

2009-10 NEW APPLICANT FACT SHEET

The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (Scholarship) is a federally funded program designed to promote student excellence and achievement. These scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of academic merit to recognize students who show promise of continued academic excellence. The Scholarship is administered by the California Student Aid Commission (Commission). Selected students must enroll in and attend a United States institution of higher education full-time beginning in the fall term of the 2009-10 academic year. This \$1,500 scholarship award for 2009-10 may be renewed for up to three years. The Robert C Byrd Honors Scholarship Program is supported entirely by federal funding and is subject to federal budget appropriations. Federal funding may affect both new and renewal awards, if funding authorization is reduced or not approved for the fiscal year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To meet eligibility requirements, federal law requires that an applicant must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen. (See the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Application form, item # 9)
Note: If the applicant is an eligible non-citizen, documentation from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service must accompany the application.
- Be a legal resident of California. (See the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Application form, item # 10)
Note: If the applicant is an eligible non-citizen, documentation from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services must accompany the application.
- Graduate from a public or private secondary school between 7-1-2008 and 6-30-2009 or receive the equivalent of a certificate of graduation as recognized by the California State Department of Education between 7-1-2008 and 4-1-2009.
- Enroll in and attend a U.S. postsecondary public or private institution on a full-time basis during the fall term of the 2009-10 academic year.
- Be considered a freshman beginning in the fall term of the 2009-10 academic year.
- **Confirm registration with the Selective Service System, unless the postsecondary institution certifies that the applicant is not required to register with Selective Service.** <https://www.sss.gov/RegVer/wfVerification.aspx>
- Submit a Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance in Certain Programs form ED 80-0016, attesting to the fact that the student is not delinquent or in default on a federal grant or educational loan with the application.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligible high school students currently enrolled in a California high school must apply through their designated high school Scholarship coordinator. Applicants currently enrolled in high school must adhere to the application deadlines set by their high school campus for the Scholarship since all nomination packages must be submitted by the designated high school coordinator.

Eligible students who meet the above eligibility requirements **and who are not currently** attending a California high school should obtain and submit a completed application package directly to the Commission, Attn: Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 419029, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029. The 2009-10 California Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Applications are available on the Commission's Web site at csac.ca.gov.

NOMINATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

Process: Each California public or private secondary education institution may nominate up to two (2) applicants. All high schools wishing to nominate students for this Scholarship must submit completed application materials for each nominee. A complete application package must include:

- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Nomination Form for California, GPA/Test Score Verification Form (G-190/G-194)
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Application (G-192)
- Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance in Certain Programs form ED 80-0016 (back of application)

Deadline: All completed application materials **must be postmarked by May 1, 2009** and sent to the Commission at P.O. Box 419029, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered in the ranking process.

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SELECTION AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commission will review all nominations and rank eligible applicants by grade point average/converted GED scores (using Scholastic Aptitude Test and/or American College Test scores as tie breakers). The Commission will announce selected students for the Scholarship before the end of the school year, if federal funds are authorized. The institution and the students will receive notification of their award status.

Selected students will receive their award (each academic term) through their postsecondary institution's financial aid office. **Receipt of this scholarship may affect other financial aid awards.**

CALIFORNIA RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS (FOR APPLICATION QUESTION #10)

If you are an unmarried student who will not be 18 by the time you file the FAFSA, your residency status is based on the residency of the parent non parent adult responsible for your direct care and control. To qualify, the non-parent adult must have had continuous direct care of, and control over you for at least two years prior to the application deadline.

If you are an unmarried student under age 18, you're a legal California resident if either:

- A parent has been a legal California resident for one year immediately prior to the application deadline.
- You have lived for two years with a responsible non-parent adult and that adult has been a legal California resident for at least one year immediately prior to the application deadline.

If your parents are living overseas, you are considered a California resident if you are a minor and have been living under the direct care and control of a California resident for at least two years as of the application deadline, or if your parents have maintained their California residency during their absence from the state.

Married students, regardless of their age, and all unmarried students 18 or older, must establish their own residency. If you are 18 when you apply for this scholarship, you must have lived in California for at least one year immediately before this date to be considered a California resident. You also must be in the United States legally and be able to establish U.S. residency based on your status with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT OF 1977 AND USE OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

State and federal laws protect an individual's right to privacy regarding information pertaining to oneself. The California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the following information be provided to financial aid applicants who are asked to supply information about themselves. The principal purpose for requesting information on this form is to determine your eligibility for financial aid. Commission policy and the policies of the postsecondary institutions to which you are applying for aid authorize maintenance of this information. Furnishing information that is requested on this form is mandatory. Failure to provide such information will delay and may even prevent your receipt of financial assistance. This form's information may be transmitted to the other state and federal agencies if required by law. Individuals have the right of access to records established from information furnished on this form as it pertains to them. The Education Code of the State of California gives the Commission the authority (in consultation with postsecondary institutions) to make this form available. The officials responsible for maintaining the information contained on this form are the Executive Director of the Commission and the financial aid administrators at the institutions to which you are applying for financial aid.

The Social Security Number is used to verify your identity under record-keeping systems established prior to January 1, 1975, pursuant to authority of the Commission, the California State University, and California Community Colleges contained in Title 5, California Administrative Code, Section 41201, and the authority of the Regents of the University of California under Article IX, Section 9, of the California Constitution.

The Commission and California public postsecondary education institutions, in compliance with federal statutes and the Equal Protection Clause of the California Constitution, do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or physical disability in any of their policies, procedures, or practices. Inquiries regarding these policies may be directed to the Commission and to the financial aid office of the school or college to which you are applying for aid.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Specialized Programs Operations Branch at (888) 224-7268 option 3.

Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance in Certain Programs

I understand that 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62 require that I make specific certifications of eligibility to the United States (U.S.) Department of Education as a condition of applying for Federal funds in certain programs and that these requirements are in addition to any other eligibility requirements that the U.S. Department of Education imposes under program regulations. Under 34 CFR 75.60 - 75.62:

I. I certify that:

A. I do not owe a debt, or I am current repaying a debt, or I am not in default on a debt (as that term is used at 34 CFR Part 668):

1. To the Federal Government under a nonprocurement transaction (e.g., a previous loan, scholarship, grant, or cooperative agreement); or
2. For a fellowship, scholarship, stipend, discretionary grant, or loan in any program of the U.S. Department of Education that is subject to 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62, including:
 - Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a, et seq.);
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070(b), et seq.);
 - State Student Incentive Grant Program (SSIG) (20 U.S.C. 1070c, et seq.);
 - Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa, et seq.);
 - Income Contingent Direct Loan Demonstration Project (20 U.S.C. 1087a, note);
 - Federal Stafford Loan Program, Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS), Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), or Federal Consolidation Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1071, et seq.);
 - Cuban Student Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 2601, et seq.);
 - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1070d-31, et seq.);
 - Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program (20 U.S.C. 1134h-1134l);
 - Patricia Roberts-Harris Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1134d-1134g);
 - Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1105-1105i)
 - Bilingual Education Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 3221-3262);
 - Rehabilitation Long-term Training Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1104, et seq.);
 - Law Enforcement Education Program (42 U.S.C. 3775);
 - Indian Fellowship Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));

OR

B. I have made arrangements satisfactory to the U.S. Department of Education to repay a debt as described in A.1 or A.2 (above) of which I had not been current in repaying or of which I was in default (as that term is used in 34 CFR Part 668).

II. I certify also that I have not been declared by a judge, as a condition of sentencing under Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 862), ineligible to receive Federal assistance for the period of this requested funding.

I understand that providing a false certification to any of the statements above makes me liable for repayment to the U.S. Department of Education, for funds received on the basis of this certification, for civil penalties, and for criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Typed or Printed Name)

Name or number of the USDE program under which this certification is being made: ROBERT C. BYRD HONORS SCHOLARSHIP