain the following in the same envelope:

- Completed application form
- Personal essay
- Current high school transcript, including fall 2009 semester senior grades (unofficial transcript is acceptable)
- Proof of income: Copy of a submitted FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) for Fall 2010. Students who cannot complete a FAFSA must submit a written statement explaining why and list sources of annual income.
- Transfer Partnerships Program application form (only if you are planning to enroll in a community college).

DELIVER your application and attachments no later than Friday, April 16, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. to Lupe Godinez in the WHS Guidance Office or Sofia Diaz in the PVHS College Center Room F-105

MAIL your application and attachments postmarked no later than Friday, April 16, 2010 to:

**Watsonville College Success Scholarship Fund Committee
Attention: Yesenia Cervantes
UCSC Educational Partnership Center
2901 Mission Street Extension, Suite A
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

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Directions: Please print or type and answer each question as completely and neatly as possible. You must complete all sections of the application. Your answers are very important to the Scholarship Review Committee — do not be bashful or shy when writing about yourself and your accomplishments. If you need more space, attach additional sheets of paper.

SECTION A: Personal Information

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle

2. Home Address: _____
Street No./Address City Zip

3. Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

4. Email address: _____

5. Current High School: Watsonville High School Pajaro Valley High School

High School ID No. _____ Year of Graduation: _____

6. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

7. Do you qualify for: Free Lunch Reduced Lunch Do not know Do not qualify

8. Ethnicity (select one) – Please specify:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> African American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-ethnic: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Alaskan Native: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared/Decline to state |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian | |

9. Total Cumulative GPA: _____

10. Are you a first-generation college student (this means your parents did not graduate from college)?
 Yes No

11. Parent's highest level of education:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> No high school | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some high school | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate/professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some college/university | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's degree | |

12. Are you an EAOP Student? Yes (as of _____) No
month/year

Student Name: _____

ID #: _____

5. Did you file a FAFSA for federal student aid? No Yes
6. Have you been awarded a Cal Grant? No Yes – If so, how much? \$ _____
7. Have you been awarded a Pell Grant? No Yes – If so, how much? \$ _____
8. What is your expected family contribution (EFC)? This information can be found on your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)? \$ _____
9. Please explain any special family or financial circumstances that might impact your future educational goals.

SECTION D: Personal Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, please TYPE a short, double-spaced personal essay (no more than 250 words) answering one of the following questions:

- What is inspiring you to pursue higher education?
- What particular challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?
- How will this scholarship support your education and career goals?

Include your first and last name and your high school ID number on your personal essay.

SECTION E: Participation in Follow-Up Activities

If selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be REQUIRED to participate in follow-up activities with the UCSC Educational Partnership Center and/or MAIA Foundation during your senior year in high school and/or your first year in college. Activities may include but are not limited to:

- Follow-up survey(s)
- Events/activities
- Verification of college enrollment
- Submission of college financial aid award letter
- Completion of scholarship contract and follow up paperwork
- Submission of unofficial college transcript
- Enrollment and participation in UCSC Transfer Partnerships Program (if attending a community college)
- Participation in online networks as requested (i.e., Facebook, my space, etc)
- Communication with staff; provide updates on college experience

Scholarship recipients MUST maintain current contact information with the UCSC Educational Partnership Center and MAIA Foundation.

SECTION F: Authorization & Certification

Please fill out EITHER the English or the Spanish authorization below:

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) give my son/daughter permission to participate in the Watsonville College Success Scholarship Fund.

Name of Student: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Yo, _____ (el nombre del padre o guardián) le doy a mi hijo/hija (nombrado/abajo) permiso de participar en el Watsonville College Success Scholarship Fund.

Nombre del estudiante: _____

Firma del padre o guardián: _____ Fecha: _____

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