



Scholarship Program 2026



Program Requirements

Residency

Must be a resident of the SCAG region (i.e., Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura counties, or on Tribal Lands within the SCAG region), and be eligible to work in the United States.

School Enrollment

Must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in a two-year community college in the SCAG region. Graduating high school seniors must enroll in higher education (two- or four-year college or university) immediately following graduation from high school (i.e., no gap year).

GPA Minimum

Candidates must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher (based on a 4.0, unweighted scale).

Application Materials

- To apply for the SCAG Scholarship Program, students must submit an [online application](#).
- Minimum 500-word personal statement describing your interest in civil engineering, community planning, political science, public administration, regional planning, sustainable development, urban planning, or other related fields, and future career goals.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals not related to the student who can attest to their leadership ability and interest in public service.
- Transcript(s) from the school they are currently enrolled in. Community college students must provide both high school and community college transcripts.

Nine \$4,000 Scholarships for students in any field of study

The SCAG Scholarship Program, in partnership with the California Transportation Foundation, provides nine \$4,000 scholarships for high school or community college students from the SCAG region.

Students of any field of study are invited to apply, with preference for applications demonstrating a commitment to community planning, regional planning, urban planning, civil engineering, political science, public administration, sustainable development, or a related field.

Deadline

All materials for the 2026 SCAG Scholarship Program must be submitted electronically by:

5:00 p.m., Friday, March 20

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