

Sheldon H. Kressler Gay and Lesbian Scholarship

Sheldon H. Kressler, a graduate of UCLA, was a Spanish/ESL teacher at Madison Junior High School in Van Nuys for 30 years. He was devoted to his students and believed that learning could be an exciting and fun experience. During Sheldon's time teaching, the Briggs Initiative (Prop 6) which sought to ban gay teachers and gay supporters from teaching or working in schools was a ballot measure in California in the late 1970's. The measure failed, but nonetheless, Sheldon spent his time "in the closet" and "came out" to very few people in his life. This scholarship is in honor of Sheldon Kressler and will benefit any gay or lesbian student who meets the scholarship criteria.

Scholarship Amount: \$300

Number Awarded: 1

Criteria: Applicant must be currently enrolled at Los Angeles Valley College. (Check-off as you complete each criteria)

- Must provide copy of transcript. Unofficial/online transcripts are accepted.
- Must have an overall minimum GPA of 3.3.
- Must have a recent term minimum GPA of 3.3.
- Must have completed a total of at least 45 semester units and be "transfer ready" or a Bachelor's degree from a four-year institution.
- Must be currently enrolled in 9 units at Los Angeles Valley College.
- Must be declared in a specific major. You cannot be "undecided."
- Submit two recommendation letters from members of the LAVC faculty.
- Write a 500-word type-written essay. 1) Describe personal struggles or obstacles that you have faced by being gay or lesbian and how you overcame them. 2) Describe how you can personally contribute to diminishing discrimination for gays and lesbians.

The **Deadline** for submission of application is **Mar. 14, 2018 at 4:00PM.**

Name (As it will appear on the award) _____

Student ID# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

What is your Major? _____

What colleges/universities have you applied to transfer? Please list all _____

What colleges/universities have you been accepted to? Please list all _____

What semester are you transferring? _____

Did you receive this or any other LAVC Foundation Scholarship last year? ___NO ___YES Total Amount: \$ _____

Are you currently attending another college in addition to LAVC? ___NO ___YES. Where? _____

Have you already received a Bachelors or Post Graduate Degree? ___NO ___YES Degree _____ Country _____

PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE YOUR MATERIALS WITH THIS APPLICATION. INSTEAD, PLEASE USE PAPER CLIPS.

Please Read and Sign

I declare that this application, its information, and all attachments submitted to the Los Angeles Valley College Foundation are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation of my credentials and records is subject to disqualification of this application. If I am selected to receive this scholarship, I assure the Los Angeles Valley College Foundation that I will be enrolled at Los Angeles Valley College in the Fall 2018 Semester, or I will be transferring and registered at a four-year university. I also understand that if I am selected, I will receive the scholarship(s) in September 2018 upon the confirmation of the Financial Aid Office to ascertain if I am enrolled or have transferred. Lastly, I hereby authorize Los Angeles Valley College to release information regarding my academic record and enrollment status to the LAVC Foundation for the purpose of verifying the information I have provided for this application.

Signature

Date

Students are also encouraged to seek financial support from the Los Angeles Valley College Office of Financial Aid.