



## 2022 San Antonio Area Foundation – Common Application FAQ

**DEADLINE: Students must submit their application and transcript by February 28, 2021 – 3:00 PM (Central Time).**

### **How do I learn about San Antonio Area Foundation scholarships?**

Go to <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/saafdn> for information regarding the application process with links to all the scholarships provided by the San Antonio Area Foundation which is administered by Scholarship America.

### **Is there an application fee for San Antonio Area Foundation scholarships?**

It's free! There is no charge to apply.

### **What is the average amount of a scholarship?**

Scholarships range from \$500 - \$6,000 with an average award of \$2,000.

### **May I apply for more than one scholarship at a time?**

Yes. By completing and submitting the shared application you will be considered for all scholarships, provided you meet the eligibility requirements. However, you may not receive more than 3 scholarship awards.

### **If I am not selected as a recipient, do you explain why?**

No. Due to the number of applications we receive, we do not notify nonrecipients about specific reasons they were not selected.

### **What is financial need?**

Financial need will be determined by evaluating a number of factors, including the applicant and his or her family's income, assets, and family size. The applicant and the family's ability to contribute, or pay toward the costs of college, will be the primary factor used to determine financial need.

### **When is the application deadline?**

The deadline to submit applications online is **February 28, 2022 – 3:00 PM (Central Time)**

### **Can applications be submitted by fax or email?**

No. Applications must be submitted online.

### **Previously, I needed a recommendation to submit an application, but I do not see where to enter that information now?**

You are no longer required to have a recommendation.

### **This is my first time visiting the Scholarship America Hub, how do I create an account?**

Once you get to the Scholarship America Hub, if you have never created an account before, click 'I'm a student'. This will prompt you to create a profile with your information. Once you are done, save your profile and you are now ready to browse the scholarship. Select 'Scholarships' at the top of the page and scroll until you find the San Antonio Area Foundation – Common Application.

### **While creating my account, I was told that the account already exists. How do I log in?**

When you create your profile, you create a unique username and password. Anytime you visit the Scholarship America Hub, you will log in with your username and password. On the Dashboard you will see programs you have submitted or started applications for.

### **How do I change my User Name or Password?**

Your User Name cannot be changed. If you forget your User Name or would like to reset your Password, go to the login page and click the '**Forgot password/username?**' and follow the online instructions.

Passwords will need to be reset every 90 days. Make sure you use a secure password.

### **I am locked out of my account. What do I do now?**

If you attempt to login with a wrong User Name or Password numerous times, your account will be disabled. If this happens, email [saafdn@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:saafdn@scholarshipamerica.org) and ask that your account be unlocked. Provide your first and last name and/or username.

### **Do I have to finish my entire application at once?**

No, you are not required to complete the entire application at once. You will be able to work on your application from the time you begin until the application deadline on **February 28, 2022 at 3:00 PM (Central Time)**. To save your updates, click **Save and Log out**. To go back and edit go to <https://start.scholarsapply.org> and log in. The application you started will be on the Dashboard and you may resume where you left off.

Once you click **Lock and Submit**, no additional changes can be made to your application.

### **How do I know if I have completed all of the required information in a section of the application?**

If you have not completed all of the required information in a particular section of the application, you will be prompted to return to that section and complete the information. The information missing will be noted in red at the top of the application and will be denoted with asterisks throughout the application. You will not be able to submit your application if it is incomplete.

### **What supporting documents do I need to submit?**

As part of your application, you must upload your current, complete transcript of grades. Grade reports are not accepted. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grades and credit hours for each course and term in which each course was taken.

- **High school seniors or students who have completed less than one full term of postsecondary education**, submit your high school transcript. If applicable, provide your SAT/ACT scores if they are not included on your transcript. (A clear explanation of the high school's grading scale must also be submitted.)
- **Students currently or previously enrolled in college or vocational-technical school**, submit your college or vo-tech transcripts from each school attended.

Each scholarship program has its own criteria and eligibility requirements. You may be asked to provide additional documents in a specific fund requests it. Read the [Eligibility Requirements](#) to determine if additional documents will be required.

### **How and when will I be notified if I receive a scholarship?**

All applicants will be notified in May.

**If I receive a scholarship, what do I need to do?**

If you are selected as a San Antonio Area Foundation Scholar you will receive an award letter providing detailed information on what you need to do to accept your award.

**Who receives the scholarship award check?**

Checks for the full award amount are mailed from the San Antonio Area Foundation to each scholar's school the last week of July.

**If I receive a scholarship one year, will I automatically receive it the following year?**

Some scholarships are renewable. Your award notification will indicate whether the scholarship is renewable, a one-time award, or if you are required to reapply. Instructions for renewable awards will be sent via email in January.

**How do I thank the donors who provided the funds for my scholarship?**

We are happy to forward your correspondence to the donors. If they are no longer living, we will forward your letter to a family member and our Board of Directors.

You may address all correspondence to the donors:

**c/o San Antonio Area Foundation  
303 Pearl Parkway, Suite 114  
San Antonio, TX 78215**