

# 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.

## Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program - FAH (Vol. 6, No. 40)

Students are advised of the Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program, which helps eligible students with a financial need pursue a higher education. Applications are accepted until May 31, 2005.

Students from low-income families can get additional financial assistance through this scholarship from The Sallie Mae Fund, a charitable organization sponsored by Sallie Mae. The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship will supplement financial aid packages for low-income students by providing funds to cover financial need not met through typical financial aid channels including grants, work-study, loans and other scholarships.

The scholarship is part of The Sallie Mae Fund's Project Access initiative, designed to improve access to higher education by targeting under-served populations with information, resources and scholarship dollars. ~ Scholarship America, a national nonprofit educational support and student aid service organization, administers the scholarship as part of the Project Access initiative.

### Guidelines:

- The scholarship will supplement the financial aid package - not substitute for aid - received from an institution.
- Scholarship awards, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,800, will be made payable to the school on behalf of the student and are intended to supplement, rather than substitute for, aid received from an institution.

### Criteria:

Student applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Demonstrate unmet financial need of more than \$1,000 after the financial aid package has been determined
- Have a family adjusted gross income of \$30,000 or less
- Be a high school senior or graduate planning to enroll or a student already enrolled in a full-time\* undergraduate course of study at an accredited postsecondary institution
- Have a cumulative grade point average between 2.5 and 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or the equivalent. ~ Students with a cumulative grade point average above 3.0 are ineligible.

### Application and Process:

Eligible students must submit a completed application, Student Aid Report (or Institutional Student Information Report), Financial Award Letter, and transcript of grades to Scholarship America by the postmark deadline of May 31, 2005 to be considered for The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program.

Applications for The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program and more information on Project Access can be found at <http://www.thesalliemaefund.org>.

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