

# FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP (FWDS)

Transforming Adversity into Strategic Change

## About

Immigrants play a pivotal role in shaping diverse communities and make profound contributions to organized labor. The Forward Scholarship is dedicated to empowering immigrant students who have demonstrated resilience in overcoming personal challenges, be it financial or otherwise. We celebrate their exceptional ability to leverage these experiences into proactive initiatives aimed at enriching their workforce or community. Importantly, applying for this scholarship does not require completion of a FAFSA.

## Award Amount

- Up to \$6,000 paid over 2-academic years.
- Covers tuition and fees for the fall, spring, and summer semesters.
- Cannot be used for other educational expenses.
- May be reduced by other gift aid.

## Minimum Requirements

- Eligible immigrant (permanent resident/green card holder, asylee, or refugee); other immigrant status (DACA, TPS, or otherwise undisclosed).
- New or continuing student in a degree-seeking program.

## Enrollment Requirements

- Minimum 3-credits in a degree seeking program.

## Renewable Requirements

- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA for undergraduates; 3.0 for graduates.

## Application Requirements

- Essay showcasing the applicant's tangible experiences of overcoming significant challenges, highlighting their resilience and capacity to triumph over adversity. Moreover, the essay should adeptly articulate how these personal journeys can serve as catalysts for fostering positive transformations within both professional environments and communities.

Application: SLU Scholarship Application

Applicant Code(s): 029

You can apply for this opportunity via the SLU Scholarship Application "SLU SCH APP." To access the application, please log in to Scholarship Manager and navigate to "My Applications." Degree and certificate-seeking students should find the SLU Scholarship Application for the current academic year. If you have already completed an application this academic year, no further action is required. The SLU Scholarship Application will reopen for the next academic year. The SLU SCH APP only displays opportunities for which you are eligible by leveraging your responses and data retrieved from CUNYfirst. So, please review the requirements carefully!

Ways to Log in:

- Scroll to the very top of [this page](#) and click the red "Apply Now" button, followed by "Student Login" **OR**
- Navigate back to the [homepage](#) and select "Student Login"

## CUNY Citizenship Now

[CUNY Citizenship Now](#) offers free, high-quality, and confidential immigration law services to help you and your family on your path to U.S. citizenship. Our attorneys and paralegals will assess your eligibility for legal benefits and help you apply if you qualify.

# FWDS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Awards

### 1. How much does this scholarship pay in tuition and fees?

This scholarship provides financial support of up to:	<b>\$6,000</b>	for qualified tuition and fees.
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### 2. How long will I receive this scholarship?

The scholarship duration is up to two academic years (six consecutive semesters: fall, spring, and summer) or until the award is depleted.		
There is up to:	<b>6</b>	<b>award installments.</b>

### 3. Can this scholarship pay other educational costs?

No. This scholarship cannot cover other educational expenses beyond tuition and fees.

### 4. Can I receive gift aid from other sources if I am awarded this scholarship?

This scholarship will be reduced/canceled if an awardee prefers to use other non-refundable employer benefits/scholarships/financial aid towards part/all their tuition. Awardees are not entitled to the difference between the original scholarship offer and the modified one. Those funds are considered “unused” and will NOT be carried over to additional semester(s), academic years, programs, course costs, or other educational expenses. If you believe there will be a conflict, please discuss this with a scholarship administrator by contacting: [Scholarships@slu.cuny.edu](mailto:Scholarships@slu.cuny.edu). Questions about Financial Aid should be directed to [financialaid@slu.cuny.edu](mailto:financialaid@slu.cuny.edu) or (212) 817-7460.

## 5. Can I receive a refund from this scholarship if it pays more than what I owe?

No. This scholarship will be reduced/canceled if an awardee prefers to use other non-refundable employer benefits/scholarships/financial aid towards part/all their tuition. If you believe there will be a conflict, please discuss this with a scholarship administrator by contacting: [Scholarships@slu.cuny.edu](mailto:Scholarships@slu.cuny.edu).

# Cancelations

## 1. Is this scholarship canceled if I drop or withdraw from courses?

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to consider all factors before deciding to drop or withdraw from their courses. A SLU Scholarship is an investment in our students, and we encourage recipients to take their studies seriously. Awardees who drop or withdraw may have their scholarship revoked, so we advise caution when taking such action.

**For this scholarship to disburse, awardees must be enrolled in a minimum of \_\_ credits by the University census date:**

**3  
Credits**

**Withdraw Drop (WD):** You dropped courses and are now **below 3-credits**, as of the University census date.

- **Action:** The scholarship for the current term will be canceled, and you will be responsible for any outstanding tuition. If the scholarship is recurring, future scholarship awards will also be canceled.

**Withdrawal (W, WU, WA, WN):** You withdrew from courses after the University census date and are now **below 3-credits** of active enrollment.

- **Action:** Future scholarship payments will be canceled.

## 2. What if I Withdraw Drop (WD) from courses but still maintain minimum enrollment?

As long as you maintain the required minimum enrollment, your scholarship will be disbursed. However, the amount may be adjusted to cover tuition costs. Please note that scholarships have a fixed allocation or a set number of disbursement installments. If any portion of your scholarship was applied toward tuition for dropped courses, it will

still count toward your total allocation or as a completed installment. SLU will not increase the scholarship amount or extend the number of installments under any circumstances.

### **3. Is this scholarship canceled if I take a leave of absence?**

Forward Scholarships may be deferred to the next semester of enrollment if a Leave of Absence (LOA) or similar condition is approved by the Registrar's Office

### **4. What happens if my GPA falls below the minimum requirement?**

Awardees must maintain the minimum cumulative GPA for their academic level:  
**2.5 for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students.**

Failure to maintain the required GPA will cause future scholarship installments to be canceled.

Your cumulative GPA is derived from all coursework taken in an academic term. Accordingly, scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to resolve incomplete (INC) grades immediately. The system cannot make an accurate determination of your cumulative GPA with incomplete coursework. Incomplete (INC) grades that remain unresolved into the next semester, when a scholarship installment is scheduled for disbursement, will result in the award being decertified. This will lead to the cancellation of that installment as well as any future disbursements.