



## **FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

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### **Application Packet 2009-10 Scholarship Program**

These scholarships are available to students who are the first in their families to attend college, have completed at least one semester of study as a student of SUNY College at Old Westbury, and who will matriculated at the College for the 2009-2010 academic year. This scholarship applies only for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters only.

Students applying for this \$400 scholarship must meet the following criteria and/or complete the following information:

- Applicants must be first generation college students, which for the purposes of this award is defined as students whose parents or siblings are not attending nor hold a degree from a two-year or four-year institution.
- Only full-time students are eligible.
- Reside in a household with an income of \$70,000 or less. Because financial need is a requirement, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the Office of Financial Aid.
- Two letters of recommendation on official letterhead from teachers, employers, etc. Letters written by family members are not acceptable.
- An essay describing what it means to you to be the first person in your family to go to college and how the First Generation Scholarship would help you achieve your dreams.

### **Application Due: Friday, April 24, 2009**

Applications must be post-marked or dropped off by the end of the business day. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted. You may drop off your applications and the related required material to the Office of Academic Affairs, room H-213 Campus Center or mail to:

Mrs. Mary D'Antonio  
Coordinator of Scholarships  
SUNY College at Old Westbury  
PO Box 210  
Old Westbury, NY 11568-0210  
(516) 876-3446

**General Requirements for All Scholarships  
at SUNY College at Old Westbury**

*(Specific requirements noted on the cover of this application may supersede the general requirements noted here. In the absence of specific requirements for this scholarship, the College's general requirements apply).*

**I. Eligibility**

- A. Applicants must be registered as a current full-time matriculated SUNY College at Old Westbury student, unless otherwise specified.
- B. Applicants must have a minimum SUNY College at Old Westbury GPA of 3.0, unless otherwise specified.
- C. Graduating seniors who will only be attending the fall semester may apply. If the graduating senior is the chosen recipient, he/she will only receive one half the award.
- D. Applicants must submit an original essay, 500 words minimum, based on a specified topic. Send your essay on a disk in Microsoft Word, along with a printed copy.

**II. Criteria for Selection**

- A. The Standing Scholarship Committee Board will review all applications.
- B. The applicant's essay is an essential factor in selecting scholarship recipients.
- C. **The Committee will judge essays for composition, conveying thoughts accurately and precisely, grammar and spelling.**

**III. Limitations**

- A. Scholarship awards may only be used toward the college costs at SUNY College at Old Westbury and are posted to the awardees account with the Office of the Bursar, unless otherwise specified.
- B. The award will be disbursed in two equal amounts. The first half will be issued during the fall semester and the remaining half in the spring semester. **Recipients will receive the spring semester's award only if he/she continues to fulfill the scholarship requirements.**
- C. If the recipient is a graduating senior, the final semester's award will not exceed the cost of tuition and fees.
- D. If a student is awarded more than one scholarship award, the total amount of all the awards may not exceed the student's tuition and fees.

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*Application for 2009-10 Award*

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When applying for this scholarship:

- Please complete all sections of the form below and attach all required materials (written submission, reference information, etc.) at the time of submission.
- Declare your major, gender and ethnicity with the Office of the Registrar.
- File your financial aid application by the suggested deadline (April 15, 2009) and submit all required documentation to the Office of Financial Aid (Campus Center, Room H-304).

*(Please type or print)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

On-Campus Mail Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

On-Campus Telephone (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Certification and Release Authorization**

I affirm that no member of my immediate family is attending classes nor holds a degree from a two-year or four-year institution. I intend to enroll as a full-time student for the 2009-2010 academic year at SUNY College at Old Westbury. I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ABOUT THE OLD WESTBURY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.**

The Old Westbury College Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to assisting SUNY College at Old Westbury in becoming the flagship Arts & Sciences College in the SUNY system. Directed by its board, the Foundation solicits gifts, grants and endowments that enhance the educational, research and community service mission of the College. Funds raised through Foundation activities, help bridge the gap between tuition and operating expenses at the College, and ensure that Old Westbury's students have the best educational experience possible.

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