

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship New Recipients Fact Sheet



Congratulations on your Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship award!

Please verify that your college choice for the 2011-12 academic year is correct on your award notification. If not, contact the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) at the address or phone number indicated below 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 \$1,500 per year scholarship will be mailed by the California Student Aid Commission to your college financial aid office in equal amounts for each term you are enrolled. The funds will be disbursed through your college financial aid office as follows:

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

You may be automatically renewed every year (up to four years) provided you maintain full-time status and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by your college of attendance. The Commission may contact your college to verify your satisfactory academic progress and enrollment status.

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 if you are a male over 18 years of age. Register on-line at www.sss.gov

How long can I receive this scholarship?

You may receive the Robert C. Byrd 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 college?

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.** After the first year of study you may submit a written request for a "leave of absence" to:

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

Or fax your written request to Patrick Foley at (916) 464-7977.

How do I contact the Commission?

Please keep the Commission informed of changes regarding your name, address, e-mail address, phone number, and college attendance. You may contact the Commission at (888) 224-7268, option 3, or at byrd@csac.ca.gov.