

CAL-SOAP COLLEGE ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP 2010

Student Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q: Do I have to answer both essay questions or just pick one of them?

A: You must respond to **both** of them.

Q: Do I have to answer the two questions on separate sheets of paper?

A: No. You can compose both responses on the same document just make sure to label each of them with the question number.

Q: What font should I use for my essays? What about the size?

A: Select a font that is easy to read, such as Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri. A font size of 11 or 12 would be appropriate.

Q: I didn't print out my FAFSA confirmation page when I submitted my FAFSA, what else can I turn in as proof of FAFSA submission?

A: You can also turn in copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR), or return to the FAFSA website and under step 3 click on "Check Status of Submitted FAFSA." Follow the steps in this section and print the page that says "Processing Information."

Q: What do you mean by "current unofficial transcript?"

A: The transcript that you turn in with your scholarship application packet should have your first semester senior year grades on it. It doesn't have to be official, meaning that it doesn't need to be stamped, signed, or sealed by an administrator at your school.

Q: What if I am not eligible to complete a FAFSA?

A: Speak directly to the College Peer Advisor at your high school about this matter or contact Sara Sanchez at (562) 985-1481 or ssanch10@csulb.edu.

Q: Can I use my Cal-SOAP Scholarship to attend a college out-of-state, even if it is a community college?

A: YES.

Q: I'm 18 years old. Do I still have to provide a parent signature on my application?

A: YES. You are including parental income information and are a high school student.

Q: Can I use my scholarship at a trade/career college?

A: If the school you attend is a regionally accredited, degree-granting institution, then you will be able to use your scholarship. If the school only awards certificates, then you cannot use your scholarship.

Q: What if I don't know if I'm going to a community college or a four year college/university?

A: Do your best to determine the type of school you are **most likely** to attend. This choice will determine whether you will be considered for a community college or university scholarship.

Q: My Mom/Dad dropped out of high school. What would be their highest level of education COMPLETED?

A: Their highest level of education completed would be "Jr. High/Middle School."

Q: Do I have to provide proof of college admission with my application?

A: NO. This proof will later be required if you are chosen as a scholarship finalist.

If you have any other questions speak to the College Peer Advisor at your high school or contact Sara Sanchez, Cal-SOAP Special Projects Coordinator, at (562) 985-1481 or ssanch10@csulb.edu.