

Off-Campus Scholarships for Foster Youth

One Simple Wish Scholarship

Check website periodically to see when they open the new cycle

Biddy Mason Foundation Scholarship

Applications typically open in February.

Friends of Foster Children

Email scholarships@fofcsgv.org for details and deadlines

Private/Public Scholarships List Through JBay

Check JBay website for more scholarships with various requirements.

Family Fellowship

For students pursuing a four-year college degree

Rapid Response for College Needs

Not a scholarship but still a good resource for financial assistance.

American Vet Tech Scholarship

For foster youth pursuing veterinary studies


American Industries Scholarship

For foster youth pursuing a trade career

BrandSource Scholarship

For foster youth pursuing a trade career

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Mt. SAC Scholarship Department

Make an appointment with our scholarships specialist and find out about other off campus scholarships.

On-Campus Scholarships

FOR MT. SAC STUDENTS

- **Open to ALL Mt. SAC Students**
 - Must be enrolled in the semester students apply
 - Continuing education in following academic year (including transfers)
- **Hundreds of scholarships**
One application
 - foster youth, re-entry, system impacted, first-generation, low income, overcame hardship, specific majors, parent students
- **Donations from:**
 - Donations from faculty, staff, departments, campus organizations, private companies/citizens, civic groups in community
- **Deadline – Typically due in April**

MT. SAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Over \$300,000 in Scholarships
available to current Mt. SAC Students

Resources

NEXTUP/REACH

Contact our team for any questions

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SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

Questions Regarding Financial Aid or Scholarships?

(909) 274-4457
scholarships@mtsac.edu

www.mtsac.edu/
scholarships/

M-Th 8am-7pm
F 8am-4:30pm

WRITING CENTER

Make an appointment with a writing tutor

(909) 274-5325
writingcenter@mtsac.edu

students.mtsac.edu/
writingcenter/

Tips for Success

- Spend time writing great statements
- Start NOW
- Get organized and keep track
- Know all deadlines
- Follow instructions carefully
- Keep a copy of your application/statement



SHARING YOUR STORY

- **Your story is powerful**
 - Your statement is your chance to share a message
 - Can be difficult, but can also be your strength
 - Overcoming, growth, drive to succeed, resilience
 - Sets you apart with a powerful narrative
 - While difficult, experiences give skills and insights others don't have - You are uniquely you!
- **Reframe hardship**
 - Mention the struggle, but focus on what you learned, how you grew, and how experiences shaped you now
 - Committees are often looking for resilience, perseverance, growth
 - Tell your story with purpose; overcoming has made you stronger, more motivated, and ready to give back
- **Make sure you are answering the question**
- **Remember your other identities**

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SHARING YOUR STORY CONT.

- **Share only what you want**
 - The topics and degree of details is fully up to you
 - Generals without details are ok
 - Find a balance; be honest and true but remember the purpose
 - Writing can be therapeutic and/or difficult
- **Follow a format when it's useful**
 1. Challenge - situation or obstacle
 2. Action - how you responded and overcame
 3. Growth and Learning - lessons learned and how that serves you to succeed



FINAL TIPS

- **Know your audience**
 - Keep your statements relevant and tie back to mission
- **Language and Tone**
 - Academic
- **Highlight your accomplishments**
 - Now is not the time to be modest
- **Have someone read your statements**
 - They can see things you cannot
- **Review & revise as needed**
 - Proofread out loud and change things as needed