

## AAP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2026-2027

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Academic Advancement Program (AAP) will be awarding scholarships to AAP students for the 2026-27 academic year. The average scholarship award ranges from \$2,500-\$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 2025 Fall Quarter are eligible to apply. To receive the scholarship, you must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate during the **entire** 2026-2027 academic year and apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA or the Dream Application\*.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Your application and all supporting materials must be submitted via UCLA Academic Works site by **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, 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).

**AAP Scholarship Application Workshops.** AAP staff will present scholarship information workshops. The workshops will be held on **Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm via Zoom** and an additional day to be determined (stay tuned for details!). Students will receive important information about the online application process, letter of recommendation, personal statement, and essay. For Zoom information or general questions regarding the scholarship please check the website: <https://www.aap.ucla.edu/aap-scholarship/> e-mail: [aapscholarship@college.ucla.edu](mailto:aapscholarship@college.ucla.edu)

### ESSAY QUESTIONS (choose one):

#### **Question 1 – Current Events**

Across higher education, budget shortfalls and shifting priorities threaten programs that advance equity, student support, and research. Discuss how these financial challenges affect students and communities. What do you believe it will take to sustain equity and opportunity in times of scarcity?

#### **Question 2 – UCLA Common Experience**

The FX Television Series, Reservation Dogs, has been selected as the UCLA Common Experience title for the 2025-2026 academic year.

#### **Re-mapping Identity Through Narrative**

Reservation Dogs illustrates that stories can challenge stereotypes and reclaim under-represented voices. Reflect on a time you used narrative—spoken, written, visual, or digital—to push back against an assumption about who you are or where you come from. What did you learn about yourself and others, and how will you use storytelling to promote understanding and social change during your UCLA journey?

<sup>1</sup> **The online application will not be available until the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, eligible students will receive an e-mail 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](http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp). Please visit the Financial Aid Office located at A-129J Murphy Hall for assistance.

**For more information e-mail regarding the scholarship please e-mail [aapscholarship@college.ucla.edu](mailto:aapscholarship@college.ucla.edu) or check out the AAP Scholarship website: <https://www.aap.ucla.edu/aap-scholarship/>**