## COLLEGE BOARD OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM CLASS OF 2023

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Scholarship Program was created to guide students through the college planning process and reward the effort they put into preparing for college.

The Scholarship Program is open to juniors and seniors in high school, who meet all eligibility requirements stated below, and encourages them to complete six key college planning steps.

There is a total of seven scholarships to be awarded. By completing each of the six college planning steps, students become eligible for the scholarship associated with that step. Students who complete all six steps are automatically eligible for the seventh **Complete Your Journey** scholarship. The seven scholarships are listed below:

- 1. **Build Your College List:** Get started by exploring colleges of interest and build and save a college list on <u>College Board BigFuture</u> with at least six (6) schools. You must be logged in to BigFuture using your College Board account.
- 2. **Practice for the SAT:** Log in and complete either (a) a Timed Mini Section or (b) a Diagnostic Quiz to practice for the SAT® using <u>Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy</u>. Your College Board and Khan Academy® accounts must be linked.
- 3. **Explore Scholarships:** Explore a list of scholarships personalized based on your background, achievements, and future plans on <u>College Board Scholarship</u>

  <u>Search</u>. Select **Go Apply** to at least one (1) scholarship from your personalized list. You must be logged in to Scholarship Search using your College Board account and complete prompts to generate a personalized list.
- Strengthen Your College List: Create or edit a college list on College Board
   <u>BigFuture</u> so that it has a minimum of one (1) "safety," two (2) "match," and three
   (3) "reach" colleges. You must be logged in to BigFuture using your College
   Board account and save your college list.
- 5. **Complete the FAFSA:** With your parent or legal guardian, fill out and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") form, available at <a href="https://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a>, to apply for financial aid. If you are not a

citizen or do not meet the residency requirements and thus legally ineligible to complete the FAFSA®, you may still earn an entry by completing your state's financial aid form, if available. If your state does not offer a state financial aid form or if you are also legally ineligible to complete your state's financial aid form, by so attesting, you may still earn an entry for this scholarship. If you earn your entry by submitting the FAFSA or your state's financial aid form and you are selected for one of these scholarships, you will be required to provide documentation of your submission. If instead you earned your entry because you are legally ineligible to complete both the FAFSA and your state's financial aid form or you are legally ineligible to complete the FAFSA and your state does not offer a state financial aid form and you are selected for one of these scholarships, you will not be required to take any further action.

- 6. **Apply to Colleges:** Apply to at least two (2) colleges. If you applied binding Early Decision to a college, you may still earn an entry for this scholarship by indicating that you applied binding Early Decision. You will be required to provide proof of your college applications if you are selected for one of these scholarships.
- 7. **Complete Your Journey:** Complete all six (6) of the activities required to qualify for Scholarships 1-6, above.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY.

The Scholarship Program is open to students ("**Eligible Students**" or "**Students**") who meet the following eligibility requirements:

a. Attend a public, private, or home school, located in one of the fifty (50) United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other U.S. territories and possessions, or are U.S. Citizens or residents who attend a U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity ("DoDEA") school outside of the United States and U.S. territories;

## 3. HOW TO ENTER.

**Step 1**: Students who wish to enter should create a College Board account or link an existing College Board account ("**Student Account**" or "**Account**"), at the cb.org/opportunity website (the "**Website**" or the "**Site**").