

CSEA Foundation Scholarship FAQs

General Question

Q: What does affiliate mean? My parents are in a union but I don't know which one.

A: The California State Employees Association Foundation affiliates are:

- ACSS (Association of California State Supervisors)
- California State Retirees
- CSUEU (California State University Employees Union)
- SEIU Local 1000
- UAW Local 2350

College and University Selection Questions

Q: Can I apply if I haven't received acceptance from universities and/or colleges yet?

A: Yes. If you are selected as a recipient of a scholarship, we will contact you and get that updated information from you.

Q: Can I apply if I'm going to graduate school?

A: Yes

Q: Can I apply if I graduated from high school years ago?

A: Yes.

Q: I'm a stepchild of a qualifying member. Can I apply?

A: Yes

Chapter/DLC and Member Number Questions

Q: My mother is my sponsor and she works for a state agency. She is also a member of SEIU 1000 but has not found a Chapter or DLC number. Do you know if this applies to SEIU 1000? She does have a CSEA member ID #.

A: If she is a member of SEIU Local 1000, she can contact SEIU Local 1000 to confirm her Member ID and DLC # by calling 866-488-7248.

Q: I was a supervisor and retired in June 2020. I returned as a Retired Annuitant Investigator, not as a supervisor. Is my child eligible to apply for the scholarship? Right now, I am not sure if I am still paying ACSS dues or not.

A: To confirm membership, contact the affiliate to confirm your Member ID # and Chapter/DLC#:

- SEIU Local 1000 Membership Services – 866-488-7248
- ACSS, CSUEU & CA State Retiree Membership Services – 916-326-4300

Letters of Recommendation Questions

- Q: Is there a link for the letters of recommendation? One of my sons' teachers is asking for it but said he would email it to you directly.
- A: Due to the Pandemic, we changed submission criteria to allow applicants to email scholarship documents directly to the CSEA Foundation President. This includes letters of recommendation. It is suggested that all emailed documents have the applicant's name on each piece submitted. Email jkennedy.csueu@gmail.com
- Q: The scholarship application states that the packet requires two letters of recommendation. However, it does not specify if the letters of recommendation should be sealed or not. Would the foundation prefer applicants provide sealed letters of recommendation?
- A: Neither letters of recommendation nor transcripts require a sealed envelope. They can be attached in the application packet.
- Q: What format should the letters of recommendation be in? Can I submit a printed version of a pdf that my recommender sent me, or should they mail the letter to me so I can submit it unopened?
- A: Either way is fine.
- Q: Should I ask my recommenders to send me a copy and attach it to my application or do they need to send it directly to the CSEA Foundation via email or mail?
- A: Applicants can submit letters of recommendation in the scholarship packet or email them to jkennedy.csueu@gmail.com

Transcript Questions

- Q: With the school closures, my son's high school is asking him to print his transcripts from their online system. Is this okay?
- A: Yes
- Q: Do my transcripts have to be sealed in an envelope? Do they have to be official or can they be unofficial?
- A: Due to the pandemic, the Foundation will accept:
- 1) sealed and unsealed transcripts
 - 2) official and unofficial transcripts.

The Foundation reserves the right to verify all transcripts submitted.

Submission Questions

- Q: I will be submitting my application packet via email. Should I include the recommendation letters in my application packet or do I provide the submission information to those who wrote them and have them send the recommendation directly to you? Usually, the request is sent to my professors and they would send them to avoid issues. However, on the application, it looks like I'm supposed to send it in.
- A: You may provide your professors with the email (jkennedy.csueu@gmail.com) or you may include them with your packet.

Miscellaneous Questions

- Q: Will I receive an email informing me that the foundation has received my application after I apply for the CSEA scholarship?
- A: Because staff are working from home and only go to the office once a week, notification of mailed applications will take up to two weeks.
- Q: Regarding criteria #4 "Summary of any honors received, community service work, participation in extracurricular activities and/or work experience." Can I include this in the #2 essay portion? Or does #4 have to be a separate document?
- A: Each section is scored separately; this is the reason it needs to be a separate section.
- Q: My dad was a member of a qualified affiliate but he passed away. Can I still apply?
- A: We are sorry for your loss. However, given that he is no longer a member, you are no longer able to apply.