

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship New Recipients Fact Sheet



Congratulations on your Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship!

Please verify that your college choice for the 2009-10 academic year is correct on your award letter. If not, contact the California Student Aid Commission to update your college selection.

How is the scholarship funded?

This scholarship is supported by federal funds. It is subject to federal budget appropriations, and your future scholarship amount may be affected by changes in the federal budget.

How will I receive the scholarship?

Your 4-year \$1,500 per year scholarship will be mailed by the California Student Aid Commission to your institution's financial aid office in equal amounts for each term you're enrolled. You will be automatically renewed every year provided you maintain full-time status and satisfactory academic progress. The funds will be disbursed through your campus financial aid office as follows:

- \$500 each term, if you are enrolled in an institution on the quarter system
- \$750 each term, if you are enrolled in an institution on the semester system

What do I need to do to keep my scholarship?

To remain eligible for the scholarship, you must meet all of the following federal eligibility requirements:

- Be enrolled full time in an eligible institution;
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as defined by your institution;
- Not be delinquent or in default on a federal grant or educational loan;
- Be enrolled in undergraduate course work, and
- Register with the Selective Service System if you are a male over 18 years of age. Please call 1-847-688-6888 for further information.
- A Renewal Report will be sent to your institution every year to verify academic progress and enrollment.

How long can I receive this scholarship?

You may receive this scholarship for a maximum of four years, unless you graduate with your baccalaureate degree prior to the fourth year of this scholarship program.

What if I have to take a temporary leave of absence from school?

If you need to temporarily interrupt your college education, you may request a "leave of absence" from the scholarship for up to one year. Leaves of Absence are not granted for the first year of study. However, after the first year of study you may mail a written "leave of absence" request to:

California Student Aid Commission
Attn: Robert C. Byrd Program
P. O. Box 419029
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029

Or fax your written request to: (916) 464-7977, attention Patrick Foley

How do I contact the Commission?

Please keep the California Student Aid Commission informed of changes regarding your name, address, or institution. You may call our toll free number, 1-888-224-7268, option 3, or email the Specialized Programs Operations Branch at byrd@csac.ca.gov.