



Jump Start to College Scholarship

Intended Semester: Fall 2019

Scholarship filing period: July 1, 2019- August 19, 2019

Deadline: August 19, 2019

Award Announcement: August 26, 2019

Upgrade is a new regional collaborative program in San Antonio focused on supporting adults who have some college credit and no degree or certificate. If you are an adult with some college credits and you want to go back to school to finish your degree or certificate, Upgrade is here to help you explore your options.

This is a one-time scholarship for individuals who meet the scholarship criteria listed below. This scholarship is intended to help adult learners with tuition and fees. Scholarship funds will be sent to the designated institution approximately 60 business days after census date. There are seven scholarships available.

Scholarship Criteria

- In order to be eligible for the Upgrade Scholarship, the student must:
- be an adult learner who is at least 25 years of age and have already completed 30 credit hours
- be an active participant in the Upgrade Program (attend events, regularly communicate with advisor, etc)
- be attending of the following colleges: Alamo Colleges, Texas A&M San Antonio, University of Texas at San Antonio, Our Lady of the Lake University, St. Mary's University, University of Incarnate Word, UT Health Science Center, or Trinity University
- have at least a 2.0 GPA
- be working towards undergraduate degree (including certificate, associates or first bachelor's degree)

Recipient of the scholarship must agree to check in with an Upgrade advisor at least once per semester for a 30 minute advising session (phone call or in person).

Submission

1. Mail all documents to Upgrade Program, 131 El Paso St., San Antonio TX 78204

*Please note: Mailed packages must be postmarked by August 19, 2019.

or

2. Email all documents to upgrade@saedpartnership.org by 11:59PM on August 19, 2019.

*Incomplete applications will not be accepted

For questions, please contact Micaela Rios at (210)207-4563 or mrrios@saedpartnership.org

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Submission Date	
First & Last Name	
Date of Birth	
Intended College or University	
Intended Major and Degree	
Total Credit Hours	
Cumulative GPA	
Date & Title of Workshop Attended	

I certify that:

- I am at least 25 years of age and have 30 credit hours or more (can include remedial courses)
- I will maintain consistent communication with an Upgrade advisor
- I am attending one of the following colleges listed on page 1 of this document
- I have at least a 2.0 GPA
- I am working towards my undergraduate degree (including certificate, associates or first bachelor's degree)
- I intend to enroll in classes this Fall 2019

My Application Checklist:

- Submit Application Form
- Submit a personal statement explaining how the scholarship will support my educational goals (500-800 words)
- Submit a copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report or TASFA
- Submit all unofficial copies of transcripts
- Agree to check in with an Upgrade advisor once a semester for 30 minutes or attend one Upgrade event each semester.

By signing below, I certify all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I must submit all documents in one email or one package via US Postal Mail.

Signature

Date

Commonly Asked Questions

1. *How soon will I receive my scholarship?*

Scholarships will be sent from the San Antonio Education Partnership directly to the college/university where you intend to enroll. The scholarship will be sent approximately 60 business days after the census date at your school. The census date is when the university finalizes and confirms your enrollment. Please plan accordingly.

2. *Can the scholarship be used to take remedial courses?*

Yes, the scholarship can be used for tuition and fees, including remedial courses if necessary.

3. *How do I access my Student Aid Report?*

After you submit your FAFSA, you will receive an email 2-3 days later informing you that your Student Aid report is available. Log in to fafsa.ed.gov to download your Student Aid Report.

4. *I want to go back to school to complete a second bachelor's degree. Am I eligible to apply?*

Individuals with bachelor's degrees are not eligible to apply.

5. *Is this scholarship renewable?*

No, the scholarship is a one-time opportunity meant to offset some of the costs for returning to college.

6. *How are applicants evaluated?*

See rubric below.

Participation in Upgrade Program	Up to 10 points
Financial Need	EFC under \$15K (10 points), over \$15K (3 points)
Academics	3.5 and above: 10 points 3.0-3.49: 7 points 2.5-2.9: 5 points 2.0-2.49: 3 points
Essay	Grammar: up to 5 points Content: up to 5 points
Total Maximum Points	40 points