Applying for Scholarships and Summer Internships

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Questions to be addressed

- How do I find scholarships and summer internships for which I qualify?

- What documents and information do I need to apply for scholarships and summer internships?

- What are some strategies to effectively complete scholarship and summer internship applications?

How do I find scholarships...?

The web can be your friend.

- Community-sponsored Scholarships
  
  http://www.csus.edu/aid/Scholarships/Community%20Scholarships%20List.html

- Institutional Scholarships
  
  http://www.csus.edu/aid/Scholarships/Institutional%20Scholarship%20List.html
How do I find scholarships...?

- Natural Sciences and Mathematics College Scholarships
  
  [http://www.csus.edu/nsm/students/scholarships.html](http://www.csus.edu/nsm/students/scholarships.html)

- Departmental Scholarships
  
  [http://www.csus.edu/bios/Scholarships.html](http://www.csus.edu/bios/Scholarships.html)
  
  and the Biological Sciences Department Office (Squ 202)

- “Special Interest” Scholarships known by faculty advisors
  
  e.g. if you are interested in teaching high school science
  

How do I find scholarships...?

- Other scholarships found by free online services that match your qualities with those sought by various organizations across the nation

  **Be wary of “Scholarship Services” that charge you a fee for finding scholarships.**

  **Be sure your personal information is handled in a secure fashion by the scholarship service.**

  Services recommended by
  
  [http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml)


What documents and information do I need to apply for scholarships?

Check some scholarship applications

- **Albert Delisle Scholarship** (Bio Dept)
- **Hedda & Thomas Smithson Science/Math Endowment** (College of NSM)
- **Superpower Scholarship** (Community)
- **Institutional Scholarships** (apply through Student Center in My Sac State)

And what about internships?

- The NSM website is a good place to start: [http://www.csus.edu/careercenter/students_majors/nsm/internships.stm](http://www.csus.edu/careercenter/students_majors/nsm/internships.stm)

- Your faculty advisor may know of internships through his/her connections with industry, government agencies, non-profit groups
What documents and information do I need in order to apply

Requirements commonly seen

- transcripts (unofficial from My Sac State)
- list of employment and volunteer activities (with dates noted)
- honors received and/or challenges met
- letters of recommendation or references
- personal statement or essay showing
  HOW YOU ARE A GOOD FIT FOR THE PROGRAM

What are some strategies to effectively complete applications?

- Give yourself enough time for an accurate, neat, and complete application.
- Read the description and instructions carefully; follow the instructions.
- Be sure your personal statement addresses the application’s guidelines and is relevant to the scholarship/internship; have others read it.
- Give your references or recommenders time and information to represent you well.
What are some strategies to effectively complete applications?

To get a positive recommendation
- ask an instructor or advisor who knows you well
- ask them if they feel they can write you a positive letter, given the time constraints
- provide them with helpful information

Please note that the deadline for Biological Sciences Department scholarships is currently March 1, 2013. Check back at websites for additional or modified information.

What are some strategies to effectively complete scholarship applications?

Information your reference/recommender will appreciate
- your full name (and identification number)
- when you had a class or interacted with him/her
- a description of the scholarship/internship
- your resume, transcripts, personal statement
- when and how the letter should be sent
- a written "thank you"
To receive academic credit for your internship experience

- The internship must be unpaid.
- You must complete a Bio 195 Internship Application, including
  - a description of your responsibilities, learning objectives, and hours to be worked
  - a signature and contact information of an agency sponsor
  - a signature of a faculty sponsor in your area of interest
- If you discuss your summer internship plans with your faculty sponsor in spring and get his/her approval, you may be able to do the internship in summer and get credit for it in fall (and avoid summer school fees).

Good Luck!

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