



Los Angeles County Commission for Women RESILIENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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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 encouragement 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. Attend high school, an accredited university, community college or trade school and provide proof of enrollment.
2. Must have or be in the process of obtaining a high school diploma or a GED certificate.
3. Must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA.
4. Must be first generation going to college. (new criteria)
5. Must reside within Los Angeles County, if you are first-time applicant. Applicants applying for a subsequent scholarship are not required to maintain residency in Los Angeles County. Subsequent applicants may be considered if they verify continued enrollment in an academic or vocational program.

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

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

1. The completed application packet must be submitted on [April 30, 2021](#).

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

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

No links will be accepted.

3. The essays should contain a minimum 250-500 word maximum and typed in MLA format (<https://mlaformat.org/>). Essays will be evaluated and scored based on subject matter, grammar, spelling, and sentence structure. Scoring rubric is defined in the following section below.
4. 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 (January-March 2021) will not be considered.
5. 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

For additional information or questions, send an email to commission services staff at 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) Applications received by the mandated deadline and that are accurately filled out and contain all required documents are sent to the Education Committee for review and scoring. Applications are evaluated and scored based on 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, 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 and the social distancing order, we are investigating other social gathering options. (Applies during COVID Pandemic)

Prior to issuing the scholarship check, you must provide the following documents. Combine the required documents into and a single document and submit in [PDF](https://www.pdf-format.com/free/pdf-creator) format (<https://www.pdf-format.com/free/pdf-creator>)

- ✓ Copy of current driver's license, or state ID or school ID, or passport with your picture
- ✓ Copy of your Social Security card or ITIN card
- ✓ 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: _____

(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:

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 _____

Demographic Information (Voluntary)

Please mark the group that best describes your race/ethnicity.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Latinx/Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Two or more races
- Other
- Do not wish to answer

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 Applicants Only

4. After graduation I will enroll at a:
 Trade School Community College Four-year College
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 ____

SECTION 4 – ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Section 4 contains three essay questions: you must select two out of the three questions and prepare an essay consisting of a minimum of 250-500 words maximum. Read questions carefully and respond accordingly. You must respond specifically to the question's content since your essays will be evaluated and scored based on the subject matter. Essays will be evaluated and scored based on grammar, spelling, stylistic, and sentence structure. Personal/biographical statements or previously written essays that are not relevant to the questions are not acceptable and will be disqualified.

Please use MLA format (<https://mlaformat.org/>). Essays **MUST** meet the minimum 250-500 word maximum.

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 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

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 contact reference, business address and phone information, as well as a date and signature of person writing the letter.

