

Scholarship FAQ

What Do I Need to Complete the Scholarship Application?

The application requires a copy of your transcript and, IF APPLICABLE, financial information (Student Aid Report (SAR) from your FAFSA or CSS Profile and the email address for a person writing your recommendation. The recommendation should be written by someone who knows you and can speak on your involvement in SAM, the campus community and your academic standards. Ideally this would be written by a Chapter Advisor, Alumni Advisor or Greek Advisor. An Academic Advisor, a professor or the chapter Prior would also be acceptable.

When Is the Deadline?

It varies but for **most** scholarships for members of SAM the deadline for a complete undergraduate or graduate application is 11:59pm (Pacific) on February 15, 2018. The application will shut down and applicants will not be able to save or change any information after this time.

For the *Andy Dickson Scholarship*, *Top Senior Scholar*, *USY/NFTY*, *Blumenfeld Humor Award* and *Schwartz & Weiss Brothers Scholarships for Daughters* the deadline is 11:59pm (Pacific) on February 28, 2017.

The **Guller Young Scholars** program for new initiates is ONGOING and has no expiration date. This is a separate application and new initiates who wish to apply for other scholarships should submit the Undergraduate application as well.

I Applied Last Year but Didn't Receive a Scholarship—Why Should I Apply Again?

Because the applicant pool changes each year! In addition, as your academic progress advances and your involvement on campus and with SAM grows, you may qualify for more scholarships. Each year we strive to add additional scholarships to assist students.

I'm a Senior—Can I Still Apply?

Yes! Since our scholarships are awarded before the end of the academic year, seniors can receive scholarships.

How Much Money Can I Get?

The amount of the scholarships range from \$500-\$5000, depending on the scholarship awarded. Several scholarships are chapter or major specific. Most of our scholarships are based on demonstrated financial need.

I'm part of a SAM Colony that isn't a Chapter yet—Can I still Apply?

Yes! Members of colonies are welcome to apply for scholarships, but the scholarship will not be AWARDED until the colony is chartered as a chapter. Applicants must still be an undergraduate student and member of the chapter to receive the scholarship.

I See a Specific Scholarship I'm Qualified For—Can I Apply for That One?

There's one main undergraduate and graduate application and YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU MEET THE CRITERIA. For chapter and major specific scholarships, you're already put in the applicant pool for these scholarships by completing the application. Remember there are over 2700 current undergrad fratres of Sigma Alpha Mu and some scholarships have more qualified applicants than others!

However, if you ONLY want to be considered for the Top Senior Scholar, Blumenfeld Humor Award or would like to nominate someone for the Andy Dickson Scholarship, these are separate applications for ONLY these awards.

When Will I know If I Was Selected for a Scholarship?

Scholarships will be announced via email by May 2018 and recipients will be posted on the SAM Foundation website.