



## Plano ISD Counseling Services Reporting Scholarships in SchoolLinks

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The Plano ISD Class of 2025 will be required to report all scholarships they have received in the SchoolLinks platform. This information is crucial as it will be used for various purposes, including the recognition of students during campus award ceremonies. Additionally, the total scholarship amounts reported in SchoolLinks will be aggregated to determine the overall scholarship awards for each campus. This helps the district track the achievements of its students and highlights the financial support students have earned. By reporting all scholarship amounts, students ensure that their accomplishments are accurately reflected and considered during events and ceremonies.

[Watch a video here](#) of the steps below.

To access the area you will enter your scholarships log into SchoolLinks from your webdesk. Click Finances on the side navigation bar, then select College Financing.

### College Award Letters

A College Award Letter is an official document sent by a college that outlines the financial aid you've been offered. This can include grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and loans, along with the total cost of attendance.

The College Award Letter section of the College Financing tool allows you to upload and track these letters for each college you've applied to and have been admitted to.

Important Note: In order to add a College Award Letter, you must first mark the college as accepted in the College Application Manager, learn how to do so here [Add College Application Results](#).

The screenshot displays the SchoolLinks dashboard interface. On the left, a vertical navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'SCHOOL', 'ACTIVITIES', 'COLLEGES', 'CAREERS', 'FINANCES', and 'PROGRAMS'. The 'FINANCES' menu item is highlighted, and a sub-menu is visible with 'Scholarship Matching' and 'College Financing' options. The main content area shows a 'To Do List' with 6 items, categorized by month: November 2024 and December 2024. The November list includes tasks like 'Check-in activity', 'Brag Sheet', 'Writing Sample Upload', and 'Upload Personal Statement'. The December list includes 'Senior Exit Survey - Niles'. A '1 Due within the Next Four Weeks!' notification is visible at the bottom.

Month	Task	Status
November 2024	22nd Check-in activity	Not Done
November 2024	26th Brag Sheet	Not Done
November 2024	29th Writing Sample Upload	Not Done
November 2024	29th Upload Personal Statement	Not Done
December 2024	5th Senior Exit Survey - Niles	Not Done

## To add a College Award Letter:

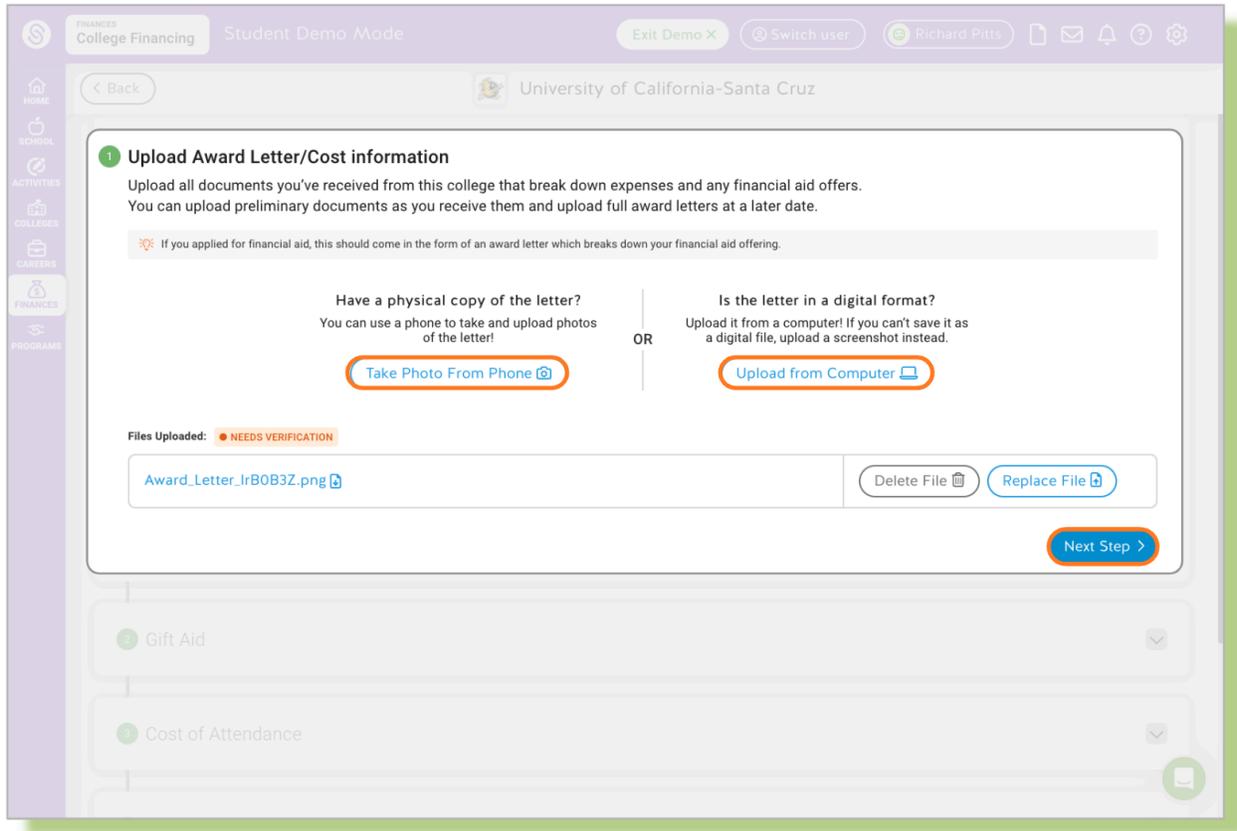
Click the Actual Cost tab to view the list of colleges you have been accepted into. Click the tile of the college to which you want to add a college award letter.

The screenshot displays the 'College Financing' tool interface. The top navigation bar includes 'FINANCES College Financing', 'Student Demo Mode', 'Exit Demo X', 'Switch user', and the user name 'Richard Pitts'. A sidebar on the left contains icons for HOME, SCHOOL, ACTIVITIES, COLLEGES, CAREERS, FINANCES, and PROGRAMS. The main content area is titled 'College Financing' and includes instructions: 'Use the College Financing tool to estimate the cost of colleges you are interested in and calculate the actual net cost of colleges you have been accepted to. Make sure to finish the [Financial Aid Learning chapter](#) to understand what's going on!'

On the left, there are three sections: 'FAFSA / TASFA' (NOT FILED) with an 'Update Status' button; 'Financial Background' with a description and a table of values: College Savings (\$0\*), In-College Earnings (\$0\*), and Family Income Bracket (Average\*); and 'Third Party Scholarships' with a table listing a 'Bright Future Scholarship' for \$2,000.

The main area features two tabs: 'Estimated Costs' and 'Actual Costs' (which is highlighted with an orange border). Below the tabs, there is a section for adding award letters: 'Add award letters to compare actual net costs for colleges you have been accepted to.' This section includes radio buttons for 'Third Party Scholarships', 'Gift Aid', 'Out of Pocket', and 'Borrow Amount'. A dropdown menu shows 'Showing Total Cost'. Below this, a college entry for 'University of California-Santa Cruz' is displayed with a net cost of '~\$63,497 Net Cost over 4 years'. This entry is also highlighted with an orange border and includes two status indicators: 'DOCUMENT NEEDS VERIFICATION' and 'AWARD INFO NOT RECORDED', each with a right-pointing arrow icon.

Upload your College Award Letter directly from your computer or by taking a photo from your phone. Click Next Step.



You will then be guided through the process of entering the *gifted aid* you will be receiving, the *cost of attendance*, and *offered loans*. After filling out all the cost information you'll see the total net cost to attend and the unmet gap. Click Finish to save.

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University of California-Santa Cruz

### 5 Net Cost

Assuming that,

- You attend this college for 4 Years
- Your tuition increases by the average 5% per year
- You reapply for financial aid and receive a similar amount each year you attend

Cost of Attendance	\$23,706	Net Cost	\$17,241
● Gift Aid	- \$6,465	● Offered Loans	- \$4,310
<b>Net Cost</b>	<b>\$17,241</b>	● Out of Pocket	- \$0
		● Third Party Scholarships	- \$2,000
		<b>Unmet Gap</b>	<b>\$10,930</b>

ⓘ Don't worry! You can fill this gap with Private Loans.  
Private loans are offered from lenders outside of the government or your school, but be aware that the terms of private lender loans are often less favorable than those offered in your award letter.

4 Year Cost Breakdown

Net Cost: \$17,241 Total Cost of Attendance: \$23,706

● Third Party Scholarships: \$2,000 ● Offered Loans: \$4,310 ● Unmet Gap: \$10,930 ● Gift Aid: \$6,465

Finish

Now you will be able to compare the actual cost of each college you have been accepted to!

### Third-Party Scholarships

The Third-Party Scholarships section of the College Financing tool lets you add and update the status of scholarships you apply for. These scholarships come from external organizations—like companies, nonprofits, or foundations—rather than specific colleges or the government.

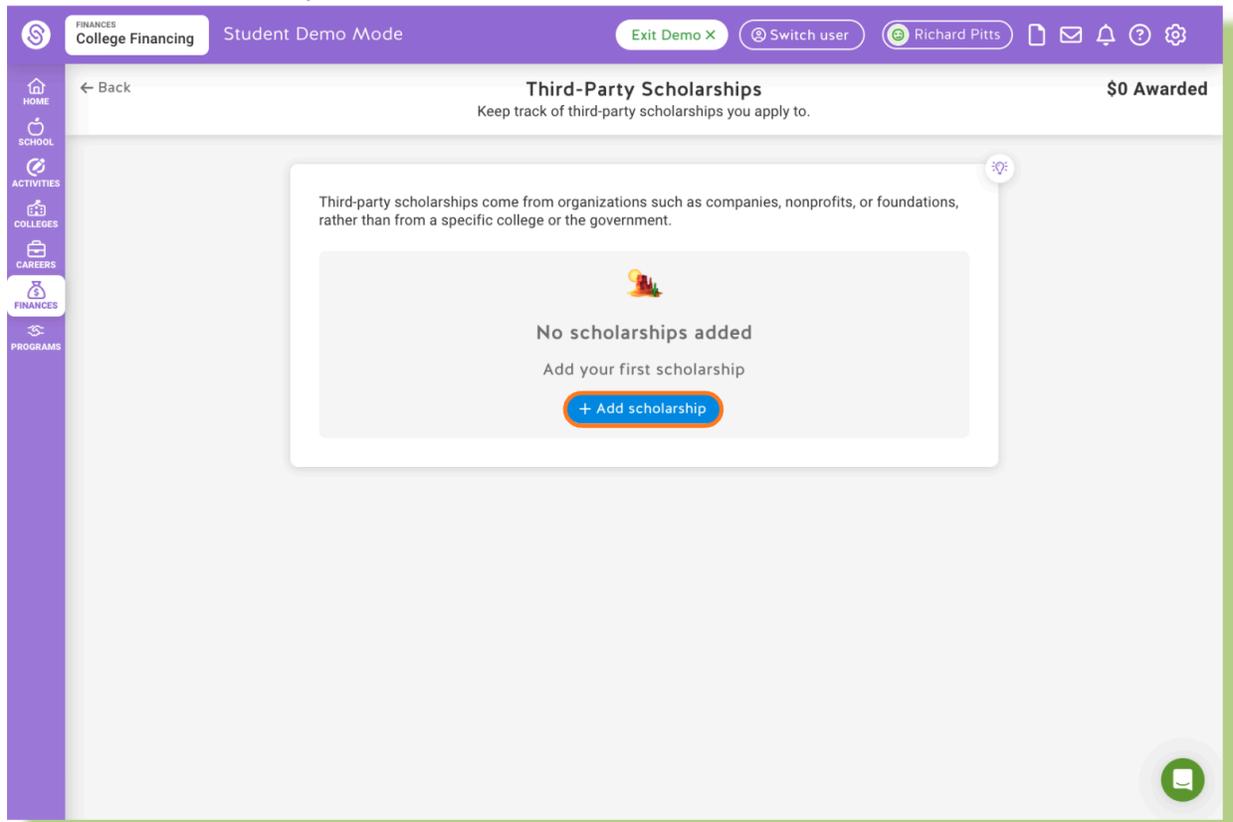
*\*Note: Only add scholarships that can be used at any college here. If a scholarship is tied to a specific college, you'll need to add it as an Award Letter as explained in the next section.*

## To add a new scholarship:

Click the pencil icon on the Third-Party Scholarship tile

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## Click +Add Scholarship



Select Third-Party Scholarship and in the required scholarship details:

- Scholarship Name & Provider (*Required*)
- Scholarship Category (*Optional*)
- Scholarship Status (*Required*)
  - Awaiting Results
  - Not Awarded
  - Offered
  - Accepted

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← Back Third-Party Scholarships \$0 Awarded

Keep track of third-party scholarships you apply to.

Third-party scholarships come from organizations such as companies, nonprofits, or foundations, rather than from a specific college or the government.

**Scholarship type**

**Third-party scholarship**  
Not provided by a specific college and can be used at different colleges

**First-party scholarship**  
Provided by a specific college and can only be used at that college

**Scholarship details**

Scholarship name  
Bright Future Scholarship

Scholarship provider  
Bright Future.org

Category  
CTE (Career Techn...

**Scholarship details**

**Awaiting result**  
Applied and pending result.

**Not awarded**  
Not offered scholarship award.

**Offered**  
Award offered but not accepted or declined.

**Accepted**  
Award offered and accepted.

Cancel Save scholarship

If you select Offered or Accepted, you'll be prompted to:

- Add the scholarship amount
- Specify the number of years you'll receive the scholarship
- Upload the scholarship award letter
- Click Save scholarship when finished

- HOME
- SCHOOL
- ACTIVITIES
- COLLEGES
- CAREERS
- FINANCES**
- PROGRAMS

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**✔ Accepted**

Award offered and accepted.

#### Scholarship amount

Amount per year \$ 2,000

How many years can you receive this scholarship?  
 1 year (non-renewable)
  2 years
  3 years
  4 years
  5 years
  6 years

#### Scholarship award letter

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Drag files here or [browse](#)

Upload up to 5 GIFs, JPGs, JPEGs, PNGs, PDFs, DOCs, or DOCXs, each < 10MB

Cancel
Save scholarship



Click +Add Scholarship to add additional scholarships as needed.

The screenshot displays a web application interface for managing third-party scholarships. At the top, a purple header bar contains the text 'FINANCES College Financing Student Demo Mode' and navigation options like 'Exit Demo X', 'Switch user', and 'Richard Pitts'. A vertical sidebar on the left lists various categories: HOME, SCHOOL, ACTIVITIES, COLLEGES, CAREERS, FINANCES, and PROGRAMS. The main content area is titled 'Third-Party Scholarships' and includes a subtitle 'Keep track of third-party scholarships you apply to.' and a total amount of '\$2,000 Awarded'. A central white box provides an overview of third-party scholarships and lists one specific scholarship: 'Bright Future Scholarship' from 'Bright Future.org' for '\$2,000' with a status of 'ACCEPTED'. Below this list is a blue '+ Add scholarship' button. A green chat icon is located in the bottom right corner of the main content area.