

# LAVC Foundation Scholarships Required Documents & FAQs

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

To apply for LAVC scholarships, you will need to upload the following documents in **PDF format**:

1. **Unofficial transcripts, including transcripts from other schools you've attended.** LAVC unofficial transcripts can be found on your SIS account, under the 'Transcripts' tab.
2. **Copy of your current LAVC class schedule with Admissions Office Stamp**
3. **Financial Aid Award Summary.** You can print off a copy of your Award Letter from your SIS account, under the 'Financial Aid' tab. Make sure to select the correct school year.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHERE DO I START?

Go to the LAVC Foundation website at [www.lavcfoundation.org](http://www.lavcfoundation.org). It takes a lot of work to get scholarships, but the reward is well worth the time involved.

### SO THERE IS ONLY ONE APPLICATION FOR ALL THE SCHOLARSHIPS? HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

There is one application to fill out that will put you in the running for all available scholarships.

### WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

The LAVC Foundation scholarship deadline is March 22, 2019. Keep in mind that many scholarships are only awarded once a year, so missing a deadline can mean missing out until the next cycle. Late applications are not accepted!

### I AM AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT – CAN I APPLY?

With exception of two scholarship applications which require U.S. Citizenship, International students may apply for all Foundation scholarships.

### I AM A PART-TIME STUDENT or NEW STUDENT – CAN I STILL APPLY?

Yes, but keep in mind that most scholarships require students to be full-time (12 units minimum) and to have already completed at least 12 units at LAVC. There are some scholarships that allow part time students to qualify.

### IF THE REQUIRED G.P.A. IS 3.6 FOR A SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP AND I HAVE A 3.5, SHOULD I STILL APPLY?

Yes! You might be able to qualify for other scholarships that have a lower GPA requirement. Remember, we only have one application for all available scholarships. If you don't meet the criteria exactly for a particular scholarship, you might qualify for at least one other! You won't know until you apply.

## **I DON'T RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID. WHAT SHOULD I UPLOAD IN PLACE OF MY FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER?**

Instead of uploading your Financial Aid Award Summary, you can upload a printout of your College Promise Waiver (formerly called the BOG Fee Waiver) or upload a Word Document or PDF that states why you are not receiving Financial Aid. Please include some details about your financial situation (employment situation, number of dependents, etc.) so the scholarship committee can better evaluate your financial need.

## **WHY ARE THERE SO MANY QUESTIONS AT THE END OF THE APPLICATION?**

The questions towards the end of the application are supplementary questions. Some of the available scholarships are aimed at specific groups (nursing students, the unemployed, etc.) and require additional information.

## **WHEN WILL I HEAR BACK IF I HAVE RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP?**

The latest you will hear about the status of your scholarship will be July 2019 by email and mail. Please double check that your contact information is accurate so that we can easily notify you of your award.

## **HOW DO SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEES CHOOSE A WINNER?**

Scholarship selection committees determine their selection base on two factors. First, does the applicant meet the minimum criteria of the scholarship application? Second, how does a student distinguish himself/herself from the rest of the scholarship applicants? This is usually reflected in the essay or personal statement as well as letters of recommendations from faculty and/or staff. Read about the scholarship and try to determine what exactly the scholarship donor is looking for so that you can emphasize your related qualities in your essay.

## **WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP?**

This depends largely upon the scholarship, how well you meet qualifications and the level of effort that you exert in your search. Typically, if you can find scholarships that are limited to students within a state, city, sport or academic area, you have a better chance of winning. The more applicants there are for a particular offer, the less chance you have of winning. Choose scholarships that give you an opportunity to exercise your skills in an area of interest to you — this should increase your chance of winning. Also, keep in mind that to find money for college, you have to create your own success by committing the time and brain power necessary to achieve your goal.

## **HOW DOES COMMUNITY SERVICE INCREASE MY CHANCES FOR RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP?**

Not only is community service experience a common essay topic but your involvement in community service can distinguish you from other applicants. Scholarship providers often look for this quality because they are looking to assist in funding the education of someone who gives back to their community and values making contributions of time and service for its benefit.

**WHO SHOULD I ASK TO WRITE MY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION?**

The scholarships will state who you specifically need to secure a letter of recommendation from. Ideally, this is a member of the LAVC Faculty.

**DOES THE AMOUNT I RECEIVE IN SCHOLARSHIPS AFFECT MY ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID?**

Most likely yes, the LAVC Foundation gives your award information to the Financial Aid. If this happens, the school financial aid office adjusts your unmet financial need accordingly.