



**Sweetwater Education Foundation
Scholarship Application
For the Academic Year 2011 – 2012**

The Sweetwater Education Foundation, a not-for-profit, provides scholarships to graduates of the Sweetwater Union High School District, attending San Diego State University (SDSU) via the Compact for Success program and, new for the 2011-2012 school year, students attending the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

The purpose of the Sweetwater Education Foundation, a not-for-profit independent of the School District, SDSU and UCSD, is to help students with financial need overcome financial obstacles to attending and completing college. District graduates who are attending SDSU via the Compact for Success (“Compact Scholars”) and District graduates attending UCSD are eligible for financial assistance if:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Complete the Sweetwater Education Foundation Scholarship;
- Complete the College Access Foundation of California Release;
- Have a clearly demonstrated financial need based on family income and access to other resources; and
- Show some participation in the Compact for Success program or community involvement.

The availability of any and all scholarships, new or renewing, is dependent on available resources and funds. The scholarship may be renewable for up to four years provided the student remains in good academic standing and demonstrates continuing financial need each year. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, fees, and room & board. The Sweetwater Education Foundation will work with the Offices of Financial Aid at SDSU and UCSD to review and determine financial need based on student information obtained from the FAFSA.

Partial funding of these scholarships results from a grant which requires the collection of student information. The information requested in this application will help gather the necessary data. You must provide all information requested in order to complete this application and, therefore, become eligible for scholarship consideration. The Sweetwater Education Foundation will only collect and use this data for reports as required by this grant. There are three sections to this application: (1) Student Information; (2) Program and Community Involvement; and (3) Certifications and Releases.

You may mail, email or fax your completed application to:

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Scholarship Applications Must Be Received By

For Compact Scholars at SDSU – 5 P.M. on Friday, September 9, 2011

List any of your Community Involvement activities during the 7th – 12th grades.

Date From/To (e.g. 9/10 – 6/11)	# Hours	Organizations Served	Activities Performed

SECTION THREE: REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND RELEASE

Student Applicant Certification & Agreement of Terms

I certify that I have read and reviewed the criteria and checklist for the Sweetwater Education Foundation Scholarship. I certify the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application. Also, I understand that if I do not submit the required information or if it arrives late or is faxed, my application will be incomplete and will not be considered. I understand that submission of this application does not ensure receipt or award of any Sweetwater Education Foundation Scholarship proceeds. Finally, I agree to adhere to all of the terms and conditions of my scholarship(s) if I am selected as a recipient.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
 Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
 (if applicant is under age 18)

Release of Information, Press and Media Release:

By signing this application, I hereby (i) formally authorize any individual of any portion of this document to provide information of any kind whatsoever requested by the Sweetwater Education Foundation or any of its employees, or representatives, and (ii) forever release any of the entities or individuals seeking or providing any such information from any and all claims or damages that I may or actually do sustain as a result of seeking or providing such information.

If selected to receive a scholarship, I authorize the Sweetwater Education Foundation to use my name, school, photograph, and scholarship(s) awarded for press and media purposes.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
 Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date : _____
 (if applicant is under age 18)

Additionally, a grant funder to the Sweetwater Education Foundation Scholarships requires its own Release of Confidential Information to Authorized Persons/Organizations for research purposes. You must also complete and return this release in order to be eligible for consideration of a scholarship. It is attached to this application and can also be found at the Sweetwater Education Foundation web site www.sweetwatereducationfoundation.org.