

Welcome to LACC's Scholarship Workshop



Presented by:

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Session Overview

- ★ LACC Foundation Scholarships
- ★ Applying for a Scholarship
- ★ Letters of Recommendation
- ★ Writing your Personal Statement
- ★ Other Scholarships



LACC Foundation Scholarships

- ★ LACC Foundation awards around 300 scholarships each year.
- ★ Information is available online at www.laccfoundation.org
 - ★ Click on Apply For Scholarships
- ★ Deadline is March 22, 2020
- ★ Apply early. Don't wait until the last day.

Need Based Scholarships

- ★ Award amounts may vary according to financial need
- ★ Students must complete the FAFSA for 2019-2020 at www.fafsa.gov
- ★ Or California Dream Act Application at www.dream.csac.ca.gov for Undocumented
- ★ Or provide an explanation of why you did not complete the FAFSA or Dream Act along with an explanation of your financial need

Merit Based Scholarships

- ★ Financial need is a consideration in determining eligibility or award amounts
 - ★ Except when scholarships require a 3.5+ GPA
 - ★ Eligibility is also based on other criteria such as grades, contributions to your community, etc.
- ★ Students not eligible for need-based scholarships can get these awards

Applying for a Scholarship

- ★ Follow directions carefully – line by line
- ★ Check that you meet the all of scholarship's minimum requirements
- ★ Submit a complete application with all required documents
- ★ Apply before the deadline
 - ★ Many scholarship applications are eliminated from consideration because of incomplete forms, missing documents, or failure to meet minimum requirements

LACCF Required Documents

- ★ Unofficial Transcripts including from all other colleges attended (print from your Student Portal).
- ★ Copy of your current LACC Class Schedule (print from Student Portal)
- ★ (Proof of unemployment from EDD, if required for scholarship)

LACCF Required Documents

- All documents required need to be upload **before** submitting your Scholarship Application
- Once your application is submitted, you cannot go back in to make any changes.

LACCF Required Documents

- ★ Students must upload their “Need Summary” from their Student Portal
 - ★ Student must be processed and awarded by Financial Aid Office prior to submitting their scholarship application
 - ★ Or have an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from the California Dream Act Application

LACCF Required Documents

- Photo. Should be passport style
 - Selfie is okay but be mindful of the background scenery. It should be appropriate.



LACCF Required Documents

- For veterans – Attach a copy of your DD-214
- For Office of Special Services student (OSS) attach:
 - OSS Verification Form – stamped and
 - Class Schedule with OSS stamp

Letters Of Recommendation

- Recommendations from Faculty
 - Request at least 2-3 weeks before deadline
 - Get from current or former instructors or counselors that know you
 - Ask the recommender for permission in advance before submitting their name
 - 2 recommendations are needed but ask 3-4 faculty just in case
 - A 3rd letter can be from volunteer work, community service organization, etc.

Letters of Recommendations

- Your recommender will be sent a link to complete the recommendation online
- Provide recommenders with information about your qualifications so they can personalize your recommendation. You can all but write it for them/**WRITE IT FOR THEM**

Tips on Personal Statement

- ★ Keep it to 500 words or one full page typed
- ★ Make it unique and interesting. Paint a picture in words for the reader
- ★ Possible areas to include the following:
 - ★ Discuss your current performance in college (GPA, challenging classes, etc.)
 - ★ Discuss obstacles or hardships you faced growing up or that you currently face (we all have them)
 - ★ Interesting activities you have been involved in

Tips on Personal Statement

- ★ Discuss your college major and career goals
- ★ If transferring, mention where you would like to transfer to
- ★ Be sure to discuss extracurricular activities such as volunteering, contributions to the community, clubs and organizations, working while in college, caring for family members, etc
- ★ Discuss any leadership experience
- ★ Briefly discuss your financial need
- ★ And how will the scholarship help you

Tips on Personal Statements

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 - Fri 12-3

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Common Review Committee Evaluation Criteria

- ★ Complete application package
- ★ GPA and classes on your transcripts
- ★ Scholarship eligibility requirements
- ★ Quality of Personal Statement
- ★ Volunteer & extracurricular activities
- ★ Quality of Recommendations
- ★ Personal achievements, activities, and goals
- ★ Financial need if need based

Department Scholarships

- Check with individual LACC Academic Departments for scholarship opportunities.
- Examples include Math Department, STEM, Psychology, Theater, Music, Cinema, Ralph Bunche Scholars, etc.
- These require separate applications

Department Scholarships

- If a hard copy of your recommendation is needed, get it on LETTERHEAD from the office of your recommender
 - Proofread letter before submission (check if your name and gender are correct throughout the letter)

Other Scholarships

- Go to the LACC Financial Aid Website →
Click on Scholarship on the left
 - Then browse the list
- These require separate applications

Scholarship Searches

- ★ First, start with your school - LACC
- ★ Check with the university you will be transferring to for University and Departmental Scholarships
- ★ Your or your parents' employer and/or union
- ★ Chamber of Commerce – for clubs and organizations in your community
- ★ Local Libraries – Scholarship books
- ★ Scholarship search engines

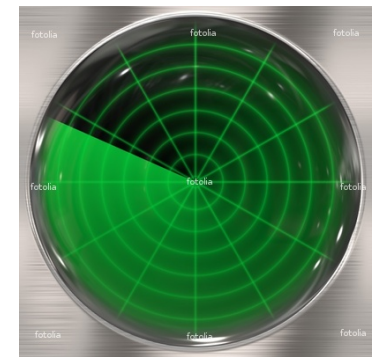


Scholarship Search

- ★ When transferring, apply to the university early (not right at the deadline).
- ★ Ask the university when the deadline is for maximum financial aid and scholarship consideration.
- ★ Example: A University's application deadline may be January 30 but the deadline for maximum financial aid and scholarship consideration could be January 15.

Scholarship Search Websites

- ★ www.fastweb.com
- ★ www.scholarships.com
- ★ www.finaid.org
- ★ www.collegeboard.com



Financial Aid and Scholarship Scams

- Beware of financial aid and scholarship scams!
- Do not pay anyone for your financial aid application or for scholarship searches. This information is available to you for FREE.
- Beware of companies that guarantee you financial aid or a scholarship for a fee.



Questions and Answers



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