



Purpose of This Agreement

This document outlines the commitments and expectations of the Cal Poly Scholars community and financial aid award. While this is not a binding contract, failure to uphold these expectations may lead to additional interventions, or loss of program benefits.

About the Cal Poly Scholars Program

The Cal Poly Scholars program seeks to recruit and retain low-income students from California high schools while providing support through financial, academic and community resources.

As a university-wide program, the Cal Poly Scholars program brings together a network of services including Student Academic Services, Admissions, Financial Aid & Scholarships, Mustang Success Center, participating academic colleges and other campus collaborators.

Financial Assistance

Cal Poly Scholars receive a renewable annual scholarship fund. Scholarship renewal is dependent on financial eligibility, academic standing/status and completion of program requirements.

The maximum limit and major/college stipulations of a Scholar's financial award are unique depending on the funding source. Scholars should contact the Cal Poly Scholars Assistant Director and/or the Office of Financial Aid if considering changing majors, taking a Leave of Absence or needing to stay at the university beyond four years (or 12 terms) of enrollment.

Academic Support

Working closely with the Mustang Success Center and participating academic colleges, proactive and intentional academic advising is provided to all Cal Poly Scholars during their first two years of enrollment. Scholars in their third year and beyond are strongly encouraged to meet regularly with their respective college academic advising center.

Community Engagement

Cal Poly Scholars are required to reside on campus, in designated Cal Poly Scholars' living-learning communities during the first two years of enrollment. Supplemental gatherings will also be offered through the program to encourage interaction among all Scholar cohorts.

Personal & Professional Development

Developmental workshops and signature events will be offered quarterly to continue strengthening the Scholars community, building connections with campus resources and developing personal and professional skills for a lifetime of success. It is strongly encouraged that Scholars participate in at least three workshops or events offered by the Cal Poly Scholars Program each academic year.

Additionally, it is highly recommended that Cal Poly Scholars meet with career counselors in Career Services and/or attend a Career Services' workshop or panel every year.



Requirements & Expectations of Cal Poly Scholars, 2018-19: Year 3+ Scholars

By accepting the Cal Poly Scholars' financial award, you are agreeing to the following requirements and expectations during the 2018-19 academic year. Successfully fulfilling and completing the requirements will result in continued program support services and a renewable financial award. Not meeting the requirements may result in the loss of program affiliation, including the financial award and support services.

Academic Achievement

- Maintain 'Satisfactory Academic Progress' (SAP) for financial aid eligibility
 - SAP guidelines can be found on the Office of Financial Aid website at <http://finaid.calpoly.edu>
- Maintain 'Expected Academic Progress' (EAP) for appropriate degree progress
 - EAP guidelines can be found on the Cal Poly Catalog website at <http://catalog.calpoly.edu>
- Set a personal goal of 2.75 GPA or higher, and maintain a 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA
 - Scholars are expected to reach out to advisors for resources and academic support
 - Scholars with a quarter GPA of ≤ 2.3 and/or on AP/DQ (Academic Probation) will have additional advising and/or participation requirements from the program, University and/or academic colleges

Personal Responsibility & Conduct

- Abide by all university policies and expectations, and demonstrate personal responsibility and conduct consistent with the ideals of a Scholar; including, but not limited to:
 - Cal Poly's Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion including the Commitment to Community
 - The tenants and expectations of the Mustang Way
 - University Housing Resident Handbook and Community Standards Guidelines
 - Office of Financial Aid policies and eligibility requirements (i.e. completing FAFSA paperwork by March 1, in order to assess eligibility status for scholarship renewal)
 - Additional policies or procedures outlined by the respective academic colleges

Academic Advising

Scholars are highly encouraged to meet with an academic advisor from their respective academic college at least once per year. Key reasons to meet with academic advisors include:

- Planning for registration, including reviewing flowcharts and course sequences
- Exploring academic support and planning resources including tutoring, study tips, etc.
- Discussing impacts of withdrawals, Leave of Absences, CR/NC, etc.
- Checking academic requirements for graduation
- Interpreting academic policies and procedures

Program Participation

In order to receive the most the program has to offer, Scholars are strongly encouraged to participate in workshops, events and gatherings outside of the requirements above. Opportunities for personal and professional development as well as social interaction will be offered several times per quarter. It is highly recommended that Scholars attend 1-2 workshops, events or gatherings each quarter.

My signature affirms that I have received, reviewed and agree to abide by these expectations.