

AAP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021-2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Academic Advancement Program (AAP) will be awarding scholarships to AAP students for the 2021-22 academic year. The average scholarship award is \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

All AAP students who have completed 36 units, have not exceed 150 units at the college or university level, and who have a minimum cumulative UCLA GPA of 2.75 or better by the end of the 2020 Fall Quarter are eligible to apply. To receive the scholarship, you must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate during the **entire** 2021-2022 academic year and apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA or the Dream Application*.

If you currently have a multi-year scholarship it may render you ineligible for an AAP scholarship. Please check with the Financial Aid Office before applying.

INSTRUCTIONS

Your application and all supporting materials must be submitted via MyUCLA by **Monday, February 1, 2021¹** since no late or incomplete applications will be accepted. A **completed application** includes:

- 1. Career Goals/Interest:** Select at least one item from the list of career goals/interests.
- 2. Personal Statement:** Describe in 350-500 words (maximum of 4,000 characters) why you should be chosen for an AAP Scholarship and include any personal challenges, obstacles, or major event(s) in your life you've overcome, if any.
- 3. Essay:** Answer one of the two questions in a 500-600 word (maximum of 4,800 characters) essay. Failure to limit the length of your essay will result in a lower score on your application. Note: The essay question counts for over half of your final score. Be sure to proofread, use spell check, and edit your work carefully before adding your essay to the application. You can add your essay to your application at any point before the submission deadline. Remember: the application will not be considered complete until the essay is submitted.
- 4. Letter of Recommendation:** The letter must be from a UCLA instructor (faculty or TA) who appears as the "instructor of record" for a class on your study list (current or past). This enables a copy of your Personal Statement to accompany your request.

AAP Scholarship Application Workshops. AAP staff, the chair of the AAP Scholarship committee and UCLA First Year Experience representatives will present information workshops. The workshop will be held on **Tuesday, December 1 from 5-6pm via Zoom (Meeting ID 96849334887) and Wednesday, January 6 from 6-7pm via ZOOM (Meeting ID 92272208092)**. Students will receive important information about the online application process, letter of recommendation, personal statement and essay.

ESSAY QUESTIONS (choose one):

Question 1 – Current Events

The pandemic has forced universities to suspend in-class learning and provide instruction remotely. Some would argue that this has broaden access to higher education while others would argue that it has limited access. What position would you take and what points would you make to defend your position?

Question 2 – UCLA Common Experience

Netflix series *BoJack Horseman* was chosen as the 2020-21 Common Experience title, which gives an original and raw portrayal of mental health. This year's Common Experience theme is Minds Matter: A Focus on Mental Health.

How does your community impact your mental health or overall wellness? In your response, include your definition of mental health.

¹ **The online application will not be available until mid-January** (after Fall Quarter grades are posted); eligible students will receive a MyUCLA notification. You may work on your supporting materials now and add them to your application at any point after notification of availability and before the submission deadline.

* AB540 students are eligible to apply but must fill out the DREAM application. The DREAM application can be found at http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp. Please visit the Financial Aid Office located at A-129J Murphy Hall for assistance.

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