



Los Angeles County Commission for Women
2019 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 education for women. The Commission for Women is eternally grateful for her leadership, dedication and the quest for equity and justice.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Since its inception in 1999, the Resilience Scholarship has provided women within Los Angeles County the support to achieve their educational goals. Our scholarship serves as a supplemental resource designed to subsidize incidentals above and beyond those allowable expenses covered by federal and state financial aid.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Be age 17-26 at the time you apply.
2. Have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA from high school, community college, vocational school or university.
3. 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.
4. Attend an accredited university, community college or trade school and provide proof of enrollment.

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

1. The completed application packet must be received in our office by **5:00 PM** on **Friday, May 3, 2019** or **postmarked by midnight, Friday, May 3, 2019.**

Packet should include:

- ✓ Scholarship application
- ✓ Two essay statements
- ✓ Two letters of recommendations
- ✓ Most recent high school transcripts

2. Application **MUST BE TYPED; handwritten applications will be rejected.** Fill out sections 1-3 of the application, and use separate sheets of paper for section 4 (essay response).
3. The 1-2 page essay questions **must be typed** on a separate paper. Essays will be **evaluated and scored** based on content, grammar, spelling, and sentence structure.

4. Letters of recommendation must come from two separate sources. Recommendations should 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 ethic, as well as potential perseverance. Both letters must be signed, dated and include the author's contact information.
5. **INCOMPLETE (missing an essay or letter of recommendation) and/or HANDWRITTEN applications will be disqualified.**
6. The typed application can be sent via:
 - ✓ Mail to Los Angeles County Commission for Women, 500 West Temple Street
Room B-50, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or
 - ✓ Fax to (213) 620-0636 or
 - ✓ E-Mail: laccw@bos.lacounty.gov

For additional information or questions, please contact Commission Services staff at (213) 974-1455.

SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION and SELECTION PROCESS

Los Angeles County staff will first review the scholarship applications to determine if applicants meet the eligibility criteria, application was received or postmarked by the deadline, is filled out, and contains all required documentation. All valid applications are then forwarded to members of the Education Committee for review and selection of recipients. Applications are evaluated and scored based on the following rubric:

- Resilience: 0-40 points
- Personal Statement: 0- 20 points
- Scholarship Statement: 0- 20 points
- First Letter of Recommendation: 0-10 points
- Second Letter of Recommendation: 0-10 points



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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

It is possible to receive multiple sources of financial aid, 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
- ✓ Ebooks, rental textbooks
- ✓ Computers, tablets, calculator, printers and software
- ✓ Eye, Dental or Health Insurance
- ✓ Childcare

INFORMATION FOR SELECTED RECIPIENTS

Selected 2019 recipients will be invited to attend a scholarship orientation and a Board of Supervisors meeting at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Building. At the Board of Supervisors meeting, recipients will be honored and presented with a certificate by the respective district Supervisor. Dates for both the orientation and Board of Supervisors meeting will be provided at a later date.

The purpose of the orientation is to review scholarship guidelines and expectations. In addition to meeting the Supervisors, recipients have an opportunity to meet, speak and network with members of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided at the orientation.

Prior to issuing the scholarship check, you must provide the following:

- ✓ 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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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 _____

SECTION 3: EDUCATION

1. Are you currently attending:
High School____ Community College____ Trade/Vocational School____ University____

Name of school: _____
2. Cumulative GPA:_____ (Please attach official transcript)
3. Expected graduation date: _____

High School Applicants Only

4. Select the type of institution that you plan to attend after graduation:
 Trade School Community College Four-year College
5. Name of college or institution: _____

Indicate major/program: _____ Enrollment 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 A and B consists of two essay questions: 4A is a Personal Statement; and 4B is a Scholarship Statement. Read questions carefully and respond accordingly, essays will be **evaluated and scored** based on content, grammar, spelling, stylistic and sentence structure.

Section 4 A and B

Prepare a one to two page typed essay for both the Personal Statement and Scholarship Statement. Please use MLA format.

A. Personal Statement:

1. Describe your personal qualities and explain how you turned obstacles into opportunities.

B. Scholarship Statement:

2. What does the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's slogan "Educating, Motivating and Inspiring Women" mean to you?

SECTION 5 – RECOMMENDATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Letters of Recommendation

Must submit **two letters** of recommendation. Applications with only one letter of recommendation will be excluded from the competition. The recommendations must be prepared by someone whom you know well, and who can offer a character reference. Recommendations should come from your employer, or an academic counselor, a teacher, a clergy member or a representative from a social service agency. If you serve as a volunteer, ask the supervisor who oversees your work for a recommendation.

The recommendations must contain:

1. Evidence of work ethic, academic accomplishments, student involvement, perseverance, leadership, team work or community service; and
2. Official 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.

