



The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Scholarship Program is designed to offer local government and planning experience that students can use to develop long-term career goals. The Scholarship will provide a \$4,000 scholarship award for seven high school or community college students from the SCAG region (and potentially an additional eighth scholarship award that is not tied to a specific county, but could be awarded at the Committee's discretion) and a two-week internship with a local planning agency, council of governments, or SCAG. Recipients will also have an opportunity to meet with their local government representatives and practicing planners to discuss the importance of urban planning and a future career in public service.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2022

REQUIREMENTS

RESIDENCY

Must be a resident within the SCAG region (i.e., Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura County, or on Tribal Lands within the SCAG region), and be eligible to work in the United States. Students will be asked to submit proof of eligibility to work in the United States if selected as a semi-finalist.

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 3.00 grade point average or higher (based on a 4.00, unweighted scale).

INTERNSHIP & VISIT TO SCAG

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, award recipients will not be required to complete an internship requirement or make a visit to the SCAG office in Los Angeles to attend a Regional Council meeting.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- To apply for the SCAG Scholarship Program, students must submit a completed application form (do not include the instruction page).
- Minimum five-hundred (500) word essay describing your interest in urban planning, public policy, and/or public service and future career goals.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, and/or your employer (that are not related to you) attesting to leadership ability and public service interest.
- Transcript(s) (official or copy) from the school in which you are currently enrolled. Community college students must provide both high school and community college transcripts.

Application packages that demonstrate an interest in urban planning, public policy and/or public service, and/or intended majors such as urban planning, environmental planning, engineering and/or political science, will be prioritized over application packages that do not.

DEADLINE

All materials for the 2022 SCAG Scholarship Program must be postmarked by:

Friday, April 1, 2022

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APPLY ONLINE TODAY: scag.ca.gov/scholarship