

Las Positas College

2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

Application: <https://laspositascollege.academicworks.com>

Deadline Monday, March 11, 2024 at 11:59 pm

In general, applicants must have completed a minimum of 12 semester units (by the end of Fall term 2023) at Las Positas College and be currently enrolled in at least 6 units of Las Positas classes (*Exception: there is one Veteran's scholarship for a brand new student whose first term is Spring 2024*).

Concurrently enrolled high school students and Middle College students are not eligible.

International Students (students with an 'F1' VISA) are eligible for all scholarships for which they meet the qualifications. Typically, they do not qualify for scholarships requiring 'financial need'.

The Scholarship application must be completed online.

NEED TECHNICAL HELP LOGGING IN OR UPLOADING/ATTACHING FORMS?

For technical assistance please contact the LPC Computer Center for assistance.

<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/computercenter/>

1. PERSONAL STATEMENT (required of all applicants)

You must type a **PERSONAL STATEMENT** in the general application, which should address background, interests, any hurdles the student has had to or needs to overcome, the goals student has set for him/herself in his/her schooling, career path, and personal life, and how s/he plans to achieve those goals.

The personal statement is one of the most important parts of your application. You are competing with other applicants, and you want your statement to be able to convince the scholarship committee to choose you over other students. Do not be afraid to brag!

Write a statement telling about yourself. Explain the goals you have established for yourself in your schooling, career path, and personal life, address how you plan to achieve them, and why you feel you are particularly qualified or deserving of a scholarship. You may wish to address work, family and dependents, hobbies, special interests, involvement in college, community or family activities.

Analyze what interests and activities in which the sponsors of your awards are interested. For example:

Business Women's Network: community activity, business activity, organizational skills;

Faculty Group: academic achievement and drive, service to school and community;

Radio Club: tinkering with ham radio, building electronic boards

Then look at what you have to offer that group, and organize your statement to show:

-Who am I? (Student up-dating job skills, your future goals, etc.)

-Where am I going? (life and career goals)

-What have I done to show I am helping myself?

It is especially important to be clear about your academic goals!

NEED HELP WRITING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT?

Help with your personal statement is available in the Reading and Writing (RAW) Center. All students are welcome with reading and writing assignments for any class. <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/raw/index.php>

Also, please watch the Personal Statement video on the Financial Aid website
www.laspositascollege.edu/financialaid

2. UNOFFICIAL LAS POSITAS ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT (required of all applicants).

A Las Positas College unofficial transcript will be required to upload. Please do not upload a copy of our grades from ClassWeb. If you do not have an academic transcript, the Financial Aid Office will upload your unofficial academic transcript for you **once you have saved your initial draft of the online application**. *If you do not see a transcript uploaded by the time you wish to complete and submit your application, please contact Lydia Penaflo at lpenaflor@laspositascollege.edu*

3. Scholarships requiring instructor LETTER OF REFERENCE

There will be some scholarships that require a reference / recommendation letter. After you complete the general application, you will be asked follow up questions. If a letter of recommendation is required, you will be asked for the name and email address of the faculty/staff member who will be providing you a recommendation. It is advised that you discuss with them prior to providing their contact information so that they can expect the email. The faculty/staff member will receive an email from the scholarship system regarding your request for recommendation. ***If you are asking the same person for a reference for multiple scholarships, be sure to use the exact same email address; this will allow them to respond only once with a referral which will then link to each of the scholarships.*** The staff or faculty member must submit the recommendation online by uploading into the system. They must follow the instructions in the email they receive and not provide you a hard copy letter.

We suggest you email your recommender information about yourself that will help your instructor personalize your recommendation. Be sure to include your name, ID, identify the courses and term when you took the course, and your proposed major/academic goals. Other suggested information that may help your recommender includes your academic achievements, future college/vocational/employment plans, and related interests.

4. Scholarships requiring the student to have submitted a FAFSA or DREAM application, or to qualify for a Promise Grant Fee Waiver

If you have not applied for financial aid for the current school year, it's not too late! File a **2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at www.fafsa.gov. If you are an undocumented student who has qualified for AB540 status through Admissions, you file a 2023-2024 Dream Application instead (<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>). Be sure you have listed Las Positas College as your college or we will not receive your FAFSA results! ***BE CAREFUL THAT YOU FILE THE 2023-2024 FAFSA/Dream Application and NOT just the 2022-2024 FAFSA/Dream Application for scholarship purposes! The 2024-2025 FAFSA/Dream Application is for next school year and won't help you now!***

If you have not yet filed a 2023-2024 FAFSA or DREAM Application it's not too late, but you should complete the appropriate application by **February 19, 2024** to ensure LPC receives it in time. Contact the financial aid office if you need assistance with your application. It takes up to 1 week for us to receive your results once your application is submitted.

We will determine if you qualify for a Promise Grant fee waiver when we receive your FAFSA or Dream Application results. If you are eligible, a fee waiver will be posted to your account retroactively for Summer, Fall and Spring terms, and you will be eligible for a refund of enrollment fees previously paid.



*All applicants will be notified by email by **May 10**,
whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship.*



OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF

SCHOLARSHIPS for graduates of Livermore high schools

Deadline March 1, 2024, 5:00 pm

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants

- Must have either graduated from a Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District high school (Del Valle/Phoenix, Granada, Livermore or Vineyard)
- There is no minimum GPA requirement for community college or technical/vocational applicants.
- Students applying for undergraduate or graduate scholarships must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more details and application: <https://pedrozzfoundation.org/>

2GENFUND Scholarships are scholarships valued up to \$5000/semester awarded to LPC student parents of toddlers (18 months – 30 months) and preschoolers (3 – 5 years) to fund most of the costs of a child's enrollment at the Las Positas College Early Childhood Center. Student-parents benefit because they are able to focus on obtaining their own LPC educational goals... right on the same campus as their children. Applications can be submitted at any time but must have a complete Student Education Plan (dated within the last year) attached. <https://www.laspositascollege.edu/childcenter/2genfundscharship.php>

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS LIST

A list of current '**OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**' is posted on the Financial Aid Website at: <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/financialaid/outsidescholarships.php> and is updated frequently.

These are scholarships often from local, statewide and national organizations or foundations, which are usually not specifically for Las Positas students, but which may be of particular interest. Occasionally scholarships ARE for Las Positas students only but are selected by outside organizations.

Often transfer scholarship opportunities for four-year colleges are listed. Deadlines vary greatly, so make it a point to check the list frequently.

There are hundreds of thousands of scholarship opportunities that an ambitious student can discover. There are several free on-line scholarship searches available which are listed on our webpage.