

## Berkeley Student Cooperative Scholarship Fund

Addressing Student Homelessness and Hunger

Almost a quarter of our members have extreme financial need of \$23,000-\$54,000/year, as verified by the UC Berkeley Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. By donating to the BSC Scholarship Fund, you will help us reduce our rent (by one-sixth) for more of these students -- a critical difference that will keep these students in school.

### **BSC Scholarship Activity for 2016-17 Academic Year**

Number of scholarship applicants with financial need of \$23,000 - \$54,000/year	305
Number of scholarships the BSC provided	115
BSC Budget for Scholarships (ie, each BSC member contributes ~\$51/year)	\$67,000
Donations	\$48,000
Total Scholarship Budget	\$115,000

### **\*\*New for 2017-18: Boarding Scholarships for Homeless Students\*\***

Student homelessness is a growing issue at UC Berkeley, as reported in this [PBS special](#). The Berkeley Student Cooperative is partnering with UC Berkeley to help homeless students by providing free boarding scholarships so students who do not have secure housing can at least have food security, community, and a place to shower and do laundry.

We are reallocating \$11,530.00 from our food budget to fund 10 full-boarding scholarships. Donate to the BSC Scholarship Fund so that we can sustain and grow this program without cutting into our food budget.

### **Meet Some of our Scholarship Recipients**

#### **Sid, Stebbins Hall**

*I moved to the United States as a refugee when I was 17 years old, without my family. Last fall I transferred from community college to UC Berkeley to study Molecular and Cell Biology, and I am planning to continue my education to become a medical doctor. The BSC has given me the opportunity to start working in a laboratory, instead of working extra hours, and I am truly grateful.*



**Sabrina, Fenwick Weavers Village & Rochdale Apartments**

*I come from a rough childhood and family that involved a lot of moving and court cases. I never expected to go to college- and now I am a 2nd year here at Cal as a declared Legal Studies and Peace and Conflict Studies major. With working four part time jobs and being an independent student, I am so thankful for the co-op system.*



**David, Oscar Wilde House & Hillegas Parker House**

*I am a transfer student from San Diego City College and grew up in the U.S. - Mexican border community. I would have to wake up at 3:00 am most days to cross the border and go to school. I hope to become an immigration lawyer and provide services to low-income clients, just like the BSC does for its students.*

