

Frequently Asked Questions

In order to reduce the amount of phone calls received during The Sallie Mae Fund American Dream competition, please review these questions before contacting UNCF.

Is this scholarship only open to entering freshmen? No, it is open to any student who will be enrolled at an approved institution as defined as Title IV eligible, accredited, post-secondary two- or four-year college or university, vocational, or technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico for the approaching Fall Semester. If you are a graduating high school senior/entering freshman, make sure your classification indicates you are a high school senior. The school you choose will be the school you plan to attend. All other college students, make sure your classification and attending school reflect your current information. If selected for an award, your information will be reviewed and validated over the summer.

What is the essay question? What is your American Dream? Describe your dreams for the future and your plans for making your dreams a reality in no less than two paragraphs.

I forgot my password. How do I retrieve it? Select please send my password. An e-mail will be sent to the administrator and they will contact you within a few days.

I applied last year, do I need to reapply? Yes, this scholarship is not a renewable scholarship and you will have to reapply each year by choosing register student and re-registering and completing the application. Please update the essay that was given from last year.

Do I need to send my transcript or recommendation letter? No, that is not required for the first round of the competition. Please do not send any materials at this time through the mail.

Should I print the online application and mail? No, we will not accept applications printed from the website and mailed to UNCF. All applications must be completed online and submitted online. UNCF is able to view all applicants in progress and submitted.

When I submit my application online, has UNCF received my application? Yes, UNCF is able to view your application in progress and it is submitted once you hit the submit button.

When will I be notified about my status? All candidates will be notified by June 30, 2009. Applicants that had not been selected will be notified by the end of July 2009.

I can not complete my online application or I can not sign in. The server is down and the matter will be resolved shortly. Please try again later.