



# Los Angeles County Commission for Women RESILIENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION JANET ELLIOTT MUMMEY, ESQ.



**Deadline: April 1, 2022**

Commissioner Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq., had the foresight and impetus to create the Resilience Scholarship. A tireless champion for women, children, and the elderly, she dedicated her professional career to empowering and improving women's education. Since the inception of the Resilience Scholarship in 1999, the Los Angeles County Commission for Women has maintained its steadfast commitment to this invaluable endeavor. The Commission for Women has awarded close to \$400,000 in educational scholarships to women throughout Los Angeles County.

## **SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE**

The Resilience Scholarship has ultimately evolved as a support and encouraging resource for women within Los Angeles County who wish to pursue a college degree. The scholarship seeks to support women and girls whose resilience and determination have overcome considerable hardship. As such, our scholarship funds can serve to subsidize incidentals above and beyond allowable expenses covered by federal and state financial aid.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

1. Applicants must attend, an accredited university, community college or vocational/trade school and provide proof of enrollment.
2. High school students must have a high school diploma or GED completed or be in the 12th grade with projected graduation in June 2022 and enrolled at a university, community college, or vocational/trade school, the upcoming fall term.
3. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA.
4. First-time applicants must reside within Los Angeles County to be considered.
5. Continuous applicants can be considered by verifying continued enrollment in an academic or vocational program.
6. Continuous applicants enrolled at a college or university are not required to maintain residency in Los Angeles County to be considered.

Applicants pursuing a community college, or an undergraduate degree will be given priority.

## **APPLICANT GUIDELINES**

1. The completed application packet must be submitted by 5:00 PM on April 1, 2022.

A complete application includes:

- ✓ Scholarship application
- ✓ Two essay statements
- ✓ One letter of recommendation (One letter requirement applies only during COVID Pandemic)
- ✓ Unofficial transcripts, a recent report card, or a screenshot of a class schedule that illustrates the name of the school and the name and contact information of a school representative



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2. Combine application and attachments as a single document and submit in PDF format (<https://www.pdf-format.com/free/pdf-creator>).

Links will not be accepted.

The essay should contain 500 – words, must be typed and in MLA format (<https://mlaformat.org/>). Essays will be evaluated and scored based on subject matter, grammar, spelling, and sentence structure. Please include information on being a first generation going to college Scoring rubric is defined in the following section below “*Scholarship Evaluation and Selection Process*”.

3. The letter of recommendation must come from an employer, academic counselor, teacher, clergy, and/or a representative from a social service agency. The letters are character references and should address work, volunteer activities, or academic achievement, as well as potential perseverance. Unsigned letters without the author’s contact information and a current date (December 2021 - March 2022) will not be considered.
4. Once your application is submitted, it is considered official. Incomplete (missing an essay or letter of recommendation) and handwritten applications will be disqualified, and additional documents will not be accepted after your initial submission.

Submit application to: [laccw@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:laccw@bos.lacounty.gov). For additional information or questions, send an email to commission services staff at [laccw@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:laccw@bos.lacounty.gov).

### **SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION and SELECTION PROCESS**

Los Angeles County staff will first review the scholarship applications to determine if an applicant meets the eligibility criteria. **Beginning March 2021, the LACCW will give priority to applicants pursuing a community college degree or an undergraduate degree at a university (new criteria).** Completed applications received by the mandated deadline that contain all required documents will be sent to the Education Committee for review and scoring. Applications will be evaluated and scored using the following rubric:

- Resilience: 0 - 30 points
- First Essay Statement: 0 - 30 points
- Second Essay Statement: 0 - 30 points
- Letter of Recommendation: 0 - 10 points



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### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

It is possible to receive multiple financial aid sources, including grants, loans, or other scholarships. Some sources of financial aid may place restrictions or limitations on the use of funds. However, the Resilience Scholarship can cover incidental costs that extend above and beyond fees and tuition.

#### **Example of Incidental Costs**

- ✓ School supplies and equipment
- ✓ eBook's, rental textbooks
- ✓ Computers, tablets, smart devices, calculator, printers, and software
- ✓ Eye, Dental or Health Insurance
- ✓ Childcare

### INFORMATION FOR SELECTED RECIPIENTS

While our traditional celebratory ceremony and orientation practice of honoring recipients in-person are temporarily suspended due to COVID 19, we are investigating other social gathering options.  
(Applies during COVID Pandemic)

Prior to issuing the scholarship check, you must be able to provide and show the following documents:

- ✓ Photo ID; current driver's license, or state ID or school ID, or passport
- ✓ Social Security card or ITIN card

Combine the required documents below into a single document and submit as a [PDF \(https://www.pdf-format.com/free/pdf-creator\)](https://www.pdf-format.com/free/pdf-creator).

- ✓ First-time recipients must submit proof of enrollment (class schedule) and first-term grades
- ✓ Subsequent recipients must submit most recent term grades and proof of enrollment for next term



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**APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED**

## **SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Alt Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What district do you reside in (select one)?  First  Second  Third  Fourth  Fifth

District Map: [https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/map\\_t06-cities-zip.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/map_t06-cities-zip.pdf)

**(Re-applicants only)** List the year(s) that you received scholarship(s) from the Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of a contact person not living at your address (not living with you):

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Alt Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION 2: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you reside at home with your parents? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any dependents? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, indicate number of dependents \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a single parent? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your average annual income \_\_\_\_\_

Select One: Single Household Income \_\_\_\_\_ Family Household Income (parents, spouse/partner) \_\_\_\_\_



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## SECTION 3: EDUCATION

1. **Currently I am student at a: (select one)**

High School \_\_\_ Community College \_\_\_ Trade/Vocational School \_\_\_ University \_\_\_

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach official transcript)

3. **Expected graduation date from your current school:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\* High School Senior Applicants Only (9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grades not eligible to apply)**

4. After graduation I will enroll at a:

University                       Community College                       Trade School                       Vocational School

5. Name of the institution you will attend after graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate major/program: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending: Part-Time (1-6 units) \_\_\_\_\_ or Full-Time (6+ units) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\* University/College/Trade Schools Students Only**

6. Indicate your degree level: Undergraduate (working on BA/BS) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate (working on Master's or Doctoral) \_\_\_ Vocational/Trade Program \_\_\_\_\_

7. Indicate major/program: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Enrolled: Part-time \_\_\_\_\_ or Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_



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## **SECTION 4: ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Section 4A** consists of a personal/biographical question, and **Section 4B** consists of three supplemental essay questions, of which you must select one. Each essay must include a minimum of 500 words and be written in MLA format (<https://mlaformat.org/>). Read questions carefully and respond accordingly. Your essays will be evaluated and scored based on the subject matter, be specific and provide examples based on content. Essays will be evaluated and scored based on grammar, spelling, stylistic, and sentence structure.

### **4A. Personal/Biographical Statement on Resilience**

Please provide a 500-word description of your life story as it relates to resilience.

1. Resilience represents the ability to endure adversity and overcome life's hardships. Please tell us about yourself and your family background and share how through your resilience you overcame a difficult situation. Please provide specific examples of the challenge(s) and obstacles you encountered.

### **4B. Supplemental Essays**

Please select one of these three questions and write a 500-word essay.

1. Given the many challenges we are facing in our communities, where do you see an opportunity for you to make the biggest difference in your community in the future?
2. Talk about a social justice hero and the effect they have had on your life. Discuss a challenge or obstacle and how you overcame it.
3. Please describe how you understand social justice & how it has impacted your journey?

## **SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

### **Letter of Recommendation**

Applicants must submit one letter of recommendation. Request the letter of recommendation from someone you know reasonably well to give you a positive character reference. Recommendations should come from your employer, an academic counselor, a teacher, a clergy member, or a social service agency representative. If you serve as a volunteer, ask the supervisor who oversees your work for a recommendation.

### **The recommendations should include evidence of the following traits:**

- ✓ Good work ethic, academic accomplishments, student involvement, perseverance, leadership, teamwork, or community service

and must contain:

- ✓ Electronic letterhead, the name and relationship of reference, business address and contact information (phone and email address), as well as a date and the reference signature