

Graduate Equity Fellowship 2026-2027

Application

Description

The [Graduate Equity Fellowship](#) supports students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds completing graduate degree programs at SDSU, specifically those currently in a master's degree program. Students must demonstrate the potential to succeed in graduate school and to complete a graduate degree program in no more than two years as evidenced by undergraduate coursework and letters of recommendation.

Fellowships range from \$500 to \$2,000 for an academic year depending on the demonstrated need. Students may receive awards for a maximum of two academic years, but they must apply each year.

Post-baccalaureate students, students pursuing a second master's degree, and doctoral students are *ineligible*.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Students that are legal California residents
- Master's students (not available for students obtaining their second master's degree or doctorate students) that are conditional classified or classified
- Completed the free FAFSA or Dream Act application
- Enrolled in at least 6 units of graduate work related to the master's degree for the *fall and spring semesters*
- Maintain a 3.00 GPA
- Have at least \$1,000 of financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office

Interested students should complete an application and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, available online at www.fafsa.gov. Those eligible for the CA Dream Act application can apply online at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>.

Application Submission Checklist

- **Student Essay:** The essay should address specific circumstances that contribute to the demonstrated need as well as your academic progress toward earning your degree. Limit 1 page (single spaced or double spaced).
- **Graduate Advisor Endorsement:** The completed form will be uploaded to your application.
- **Unofficial transcripts** from all undergraduate coursework (and unofficial SDSU transcripts for continuing master's students).
- **Two letters of recommendation** (preferably from faculty members). Each letter is limited to 1 page (single spaced or double spaced). Each letter should be in PDF format and be named: Student Last Name_Student First Name_GEF 2026_Recommender First and Last Name.pdf. The letters of recommendation do not

have to come from SDSU faculty members. They can come from faculty members from your undergraduate institution.

Important Reminder

Students must be in **Graduate Student Good Standing** (academic and professional).

- The **Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (CSRR)** and the student's home college will be consulted to ensure that the student is in compliance with the **Student Code of Conduct** and/or their program's Graduate Professional Standards.
 - **Award nominees and current awardees:** A nomination or award is subject to being deemed ineligible if (a) it is determined by CSRR that the student is in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and/or (b) if the program notifies the College of Graduate Studies that the student has violated their program's Graduate Professional Standard

How to Apply

The Graduate Equity Fellowship 2026-2027 application will be **open from July 6, 2026 through Friday, September 4, 2026 at 11:59 pm Pacific Time**. Applications received after this period will not be considered.

Please contact grad.scholarships@sdsu.edu with any questions.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. First Name *

3. Last Name *

4. EMPLID (9-digit number beginning with a "1") *

If you do not know your EMPLID, please visit this [webpage](#) for instructions on how to locate it.

5. Graduate Program *

6. Graduate Program Advisor Endorsement *

A list of graduate program advisors can be found [here](#). A fillable pdf of the endorsement form can be found [here](#). Please upload the **completed form**.

Files submitted:

7. Highest Degree Received *

Check all that apply.

☐ B.A. - Bachelor of Arts

☐ B.Sc. - Bachelor of Science

☐ Other:

8. Highest Degree School *

9. Highest Degree Date *

Example: January 7, 2019

10. **Unofficial Transcripts** from all undergraduate coursework (and unofficial SDSU * transcripts for continuing master's students)

Please upload **a pdf** of your unofficial transcripts. If you have more than one transcript, please combine them into **one pdf**.

Files submitted:

11. **Student Essay ***

Please upload a **pdf** of your student essay. Limit **1 page** (single spaced or double spaced).

The essay should address specific circumstances that contribute to the demonstrated need as well as your academic progress toward earning your degree.

Files submitted:

Letters of Recommendation

The page limit for each letter of recommendation is 1 page (single spaced or double spaced).

Each letter should be in PDF format and be named: Student Last Name_Student First Name_GEF 2026_Recommender First and Last Name.pdf

The letters of recommendation do not have to come from SDSU faculty members. They can come from faculty members from your undergraduate institution.

Upload **PDFs** of your letters of recommendation below.

12. Upload both letters of recommendation *

Please upload both letters here. The maximum file size of each letter is 10 MB.

Files submitted:

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