

REALIZE YOUR DREAM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Cogswell Polytechnical College Realize Your Dream Scholarship Program is a need-based scholarship program that is designed to provide tuition assistance to eligible students with demonstrated financial need. Financial need is based upon the difference between available resources and funding eligibility relative to the direct educational program costs. This scholarship program is designed to help students who meet the criteria outlined below. The criteria have been designed to give the Scholarship Selection Committee maximum flexibility in awarding the scholarship. Recipients will be selected without regard to race, color, sex, creed, religious preference, age, national origin, disability or any other legally protected status.

Eligibility Criteria:

This scholarship program is available to accepted applicants and currently enrolled and/or attending students who meet the admissions requirements for Cogswell College. Additionally, applicants must meet all of the stated criteria outlined below to be eligible to apply.

To be awarded the scholarship, students must:

- Be accepted, enrolled, or attending Cogswell College;
- Be enrolled with full-time status of 12 or more credits per term;
- Be California Dream Act/Cal Grant eligible;
- Not be a US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or hold a valid non-immigrant visa.
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the financial aid application process and based on information provided by a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application;
- Apply for and accept all applicable state, agency, and/or private student aid for which you and/or your parents qualify;
- Complete a Scholarship Request Form; and
- Submit a 200-word (minimum) Essay on why you are a good candidate for this scholarship.
 - Your essay must conform to basic academic standards, including proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation, and should be typed (printed), double-spaced, with 1-inch margins.

Awarding Process and Rules

- Each applicant must complete a Scholarship Request Form and submit an essay.
- All eligible applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee for completeness and accuracy of all information provided.
- Students who apply and meet all requirements will be considered for this scholarship.
- Of those viable applications, the awards will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis; and approved recipients will be awarded during the financial aid packaging process.
- Scholarships are based on enrollment status of 12 or more credits per term.
- Scholarships will be applied as a credit against tuition and will not be issued to the student in the form of cash.
- Scholarships are not transferable.
- This scholarship may be used in conjunction with other institutional scholarship programs, but cannot exceed the direct educational program costs.
- A maximum of two scholarships will be awarded to eligible students and scholarships awarded will be based on the scholarships that are most beneficial to the student.
- Scholarships are automatically renewable each academic year providing the student maintains eligibility.
- Continued eligibility requires students to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress with full-time enrollment of 12 or more credits per term and a CGPA of 2.0. Dropping below 2.0 GPA, full-time enrollment status of 12 or more credits per term, or failure to complete 24 credits in the prior academic year where the scholarship was awarded may result in the reduction or loss of this scholarship.
- Scholarship award amount will not exceed \$2,000 per academic year (\$1,000 per term).
- Awards are for the length of the educational program for a maximum of \$10,000 (10 terms).

**All scholarship amounts are calculated based on demonstrated need and determined by established guidelines. Please contact your Financial Aid Advisor to discuss options. Funding for this program is limited, therefore Cogswell Polytechnical College reserves the right to cancel a scholarship program at any time at its discretion. However, all scholarships that have been awarded will be honored provided the student continues to meet eligibility.*

REALIZE YOUR DREAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student's Name:	Student ID #:
Phone Number:	Alternate Phone #
Address:	Email Address:
City, State, ZIP	Start Date:

Qualification Questions

Please answer the questions below to determine your eligibility for this scholarship:

- Yes No Are you currently accepted, enrolled or attending Cogswell College?
- Yes No Are you enrolled for or attending with full-time status (12+ credits)?
- Yes No Have you completed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application?
- Yes No Have you applied for and accepted all available state, private, and/or agency funding?
- Yes No Have you completed your essay that must be submitted with this form?

Agreement and Signature

I understand that in order to be eligible for this scholarship, I must meet the admissions requirements for the program for which I am enrolled, as well as all of the criteria outlined by the scholarship program. For continued eligibility, I understand that I must maintain full-time enrollment status of 12 or more credits per term, complete 24 credits in the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded, maintain satisfactory academic progress with a CGPA of 2.0, and apply for and accept all sources of available funding for which I am eligible. By submitting this request form, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am awarded this scholarship, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me may result in revocation of this award and could result in my dismissal from school.

Signature:	Date:
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Our Policy

Any student meeting the scholarship criteria may apply. Students must complete this application and submit it with their essay to the Scholarship Selection Committee to be considered. Of the requests received, each will be reviewed for completeness and accuracy of all information provided. Of those eligible requests, the awards will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis; and approved recipients will be awarded during the financial aid packaging process.

Scholarships are based on demonstrated financial need as identified through the financial aid application process and based on information provided by a completed FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application. The scholarship award amount will not exceed \$1,000 per term. Students must apply for and accept all available agency, state, private, and/or federal student aid before requesting consideration for this scholarship program. If approved, the scholarship will be applied as a credit against tuition and will not be issued to the student in the form of cash.

This scholarship may be used in conjunction with other institutional scholarship programs, but cannot exceed the direct educational program costs. A maximum of two scholarships will be awarded to eligible students and scholarships awarded will be based on the scholarships that are most beneficial to the student.

Scholarships are not transferable, however they are automatically renewable each academic year providing the student maintains eligibility for a maximum term limit of no more than 10 terms.

Institutional Approval / Denial

I have reviewed this request form verifying eligibility for this scholarship and have rendered this applicant:

- Approved Denied / Reason:

Employee's Name:	Title:		
Signature:	Date:		
Amount Awarded:	Term:	Amount:	Term: