

Pay It Forward Scholarship & Mentoring Program Timeline for Class Entering Fall 2025

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Confirm your student is eligible. They must be a first-generation college student who meets the A-G Requirements for CSUMB, has a FAFSA or Dream Act Application on file and has resided in Monterey County for at least the past 5 years.

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Nominate your eligible student. Complete our [online form](#) and submit it during the nomination period from 10/4/24 to 12/6/24.

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Encourage your student to apply. We will email your eligible student the link to our online application form and you will be copied on the message. They must submit their form during the application period from 1/10/25 to 2/14/25.

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Prepare your student for their interview. Selected students will schedule an interview with our Scholarship Selection Committee and you will be copied on the email invite. Interviews are scheduled to take place from 4/7/25 to 4/10/25.

Support Our Scholars!



Volunteer to be a mentor. This is a four-year commitment to meet monthly during the school year and help your scholar navigate challenges as well as provide them with wisdom, insights, connections, and opportunities.



Refer guest speakers for meetings. Our scholars love to hear the journeys of fellow first-generation students and also learn skills from experts in financial literacy, resume-writing and interviewing, and other essential life skills.



Provide money for scholarships. The partnership between CSUMB and First Tee means that all administrative costs associated with our program are covered. EVERY dollar donated goes directly to a scholar and every dollar matters!



Contact us. Learn more about us by [visiting our website](#) and if have questions or referrals or ideas...let us know! Our Program Director, Jessica Carter, can be reached at 831-582-5099 or jescarter@csumb.edu.