

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

The Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) provides three different types of financial scholarships for students graduating from CUSD high schools.

- Donor Scholarships - Established and funded by individuals and organizations, there are more than 85 different awards of varying amounts and with diverse eligibility criteria.
- IMPACT Scholarships - Open to students enrolled in the IMPACT Chandler program who have met the minimum criteria of 100 hours of community service, a 3.4 cumulative GPA, and a 95% cumulative attendance.
- Foundation Scholarships - For students with financial need whose work or family commitments limited their ability to earn traditional scholarship accolades.

APPLICATION PROCESS



Scholarship Platform

1 Register on the CEF Scholarship Platform

https://bit.ly/CEF_Scholarship_Platform

Create your User ID and password. Note: do **NOT** use your school email address or the foundation cannot contact you with payment information after graduation. We recommend using Google Chrome as your browser.

2 Complete the Common Application Questionnaire

The questions are designed to identify the scholarships that you are eligible for based on your information. You can save and return, then click EDIT to update each section **before** hitting submit. **NOTE:** Once submitted, you cannot go back and edit!

To complete the application, you will need information on:

- Volunteer work
- School clubs, sports, and activities
- Sports and activities outside of school
- Awards earned for academics, sports, or other activities
- Names of one or two people, including a high school teacher/coach/school counselor, who is willing to provide a reference for you. Some donors may also ask for an elementary school teacher.

Inform your references that they will receive a short questionnaire by email. They do NOT need to write a letter.

Not all applications require references, but have this information ready just in case!

3 Download your high school transcript

You can access it on Infinite Campus under the DOCUMENTS tab.

When viewing on a computer, it is located on the lower left of your screen. Scroll to the bottom to find **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WITH IN PROGRESS CLASSES**.

Block out your address and name, leaving your Student ID# visible. Save and upload to the scholarship platform where requested.



FAFSA Application

4 Complete the FAFSA

<https://www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Although the FAFSA is NOT required, your application will not be considered by donors who ask for financial need information without it. The FAFSA provides a confidential and consistent way for CEF to evaluate financial need for all applicants.

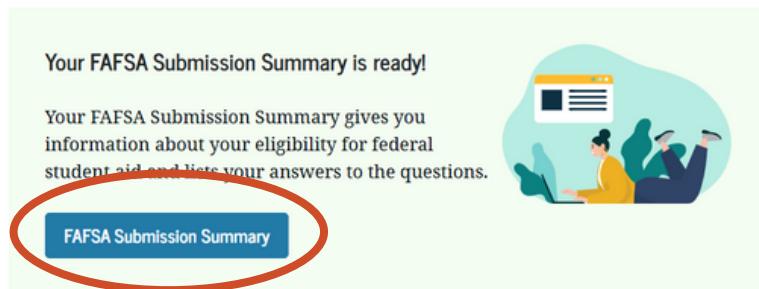
Additionally, many colleges require FAFSA completion as part of the application process. Even if you don't qualify for student aid, you may qualify for grants!

Need Help? Your school College & Career Specialist has information about completing the FAFSA.

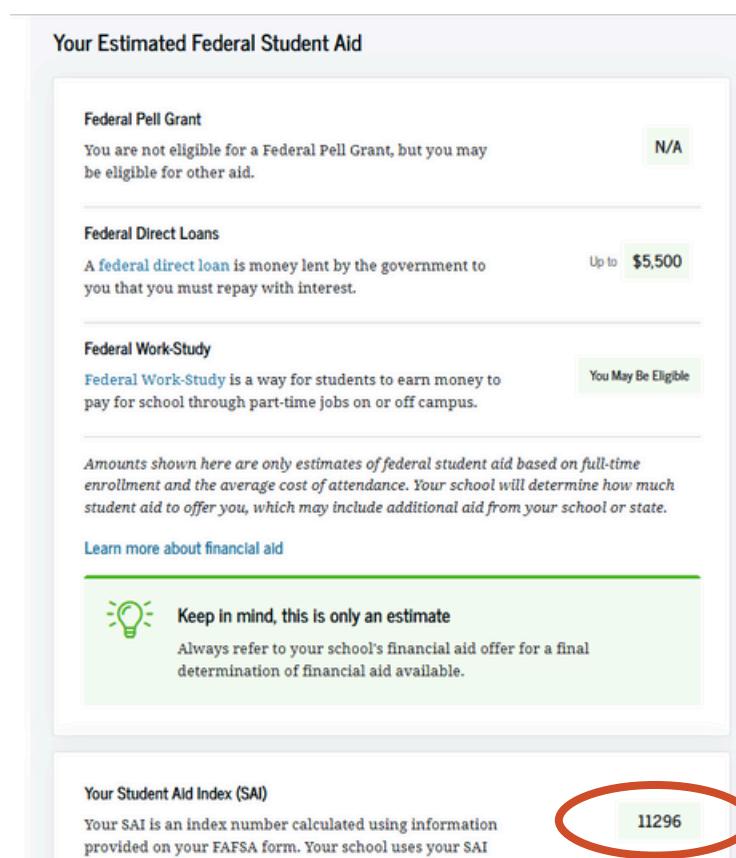
5 Download FAFSA Summary & Upload to Application

Go to studentaid.gov. Log in with your FSA ID and password. Scroll down to the 'My Activity' section and click on 2025-26 FAFSA Form.

Congratulations! Your FAFSA® form has been processed successfully! We recommend downloading a copy of your completed application to keep for your records.



Click on the blue FAFSA Submission Summary button



Your Estimated Federal Student Aid

Federal Pell Grant
You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, but you may be eligible for other aid. N/A

Federal Direct Loans
A [federal direct loan](#) is money lent by the government to you that you must repay with interest. Up to \$5,500

Federal Work-Study
[Federal Work-Study](#) is a way for students to earn money to pay for school through part-time jobs on or off campus. You May Be Eligible

Amounts shown here are only estimates of federal student aid based on full-time enrollment and the average cost of attendance. Your school will determine how much student aid to offer you, which may include additional aid from your school or state.

[Learn more about financial aid](#)

 **Keep in mind, this is only an estimate**
Always refer to your school's financial aid offer for a final determination of financial aid available.

Your Student Aid Index (SAI)
Your SAI is an index number calculated using information provided on your FAFSA form. Your school uses your SAI 11296

Take a screenshot of the information below and save as a document.

Make sure to have all of the information in this screen, including the Student Aid Index (SAI) number.

6 Submit the Universal Application & Return to Dashboard

You may be eligible for additional scholarships. Review these opportunities, listed as "Application Draft." Select the scholarship name to see supplemental questions and essay prompts. You may work on and save until you are ready to submit each additional application.

Some scholarships will indicate "Application Submitted." Those have now been submitted for you.

NOTE: If your scholarship opportunity does not show "Application Submitted" by the March 27, 2026 deadline, you will not be considered for that award.

Once finished, the online application platform will indicate your application status.

A panel of CEF volunteers will assist the donors with evaluating the scholarship applications. You should expect to receive a determination by mid-April. You will receive notification via the email address used when you registered for the platform.

All scholarship recipients are invited to attend the Scholarship Celebration at their respective school. Visit the CEF Events Calendar to see when your school's event will be held. <https://tinyurl.com/CEFScholarshipEvents>



**Did you enroll in the
IMPACT Chandler program?
If yes, this information is for you!**



IMPACT Scholarships

Graduating seniors who meet the IMPACT program criteria as of March 27, 2026, will graduate with IMPACT Honors and receive an honor cord, certificate, and letter of recommendation prior to graduation. Each school will receive these items for distribution to students.

Check Infinite Campus under the ICS and ICS Community Service Tabs:

- Confirm your cumulative GPA is 3.4 or greater
- Confirm your cumulative attendance is 95% or greater
- Ensure you have submitted, and been credited for, at least 100 hours of community service.

Still need to submit service hours? More information can be found on the IMPACT Chandler Scholars page of the CEF website. <https://tinyurl.com/CEFImpactChandler>

IMPACT Scholarships

All IMPACT Chandler Honors students are eligible to apply for the IMPACT Scholarship. Applications are submitted online through the CEF Scholarship Platform

- Students must meet all ICS program criteria to apply
- Applications are accepted until **March 27, 2026**
- No late submissions will be accepted

NOTE: Should you have any extenuating circumstances that affects your attendance, share this information in your application. Thank you!