

“Doorway To Success” Scholarship (two \$600)

The Doorway to Success Scholarship is available to students who are eligible to receive in-state tuition under California Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540). AB 540 allows students, regardless of their residency status, to pay in-state fees at Foothill College if:

- 1) They have attended three years of high school in California
- 2) They have graduated from high school in California or received the GED equivalent.
- 3) They complete and sign the “California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request”

Eligibility Criteria

- Qualified for in-state tuition under AB 540
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in most recent level of education for current FH students.
- Currently attending Foothill
- Or if awarded incoming High School students must provide proof of Foothill registration for Fall Quarter 2009
- Students must be able to provide documentation (school transcripts) stating that they have attended School in California and that they have earned their diploma or GED equivalent
- Students must demonstrate financial need
- Students not eligible for financial aid

Application Process

- *ESSAY* - Interested students must submit a short essay (1-3 pages) describing their experiences as a student in the California Educational System and answering to the following questions: What are some of the biggest challenges you face as a student? Who or what was your biggest influence and/or motivating factor along the way? Most importantly, how will the “*Doorway to Success*” scholarship enable you to achieve your educational and or personal goals?
- *APPLICATION FORM*- Completion of the “Doorway to Success” Application form is necessary for eligibility

Application Guidelines

- Application period is from January 29th – May 28th, 2009
- Applications are available in the Student Success Center at Foothill College and the Outreach and Retention website
<http://www.foothill.edu/services/outreach/ab540.php>. Applications must be returned to the Student Success Center (Room 8100) no later than **May 28th, 2009**.

Award Approval, Notification, and Distribution

- Approval is in June 12th, 2009
- Notification by June 16th, 2009
- Recipients will be awarded during Reconocimiento on June 25th, 2009
- Scholarship distribution occurs at the start of the Fall 2009 quarter