

Financial Aid Highlights

Financial Aid Highlights is a periodic electronic news update provided by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships for the benefit of prospective and continuing CSUB students and parents, high school and community college counselors, faculty, and staff. The electronic publication will contain informational items pertaining to financial aid and scholarships of relevance to the CSUB community. Past issues are archived on the Financial Aid & Scholarships homepage at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid>. Additional information regarding any given topic may be obtained by calling the office at (661) 664-3016.

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Students are advised that USA Funds, as the nation's leading education-loan guarantor, works to promote access to higher education for all deserving students. Beginning Jan. 2, 2006, they will accept applications for one of their major higher-education-access initiatives, USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships.

For the 2006-2007 academic year, USA Funds will award up to \$3 million in new, renewable scholarships to students demonstrating financial need. Full-time and half-time undergraduate, and full-time graduate and professional students are eligible for \$1,500 awards.

Up to 50 percent of the scholarships will be targeted to students who, in addition to demonstrating financial need, are members of an ethnic-minority group or are physically disabled. They will renew these scholarships until students complete their final degrees or until the total amount awarded each student reaches \$6,000, whichever comes first, as long as the student remains continuously enrolled and maintains a 2.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America, manages the program and selects the recipients. They will accept applications submitted online by March 1, 2006.

Program details and a link for students to apply online are available by visiting <http://www.usafunds.org/> and selecting "Scholarship Information" from the "Express Links" menu.

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