2011 S.T.A.N.D. Scholarship
Standing Together As oNe Dream

Application Postmark Deadline: March 15, 2011

As first-generation university students in Cal State San Marcos, we know the obstacles and situations that many first-time students face when applying to college and continue to face while in college. Our goal is to reach students in those situations and help them overcome those obstacles. This scholarship contributes to their ability continue with their education, which is an important asset for their future.

S.T.A.N.D. is operated by university students and graduates who want to build relationships with college and college bound students, to guide them to be successful during their college experience, and to help financially with this scholarship.

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If you have additional questions you can reach Carolina Valdivia: valdi009@cougars.csusm.edu. You can also reach S.TAN.D. online at standcsusm@gmail.com or at our Facebook titled "Stand CSUSM" at http://www.facebook.com/people/Stand-Csusm/100000434402372 or just search for "Stand CSUSM."

Sincerely,

Carolina Valdivia
President of S.T.A.N.D.
Mission Statement

S.T.A.N.D.’s primary purpose is to provide support and networking opportunities to empower AB 540 students. It enhances the educational experience of its members by offering such opportunities as: mentoring, scholarships, guest speakers, workshops, and lectures. In order to raise awareness of the challenges of AB 540 students, the organization participates in civic and political engagement. S.T.A.N.D. also participates in outreach to local secondary school students in order to inspire their pursuit of higher education.

Membership is open to all those who are supportive of the mission statement of this organization.

Eligibility
To be eligible for the Standing Together As oNe Dream (S.T.A.N.D.) Scholarship you need:

- To be a high school senior graduating in Spring 2011 or a continuing full time college student
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Demonstrate financial need
- Must be a full-time student (12+ units) in Fall 2011
- Be an AB-540 student (qualification explained below)*
- Attended high school in California for more than 3 years
- Graduate from a California high school or received a GED
- You must have filed or will file an affidavit, the California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request
- You may not be an immigrant holding a valid visa

Important Information
After reviewing the applications and choosing the top applicants, we will conduct an interview so that we can make a final decision. We will call you to set a time and place for the interview.
In addition, we will have a Banquet where the recipients will be awarded. You must be present at our annual ceremony in order to receive the scholarship. The scholarship winner will be contacted by phone and/or email.

About the Award
If selected as a recipient, you will receive an award of UP TO $400.

1For more information, please visit: http://www.usc.edu/dept/chepa/pdf/AB_540_final.pdf
I. Personal Information (Please print clearly as completeness and neatness ensures that your application will be reviewed properly.)

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Last      First      Middle

Permanent Address: _____________________________________________________________

Street    City    State    Zip

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________

Street    City    State    Zip

Home Phone Number: (       ) _______________    Cell Phone Number: (      ) _______________

E-mail: _______________________________________________________________________

Birth Date: _________________________    Place of Birth: _________________________

Gender: ☐ Female    ☐ Male

High School Name: _____________________________________________________________

Are you a first-generation college student? ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Number of siblings living at home: __________

Name of Parents/Legal Guardians: ______________________________________________

Are you an AB-540 student?* ☐ Yes    ☐ No

*Go to page 2 for information about qualifying as AB-540.

II. Financial Information (Please include proof of financial information; for example, attach a copy of your parents'/legal guardians’ most recent income tax or pay stubs.)

Family Annual Income combined: $____________________

Total number of people living at home including yourself: __________

If you are independent of parental support, what is your annual income? Please include your spouse’s income if applicable. (Skip this question if it does not apply) $____________________

Do you have a child or other dependents? Yes _____  No ___.

If yes, how many? (Skip this question if it does not apply.) __________
III. Short Answer Essay. Please type your response to the essay question below on separate paper. Use Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double space. Must be 1-2 pages.

How have you overcome obstacles in your life [in general or as an AB540 student] and how has that made you a stronger person?

IV. Awards and Extracurricular Activities
Please list any honors, community service, club memberships, and leadership positions. If you need additional space, please list them on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

Honors and Awards:

1. _______________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________________
4. _______________________________________________________________

Club Activities and Community Service:

1. _______________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________________
4. _______________________________________________________________

Leadership Positions:

1. _______________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________________
4. _______________________________________________________________
IV. Recommendation Information

You will need TWO letters of recommendation. One must be completed by a teacher and the other can be completed by a counselor, employer, or acquaintance.

A. You (or the recommender) must complete the information below.

B. Please give each the recommendation guidelines at the end of this application to help them focus their letter for you.

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**TEACHER Recommender Information**

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Last First Middle

Professional title: ______________________________________________________________________

Institution/Company: ______________________________________________________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: (       ) _______________ ext: __________

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**OTHER Recommender Information**

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Last First Middle

Professional title: ______________________________________________________________________

Institution/Company: ______________________________________________________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: (       ) _______________ ext: __________
V. Certification *(By signing below you agree to the terms of certification.)*

I certify that all of the information provided is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I meet eligibility requirements. I certify that I will be a full-time student (12+ units) in Fall 2011. Falsification of information may result in disqualification of this scholarship.

Signature: ________________________________  Date: ________________
Thank you for writing a letter for this student. The scholarship is to help first generation college students who will be attending (or who already attend) CSU San Marcos. Your honest and detailed input is very valuable. Please be sure to sign your letter.

The student’s application is due March 15, 2011.

The student must have your letter in her or his application packet.

Please consider the following questions when writing your letter:

1) How do you know and for how long have you known the applicant?
2) Do you know any of the applicant’s personal or family background? Any struggles or obstacles the applicant has overcome?
3) Do you think the applicant has the potential to succeed in college and accomplish personal goals? Please explain.
4) Describe or state any extra-curricular activities that the applicant is or has been involved.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolina Valdivia at valdi009@cougars.csusm.edu

Thank you!
Check List

Make sure you have these items completed:

___ Personal Information

___ Financial Information
    ___ Proof of Financial Information (Additional Attachment)

___ Essay and Extracurricular Activities
    ___ Essay (Additional Attachment)

___ Recommender Information
    ___ Teacher Recommendation (Additional Attachment)
    ___ Other Recommendation (Additional Attachment)

___ Signed Certification

___ Official transcript of grades

*Please DO NOT fold, staple or add paper clips to papers*

Send all documentation listed above together in a manila envelop to the following address:

2011 S.T.A.N.D. Scholarship
Attn: S.T.A.N.D.
California State University San Marcos
333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road
San Marcos, CA 92096

😊 Thank you for applying. Good Luck! 😊