

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 Spring 2021 class schedule.**
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. It takes a lot of work to get scholarships, but the reward is well worth the time involved.

SO, IS THERE 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 you qualify for.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

The LAVC Foundation scholarship deadline is March 26, 2021. 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 are eligible for all other 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.

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 2021 by email. 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 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 essay questions carefully so that you can emphasize your qualities that may distinguish you from other applicants.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP?

This depends largely upon the scholarship. If you match well with scholarships with specific requirements in academics, sports/athletics, programs, and clubs, then you may fall in special niches that may have a small pool of applicants and thus give you added consideration. Typically, if there are more applicants for a particular scholarship, the less chance you have of winning.

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. When applying online, requests for letters of recommendation will also be manage via the online process. However, you should also inform your professor in person that they will be receiving an email requesting them to provide a letter of recommendation for you.

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.