



FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS
Awards ranging from \$500 to \$4,000

WHO MAY APPLY?

- **Current or former dependents of the court in the foster care program (1) of Contra Costa County and living in that county or elsewhere, or (2) of another county and living in Contra Costa County**
- **Students enrolling in or attending an accredited four-year college, community college or vocational school, or**
- **Community college graduates transferring to an accredited four-year college or university**

To obtain an application, **contact ILSP, your school counseling office or career center**, or log on to assistanceleague.org/diablo-valley.

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Assistance League of Diablo Valley provides funding for scholarships to help cover tuition, books and supplies. Scholarships will be awarded in two equal payments: (1) half on proof of registration for at least 9 units in the first term/quarter and (2) half on proof of registration for at least 9 units in the second term/quarter and a transcript showing at least a 2.0 GPA in the first term/quarter.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

Who may apply?

- Applicant must be a current or former dependent of the court in the foster care program of Contra Costa County and living in the county or elsewhere, or a current or former dependent of the court in the foster care program of another county but living in Contra Costa County.
- Applicant must be enrolling in or attending an accredited four-year college, community college or vocational school, or a community college graduate transferring to an accredited four-year college or university.
- Applicant must not be an Assistance League chapter member, an Assisteens® member, the relative of a chapter member or an employee of Assistance League of Diablo Valley.

Applications must include the following:

- Completely filled-out application form. **NO STAPLES OR TWO SIDED COPIES, PLEASE**
- Official transcript of grades, with the official seal of the school and signature of the registrar or other designated school official. A copy of the transcript, with the seal and signature, will also be accepted.
- Personal statement from the applicant, describing in detail the need for the scholarship. The statement should be specific about family situation, special or unusual circumstances, financial needs, work experience, school activities, community involvement, academic goals, etc.
- TWO letters of recommendation:
 - One from an advisor or faculty member, written on official school letterhead.
 - One from a member of the community, an employer, coach, or CASA volunteer advocate, describing applicant's special circumstances, participation in community, school, church, or other activities.
- Ward of the Court verification document.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted in sealed envelopes and included with the application in one packet.

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Criteria for receiving the scholarship

- Scholarships Committee will consider each applicant's personal circumstances, scholastic record, educational and career goals, recommendations, financial need, and school/community activities and job experience.
- Scholarships Committee will interview semi-finalists, at which time applicants must fully disclose all other scholarships, grants or financial aid applied for or received.
- Scholarships Committee will select recipients based on evaluation of all applications and interviews.

Criteria for retaining the scholarship

- Maintain student status of 9 credits or more and complete the school term for which the scholarship is paid.
 - Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA or equivalent during the term for which scholarship is paid.
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Mail your complete application with all required documents to:

Foster Youth Scholarships Chairman

Assistance League of Diablo Valley

2711 Buena Vista Avenue

Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Faxed or e-mailed applications or transcripts will not be accepted.

Applications must be received in our office on or before THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please retain copies of all materials submitted for your records.
Applications and other material will not be returned.

All scholarship recipients will be notified by April 30, 2022



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Applying for (scholarship name) _____

Your scholarship deadline _____

To complete on your computer, please type in the areas provided and use tab to move to the next item. If completing by hand, please print using pen (do not use pencil). Leave blank any items that do not apply.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Current Address: _____
(Number and Street) (City, State, Zip)

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Present School: _____

If applicable, list the ages of siblings and other family dependents:

Foster Youth only: Dates in Foster Care: _____ Ward of: _____ County

FAMILY INFORMATION (if a Dependent)

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____
(Or guardian) (Or guardian)

Address: _____ Address: _____
(Number and Street) (Number and Street)

(City, State, Zip) (City, State, Zip)

Telephone: _____ Telephone: _____

Father's Employer: _____ Mother's Employer: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Annual family **after tax income** (Required information except Foster Youth): \$ _____

Who will be responsible for your college expenses?: _____

How much money will you contribute per year? \$ _____

Do you have a **Student Aid Report**? If so, what is the reward amount on the statement? \$ _____

If applicable, please attach a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) award from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).



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COLLEGE or VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

List colleges/vocational schools to which you have applied with estimated tuition and living costs per year.
List in order you are likely to be accepted and attend.

College/Vocational School	Tuition	Room and Board
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Make your best estimate of what your budget will look like for the YEAR.
List amounts to the nearest dollar (no cents).

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIP YEAR			
ESTIMATED RESOURCES (A)		ESTIMATED EXPENSES (B)	
Family contribution (excluding loans)	\$	Tuition and Supplies Fees	\$
Personal Savings	\$	Books and Supplies	\$
Expected Summer Earnings	\$	Room and Board (rent, utilities, food)	\$
Expected School Year Earnings	\$	Transportation	\$
Pell Grant	\$	Child Care Costs (if any)	\$
Chaffee Grant (foster youth only)	\$	Medical Insurance	\$
Tuition Waiver	\$	Miscellaneous (phone, clothing, other bills)	\$
Outside Scholarships	\$	Other* (explain below)	\$
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TOTAL (A)	\$	TOTAL (B)	\$

Are any family members planning to obtain a loan to assist you? If yes, enter amount: \$ _____
 Are you planning to obtain a student loan? If yes, enter amount: \$ _____

Additional notes to Financial Planning if any, including "other" from above: *(if using pen, please print)*



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Where did you learn about the Assistance League Scholarship? *(if using pen, please print)*

Have you previously received an Assistance League Scholarship? Yes No

If yes, name and year:

_____ *Name of Scholarship*

_____ *Year you received it*

High School, Community College and Lisa Parker Hurst Applicants:

School Advisor's signature is required as verification that applicant is in good standing and a full time student.

Advisor's/Faculty Member's Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

All Applicants:

I certify that all information in this application is true, complete, and correct. I understand that information contained in my application will be read and reviewed by volunteers of Assistance League Diablo Valley Scholarships Committee. All information will remain confidential.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE: no staples and no two-sided copies of any documents.



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REMINDERS:

- Application may be completed on your computer. However, you must print and submit the application in the packet with the other documents. Sometimes computers may not accept our application or misalign the formatting. If that is the case, you will need to print the application, fill it in by hand and mail to us with the other documents.
- Please review your application to ensure that all required documents and signatures are included.
- **Your application and all other documents must be received in our Assistance League office by the deadline for your scholarship.**

Mail completed application with all other documents to:
Scholarship Chairman
2711 Buena Vista Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Be sure to check your scholarship deadline as listed on our website.
Incomplete or late applications will NOT be considered.