



Alumni Association

Scholarship & Grant Guidelines

CONGRATULATIONS from the Fresno State Alumni Association!

All awards assume attendance at California State University, Fresno. If you plan to attend any other institution or cannot accept the award for any reason, please "decline" the award notification you received in your email immediately. Please read all program regulations below.

If accepting the enclosed award, you are tacitly agreeing to abide by the following:

1. Maintain full-time enrollment of 12 units a semester.
2. Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or the minimum required for your award).
3. Notify the Fresno State Alumni Association of any changes of major or degree objective.
4. Submit a thank you note to the Fresno State Alumni Association, addressed to the appropriate contact for your scholarship award(s). Sample letter attached.

Event Attendance: Please add the following two events to your calendar. You are responsible to attend both.

<p>Pizza, Photos & Thank You Notes Thursday September 4, 2014 3:00 – 6:00 PM Smittcamp Alumni House</p> <p>Professional photos for website & program. Group photo at 3:30 PM.</p>	<p>Top Dog Alumni Awards Gala Friday, November 7, 2014 5:00 – 10:30 PM Save Mart Center</p> <p>You will receive your scholarship check during the gala program. Formal attire.</p>
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Failure to meet the above requirements may result in delayed disbursement of funds, forfeiture of award or repayment of disbursed funds.

Disbursement of Funds: Fresno State Alumni Association scholarship checks are presented to recipients at the Top Dog Alumni Awards Gala. Award money **will not be applied** to your student account automatically.

Reminder: Remember to reapply for scholarships. The 2015-16 "priority application" period for scholarship opportunities is October 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Peggy Ramos
Scholarship Coordinator
Fresno State Alumni Association
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Smittcamp Alumni House Hours

Monday through Friday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Summer Hours (until August 11)	7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

Direct | 559.278.8109



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The Fresno State Alumni Association is located on the upper level of the Smittcamp Alumni House.

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Congratulations!

As a scholarship recipient, your hard work has been recognized, and your award has been made possible by the generous support of Fresno State alumni and friends. Now is your opportunity to acknowledge their thoughtful generosity to your education.

GETTING STARTED

- Gratitude should be expressed immediately, don't wait to write.
- Use 8 ½ x 11 quality bond paper, your own personal stationery or an appropriate note card.
- Date letters by semester: "Fall 2014" or "Spring 2015".
- Type or use legible handwriting.
- One page is sufficient. Be clear and concise.
- PROOFREAD! Communicate your intelligence with correct grammar and spelling.

Questions?

Contact Peggy Ramos
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Top Dog Alumni Awards Gala 2012

SAVE THE DATES

Pizza, Photos & Thank You Notes
September 4, 2014 | 3:00—6:00 PM
Professional photos taken for the Website.
Bring completed donor thank you note.

Top Dog Alumni Awards Gala
November 7, 2014 | 5:00—10:00 PM
Recognition event and presentation of all scholarship checks. Formal attire.

Why thank scholarship donors?

- Your scholarship donor is someone who is passionate about Fresno State. Ultimately, they want you to have the opportunity to pursue your dreams and they appreciate hearing from you.
- By writing a brief thank you letter, you are demonstrating that you are the kind of person they had hoped to receive their generosity — a sincere, responsible and grateful student whose life has been enhanced through a scholarship.
- Fresno State is very careful to acknowledge every gift that we receive. We hold you to that same high standard.

What do I write? (A step-by-step guide)

1) Greet the Donor

"Dear Dr. and Mrs. [Last Name],"
"Dear [Foundation Name],"

2) Express Your Gratitude

- Write sincerely.
- Mention the scholarship by name.
- Do not request any additional financial support.

"Thank you for your generosity."

"It is an honor to be chosen for the ABC Family Scholarship."

3) Share Your Future Plans

- How has this scholarship helped you to further your education?
- Mention your goals, trips, activities, graduation or prospective jobs.

4) Demonstrate the Impact

Share how being a student at Fresno State is impacting your life and what you enjoy most. For example:

- Why you chose Fresno State.
- Your course of study.
- Community service activities.
- Accomplishments, awards, honors.
- Interests outside of your studies.

5) Express Gratitude Again

"Thanks again for your gift."

"Thanks again, I appreciate the scholarship assistance."

6) Signing off

"Sincerely," "Warm Regards," "Yours Truly," "With Sincere Thanks."

Proofread the entire letter, then sign your name clearly.

DONOR THANK YOU LETTER
(SAMPLE)

(Allow space here so the text is centered vertically.)

Fall 2014

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Fresno, CA 93740

Dear Family Members of the Joe Bulldog Memorial Scholarship,

It is an honor to be chosen for the Joe Bulldog Memorial Scholarship at Fresno State for the 2014-15 year.

I am currently a junior, majoring in Biology. I'm enjoying my studies especially my plant science courses. I'm involved in several student organizations including student government and the Plant Science Club.

I work part-time at ABC Nursery and I volunteer at the Bulldog Pantry. I like working with high school students and teaching them about biology.

After graduation, I plan to enter the credential program and eventually become a high school teacher.

I am truly grateful for the scholarship support. This scholarship allows me to work fewer hours and focus on my studies and additional educational opportunities. Thank you for your support of Fresno State students.

Sincerely,



Peggy Ramos

Class of 2014

Additional information:

Please make sure your letter has enough content. Letters written with only one-two sentences will be returned and you will be asked to rewrite your letter.

REMEMBER to PROOFREAD! If you have questions, or need assistance writing your letter, please contact Peggy Ramos at 559.278.8109 or via email at peggyr@csufresno.edu.