

# THE SALLIE MAE FUND UNMET NEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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## THE PROGRAM

The Sallie Mae Fund helps meet last dollar needs of low-income students through the Unmet Need Scholarship Program. The awards are to be used to supplement the financial aid package, not replace aid students have been granted from their institution.

The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program is administered by Scholarship Management Services®, a division of Scholarship America®. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply to the Unmet Need program, the student must –

- Be a United States citizen or a permanent resident,
- Have a family adjusted gross income for calendar year 2008 of \$30,000 or less,
- Demonstrate unmet financial need of at least \$1,000 after the financial aid award package has been determined,
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or minimum GED average test score of 42, and
- 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.\*\*

\* Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment through at least the 2009 fall term.

\*\*Approved accredited institutions are defined as Title IV eligible, accredited, postsecondary two- or four-year colleges or universities, vocational, or technical schools in the United States or Puerto Rico.

## AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Awards are not renewable, but students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

## APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the attached application and mail it along with the following required documents:

- **Current, complete transcript of grades** – One of the following documents must be provided:
  - Official transcript of grades
  - Unofficial transcript that includes the student and school's name
  - Student-generated online transcript that includes student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. (Grade reports are NOT acceptable.)
  - GED test score results
- **2009-2010 Student Aid Report (SAR) or Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR)** – One of the following documents must be provided:
  - Complete SAR Print Summary from the FAFSA web site
  - Student copy of the complete SAR
  - School's complete ISIR

Please note that the SAR or ISIR must be for the 2009-2010 academic year and include the family's adjusted gross income and the expected family contribution (EFC). Other documents that are missing any of these items are not acceptable.

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- **Financial aid award letter from school student plans to attend for the 2009-2010 academic year**

If the financial aid award letter for 2009-2010 is not available, the student may send an "estimated" 2009-2010 letter or his/her 2008-2009 award letter. (If selected as a recipient, any student who sent an estimated or 2008-2009 letter will be asked to send the 2009-2010 letter at a later date. That letter must be from the school the applicant plans to attend during the 2009-2010 academic year.)

An electronic printout with financial award information is acceptable if the document includes the school name and the student name.

***The application and all required supporting documents (transcript, SAR, financial aid award letter) MUST be mailed to Scholarship Management Services IN ONE ENVELOPE postmarked by May 31, 2009.***

**Only the first 3,000 applications received will be processed.** Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all required materials in one envelope. **Materials sent separately will not be considered.** All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services.

### SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of all eligibility criteria and demonstrated unmet financial need. Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services. In no instance does any officer or employee of The Sallie Mae Fund play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Recipients will be notified at the end of July. Recipients will also be announced at [www.salliemaefund.org](http://www.salliemaefund.org) by September 2009. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

Scholarship Management Services will notify scholarship recipients at the home address provided. Recipients who do not respond back with the required student acceptance form after two notification letters from Scholarship Management Services will forfeit their award.

### PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Management Services processes scholarship payments on behalf of The Sallie Mae Fund. Payment is made in one installment on September 1. The check is mailed to each recipient's home address and is made payable to the school for the student.

### OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to The Sallie Mae Fund. They are, however, required to supply Scholarship Management Services with updated financial aid information and to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested. Failure to notify Scholarship Management Services of any of these changes may result in the forfeit of an award.

### REVISIONS

The Sallie Mae Fund reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

**The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program**

Scholarship Management Services – Julie Farlinger

One Scholarship Way, P.O. Box 297

Saint Peter, MN 56082

Email: [jfarlinger@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:jfarlinger@scholarshipamerica.org)



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## 2009 Student Application

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

**ONLY THE FIRST 3,000 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE PROCESSED**

Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be reviewed properly.

**Application postmark deadline May 31, 2009**

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I.D. #	GPA	AGI	EFC	UN

**APPLICANT DATA**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident?  Yes  No  
 Please indicate your status. (For statistical purposes only)  Male  Female  
 American Indian /Alaska Native  Black/African American  Multi-Racial  White  
 Asian  Hispanic/Latino  Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

**COLLEGE DATA**

Name of college you plan to attend for 2009-2010 academic year. **Use official school name. Do not use an abbreviation.**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 yr. College or University  2 yr. Community or Junior College  Vocational-technical School  
 Student will:  live on campus  live off campus  commute from home  
 If school choice is a public institution, applicant will pay:  in-state resident tuition  out-of-state tuition  
 Year in school for 2009-10 year: (circle) 1 2 3 4 5 (Scholarships will be given for undergraduate study only.)  
 Anticipated college graduation date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

This application becomes complete and valid only when you have submitted all of the following materials **in one envelope**:

- 2009-2010 Student Aid Report (SAR) or Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR)
- 2009-2010 Financial aid award letter from college (may be an estimate)  
2008-2009 letter may be sent if 2009-2010 letter is not available
- Current complete transcript of grades
  - High school seniors or students who have completed less than one full term of college must send high school transcript.
  - Students currently or previously enrolled in college must send college transcript.
  - Students completing the GED must send GED test score results.

**Postmark deadline May 31, 2009**      **Only the first 3,000 applications received will be processed.**

**CERTIFICATION**

Scholarship Management Services has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients. This application becomes the property of Scholarship Management Services. (It is recommended you keep a copy for your files.)

*I acknowledge decisions are final. I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information, including an official transcript of grades. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Signature (if applicant is under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**All materials must be included in one envelope and addressed to:**  
(Applications faxed or emailed will not be accepted.)

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