

2025 Scholarships

All applications links will be available on the Student Information System (SIS) Portal, under the “Scholarships” tab at the beginning of the Spring 2025 Semester. Awardees will be notified in late April 2025 and invited to attend the Scholarship Awards Ceremony in May 2025.

Applications are grouped by department (for departments with multiple scholarships) and also in the General Application. Each application matches students with scholarships based on individual criteria. Students will often qualify for multiple scholarships. All students are encouraged to apply.

Accounting Scholarship

Established to benefit a student who has completed Accounting 1 and Business Law 1 with a grade of "A."

Ageton-Pittenger Perpetual Scholarship

The Ageton-Pittenger Perpetual Scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Aura-Lee Ageton Pittenger, longtime LAVC Economics professor and department chair. Dr. Pittenger, with the support of her husband, James Hobbs Pittenger, was instrumental in building a robust scholarship program at LAVC enlisting involvement from academia, industry and the community. This scholarship specifically recognizes academic achievement. Among the requirements, students must have completed 45 Semester Units with a 3.8 GPA and plan to transfer to a college or university.

Angelo Cimity Memorial Scholarship in Kinesiology

Angelo Cimity was an athletic trainer at Valley College for over 30 years. He was dedicated to the well being of the student athletes as well as being the main liaison with the team doctors. He was also the co-chair of the Monarch Center building project. Dedicated and passionate, he was proud to serve as a member of the Hall of Fame Committee. This scholarship will be awarded to a Kinesiology or Emergency Services student who shares his spirit and compassion for athletes or an LAVC Athlete.

Anna & Tom Pangonis Memorial Scholarship

Created in the memory of Anna & Tom Pangonis, parents of Dr. Mary Ellen Pangonis, this award is given to a student studying business.

Associated Student Union Scholarship 1

The applicant must be currently enrolled at Los Angeles Valley College and must have a GPA between 2.5 and 3.4. The student must be enrolled in at least 6 units for the Spring Semester and have paid their ASO fee.

Associated Student Union Scholarship 2

The applicant must be currently enrolled at Los Angeles Valley College and have a GPA of 3.5 or greater. The student must be enrolled in 12 units in the Spring Semester and also be a paid member of ASU.

Bernard Osher Scholarship

Established by the Bernard Osher Foundation and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, this scholarship will benefit students who are recipients of the College Promise.

Bill Cloon Memorial Scholarship in Kinesiology

Bill Cloon Memorial Scholarship for Student Athletes. This scholarship was established in memory of Bill Cloon, who had a career in law enforcement and volunteered throughout his life as a coach and mentor in youth athletics. In this spirit, this scholarship will be awarded to a student who has been a student athlete at any level, including youth organizations and high school. Female applicants are encouraged to apply. Required essay is of prime importance.

Bruce Grossman Memorial in Music

This scholarship is supported by Grossman Endowment and was established in memory of Bruce Grossman, an alumnus of LAVC who studied Commercial Music. This scholarship will benefit a LAVC student who is majoring in Music. Preference will be given to those studying Commercial Music.

Carmen Salazar Scholarship in Spanish

Retired LAVC Foreign Language Department Chair Carmen Salazar established this scholarship to benefit a student studying Spanish.

Carol Bishop Scholarship for Arts

The family and friends established this scholarship in honor and memory of artists and Professor of Art, Carol Bishop. This scholarship will benefit students enrolled at LAVC who are majoring in Art and/or Art History.

Carol Caldwell Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of former LAVC faculty Carol Caldwell.

Cecelia M. Freilich Memorial Scholarship

Cecelia M. Freilich was a first generation nursing student at Braddock Hospital in Pennsylvania during the late 1950's and inspired five members of her family to pursue nursing careers. Her family established this scholarship so that Cecelia's legacy



continues to inspire future generations. This scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the Nursing Program at LAVC.

Chemistry & Physics Department Scholarship

This scholarship is given by the Chemistry & Physics Department to honor outstanding students who are studying in this area.

Christopher Pallotti Honorary Scholarship

Chris Pallotti was a Professor of Philosophy at LAVC for more than two decades. This award is meant to recognize his commitment to the study of philosophy, the students at LAVC, and the Philosophy Department at Valley College. This scholarship will benefit a philosophy major who is transferring to a four-year institution.

Church of the Chimes Women's Association

The Congregational Church of Chimes Women's Association established this scholarship to encourage students, especially women, to pursue careers in STEM. This scholarship will benefit students who are in their second year at Valley College (or completed at least 24 semester units).

Dale Michael Spina Memorial in Journalism

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of alumnus Dale Spina who was known for his lasting positive influence onto others.

Dena Lee Lovett Scholarship

The family of Evan Lovett established this scholarship in memory of his mother Dena Lee Lovett. Ms. Lovett was a proud registered nurse for 40 years and attributed her passion for the field due in part to her experience at Valley College. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is studying nursing.

Dr. Jamie Mintz Memorial Scholarship in Psychology

The family and friends of Dr. Jamie Susan Mintz established this scholarship in her memory. Dr. Mintz was a psychotherapist whose therapeutic vision can be summarized in her own words: "In every moment, we have the opportunity to make choices. Psychotherapy is often a gift we give ourselves".

Earleen DeVivo Memorial Scholarship

The family and friends of Earleen DeVivo established this scholarship in her memory. Professor DeVivo was a member of the LAVC faculty and taught Psychology. This scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding academic student majoring in Psychology.

East San Fernando Valley Medical Auxiliary

The East San Fernando Valley Medical Auxiliary (now dissolved) established an endowment and this scholarship to benefit students studying nursing at Valley College.

Elaine & Elgin Baylor Scholarship

The Elaine and Elgin Baylor Scholarship was established to support the study and understanding of the African American experience. Special consideration will be given to students who have taken a course in African American studies at LAVC.

Emergency Services Scholarship

Sharon Johnston established this scholarship to benefit students who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, firefighting, or as an emergency medical technician. Women are encouraged to apply.

Eric F. Reiner Memorial Scholarship

The Reiner Memorial Scholarship is offered through the generosity of Helen Worthen, mother of Eric Reiner, who was a Los Angeles paramedic killed in the line of duty.

Faculty Association TAP Scholarship

The LAVC Academic Senate supports this scholarship to benefit TAP students (LAVC Transfer Alliance Program).

Fern Waddell Scholarship

LAVC Faculty Joanne Waddell along with her family and friends support this award in memory of Joanne's mother, Fern. This scholarship is to benefit a LAVC student studying Kinesiology.

Flenner Scholarship for Students who attended Poly Tech HS

This scholarship is designed to simply help individuals reach their dreams. The recipient must have a goal of either an Associate Degree or Certificated Program. Students who attended Poly Tech High School in Sun Valley are preferred.

Florentino Manzano "Si Se Puede" Scholarship

The family, friends and colleagues of Valley College Vice President Florentino Manzano are establishing this scholarship in his honor. This scholarship is designed to benefit students who are current participants in campus activities/programs that celebrate the Latinx experience including but not limited to Puente, Dream Resource Center, Latinas in Higher Education Club, and Rising Monarchs Club.



Founders' Circle Scholarship

The founding members of the LAVC Foundation established an endowment and this scholarship. Must have passed 12 units, and have a Cumulative GPA of 2.50. Essay is required.

General Nursing Scholarship

Various donors contribute annually to support Nursing students.

George Hale Memorial Scholarship

George Hale is a past member of the LAVC faculty in the Biology Department who was well-regarded by his peers. This scholarship is made possible through the Hale Endowment fund and the friends and family of Mr. Hale. It will benefit a student who is majoring in Biology.

Glenn R. Milner Perpetual Scholarship in Economics and Business

The Glenn R. Milner Perpetual Scholarship in Economics and Business was established in recognition of Mr. Milner's longtime contribution to the LAVC scholarship program championed by his Economics Department colleague, Dr. Aura-Lee Ageton Pittenger. The Milner Scholarship focuses on students of Economics and Business. Requirements include: a 3.8 GPA.

Golden Globe Foundation (HFPA) Cinema/Media Arts and Television Broadcasting Scholarship

Hollywood Foreign Press Association Cinema/Media Arts and Television Broadcasting Scholarship. Selected HFPA Fellowship recipients must: Be currently enrolled in at least six (6) units in the LAVC Cinema/Media Arts or Television Broadcasting program. Have completed at least six (6) units of program prerequisites. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5.

Graduate/Post Graduate Award

These awards will benefit returning students who have already received a Bachelor's or post graduate degree. This award was established to respond to difficult economic times where individuals are looking to make a career change by pursuing different academic avenues.

Grady Talbot Scholarship For U.S. Veterans

The alumni member of Phi Delta Psi established this scholarship in memory of their fraternity brother Grady Talbot. It was established to benefit United States veterans who attend LAVC.



Greater Van Nuys Rotary Scholarship

The Greater Van Nuys Rotary is offering this to students to Valley College Students.

Hafif TAP Scholarship

Herbert Hafif Endowment provides this scholarship to benefit TAP students.

Hawkinson Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a deserving mathematics student, this scholarship is made possible through the William A. Hawkinson Endowment.

I Wish Scholarship

In an effort to raise awareness and promote inclusiveness amongst the AB 540 community, the I Wish scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to LAVC Dreamers.

In Honor of Christina Maria Gonzalez Psychology/Summa Cum Laude Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor Christina Maria Gonzalez and support a psychology student at Valley College.

In Honor of Elahe Rabani Scholarship

The friends and supporters of Elahe "Ellie" Rabani, a CalWorks Director at LAVC for more than 20 years have established this scholarship in her honor. This scholarship will be awarded to a LAVC student that demonstrates financial need and maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Isabel C. Diaz Memorial Scholarship

Isabel C. Diaz graduated from LA Valley College in 1980, at the age of 51. Her husband and all of her 8 children were in the audience to celebrate her accomplishment. Isabel went on to obtain her BA at CSUNorthridge, but it was her time at Valley College that she remembered fondly. The instructors and her fellow students provided her much encouragement to get her AA at a time when older students were still in small numbers. This scholarship is to benefit mothers as they have special challenges in completing their degrees and supporting their families.

Jackie Harless-Chang Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a Computer Applications Office Technology student in honor of Professor Jackie Harless-Chang for her dedication to the Computer Applications Office Technology Discipline, Los Angeles Valley College, and the thousands of students she instructed. During her tenure from 1985-2010, she encouraged students to strive for educational excellence in meeting their goals. Her dedication to education is unsurpassed.

James Sargent Scholarship

This scholarship was created by Ms. Betty Lee Sargent in honor of the memory of her brother, James Sargent, who was a member of Valley College's faculty in 1968. Mr. Sargent taught courses in Communication and Radio. This scholarship will benefit a Valley College student with a focus on Theater Arts or Speech.

Jerry Fecht Scholarship

This scholarship was established to benefit LAVC arts students.

Jose Luis Vargas Memorial Foster Youth Scholarship

The Jose Luis Vargas Memorial Foster Youth Scholarship was established to support current and former foster youth attending LAVC.

Judy Shiffrin Memorial Scholarship

Funded by Louise Kroot-Haukka, this scholarship benefits a student studying various areas in the arts.

Karen Timberlake Scholarship

Emeritus Chemistry Professor Karen Timberlake established this scholarship to benefit those students in pre-nursing and have completed Chemistry 51.

Kenneth Devol Memorial in Journalism

This scholarship is funded through the Jennifer and Larry Levine Endowment to honor former LAVC Journalism instructor Kenneth Devol.

Kirsten C. Feldman Memorial

Kirsten Feldman was an alumnae of Valley College and this scholarship was established by her family in her memory. Kirsten received her Associates Degree in Anthropology. This scholarship will be awarded to students studying social science with a preference to those majoring in anthropology.

LAVC Foundation Scholarship 1

An annual scholarship provided by the LAVC Foundation.

LAVC Foundation Scholarship 2

An annual scholarship funded by the LAVC Foundation.

LAVC Foundation Scholarship 3

Established by LAVC Alumni & Friends Association to benefit a LAVC student. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded in 2025.

LAVC Foundation TAP Scholarship

An annual scholarship provided by the LAVC Foundation to benefit TAP Students. Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded in 2025.

Leon Marzillier Math Scholarship

Leon Marzillier worked in the LACCD for 36 years. He was a professor of math at Valley College. During his tenure he served as department chair, the LAVC Academic Senate President, the District Academic Senate President, and the Union president. He is an immigrant and part of the first generation of his family to attend college. He worked to promote diversity and student success.

Lois Bergquist Memorial Scholarship in Health Science

Dr. Lois Bergquist was a professor of microbiology at LAVC. She was very much respected by her colleagues as well as students at Valley College. Lois cared especially about the students and this scholarship will be awarded to a nursing or respiratory therapy student, or to a transfer ready student with the intent to study microbiology or medicine.

Margaret Wolk Scholarship for Child Development

Margaret Wolk worked for many years a teacher and director in pre-schools. Child Development has always been important to her. Her four children honor her by establishing this scholarship that will benefit a Child Development major.

Marguerite Marriott Memorial

The Marriott Family established this scholarship in memory of their mother who was a nurse. This will benefit a student in the Nursing Program.

Marie & Dominick Savarine Scholarship

Established by Dr. Barbara Firestone to honor her parents.

Math Department Scholarship

Awarded to deserving mathematics students, scholarships made possible through the Math Department Scholarship Fund.

Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Student Scholarship

The Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program purpose is to provide strong academic support and assist calculus-based STEM majors to become competitive in their transfer process. The majors included are: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, Geology, Pre-Med, Pre-Dent, Pre-Pharm Math and Computer Science.

Max L. Heyman Perpetual Scholarship

Dr. Max L. Heyman, Jr. taught History at Los Angeles Valley College (1956-1988) and was very prominent through all those years in academic and student activities. This scholarship is awarded to a transfer-ready History major who has distinguished himself or herself in History at Valley College and who meets the criteria.

Michael Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Funded by the Michael Thomas Endowment to benefit a student who has completed Biology 6 or Biology 7.

Mike's Roofing & Building Services Scholarship

Mike Quiroga established this scholarship to benefit a Valley College Student.

Monte Toole Memorial Scholarship in Engineering or Machine Shop

Alumnus Monte Toole and his family established this scholarship through the Toole Endowment. It will be awarded to students who have taken or are currently taking courses in engineering or machine shop at L.A. Valley College. It is the hope that this scholarship will ultimately assist students pursuing a career in engineering or a technical vocational career. Eligibility Requirements: Must have passed Engineering or Machine course at LAVC. Must be currently enrolled in 6 units or more. Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater. Must have serious interest in pursuing a career in engineering or a technical vocational career.

Morton Wolk Engineering Scholarship

Morton Wolk worked as an aircraft engineer and project manager for 38 years with McDonnell Douglas Corporation, mostly in Long Beach. This scholarship was established by his family and friends and will benefit a student with a focus on Engineering, Math, or Technology. Morton Wolk Engineering Scholarship - Eligibility Requirements: Must be a Mathematics or Engineering Major. Must be currently enrolled in 6 units or more. Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or greater. Must have passed a minimum of 24 units. Must be transferring to a 4 year Institution in Spring or Fall 2025.

Moxie Scholarship

Moxie is 1) energy, pep; 2) courage, determination; 3) know-how, expertise. It's also a trademark for a soft drink. This scholarship is given to a student with moxie of the second definition! The student must be a non-traditional or returning student (someone who did not come to college directly from high school or who has interrupted his or her college education), who has overcome challenges to pursue his or her education.



National Notary Foundation Scholarship in Journalism

The National Notary Foundation is devoted to educational and charitable programs by promoting academic and personal achievement. Its support comes from the National Notary Association, which has a membership of 4.5 million. This scholarship was established to benefit a student studying Journalism.

Nazarian Endowment Scholarship

On occasion of recognizing Assemblyman Adrian Nazarian's work to support the LAVC Family Resource Center (FRC) an endowment and a scholarship was established to support students on the LAVC campus.

Oberstein Family Scholarship

Alumni Bob and Jo-Carole Oberstein along with their children all attended Los Angeles Valley College. This scholarship will awarded to a student who is a United States Military Veteran, and who can best demonstrate how this scholarship can benefit him/her.

Phyllis Nalepa Scholarship

Established by the family of Phyllis Nalepa, this scholarship will benefit a student who has been struggling with his/her academics as well as circumstances in life.

Powder/Lash Scholarship in Business

James and Nancy Powder established this scholarship to honor their parents. The applicant must express an intent to earn a Certificate of Achievement or an Associates Degree in any of the disciplines offered by the Business Department.

Previously Incarcerated Scholarship

This scholarship will benefit a student who had been previously incarcerated or imprisoned or impacted by the Juvenile Justice System and who has displayed improving his/her life's circumstances through education.

Pritzker Foster Care Counts Scholarships

The Pritzker Foster Care Counts scholarship was established to benefit current and former foster youth attending Los Angeles Valley College.

Raul Castillo Memorial Scholarship

The family and friends of Raul Castillo established this endowment and scholarship to recognize the LAVC Foundation Executive Director who has served the college and its students for over 20 years.



Richard and Carole Kahn Jazz and Commercial Piano Scholarship

This scholarship honors retired Professor Richard Kahn. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist in offsetting the rising costs of college education and to help support the lifestyle of a full-time Commercial Music Major.

Rickey Gelb Scholarship for U.S. Veterans

LAVC Alumnus Rickey Gelb established this scholarship to support United States Military Veterans who attend LAVC. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who can best describe how this award will contribute to their academic and career goals as well as what he/she will do to assist fellow Veterans as they achieve their success.

Rickey Gelb Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

LAVC Alumnus Rickey Gelb established this scholarship to encourage students to follow in his footsteps of pursuing their entrepreneurial dreams. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who can best describe how this scholarship will contribute to his/her academic and career goals. The student must also demonstrate how his/her vision of their enterprise will become successful and contribute to our communities.

Robert Ballew Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of Robert Ballew and will be awarded to a student who is majoring in Television Broadcasting Performance or Production. Scholarship requirements: Must be a Television Broadcasting Major (Performance or Production). Currently enrolled in or have completed 6 units or more in Broadcasting courses at LAVC (Broadcasting 5, 45, 28, 46, 26, 3). Maintain an overall 3.0 GPA

Roberta L. Weintraub Scholarship in honor of Dr. Barry Gribbons

This scholarship was created by an anonymous donor to honor LAVC President, Dr. Barry Gribbons. Preference will be given to Veterans, members of the US Armed Services, or National Guard. A brief, personal statement or biographical essay (military or otherwise) is welcome, but not mandatory.

Rose C. Engel Scholarship

Offered through the Rose Engel Endowment, this scholarship benefits those students studying Early Childhood Education.

SACNAS Scholarship for LAVC STEM MAJOR

SACNAS (Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science) at LAVC is dedicated to fostering the success of its members and increasing the number of underrepresented students in science. We embrace diversity and equity, and welcome anyone interested in STEM!



Sharon J. Udkoff Scholarship in Business

After several years, Sharon Udkoff returned to LAVC to pursue her degree in Accounting. As an alumna, she established this scholarship to benefit returning students studying Business.

Sheila, Dave, and Sherry Gold Foundation

The Gold Foundation established this scholarship to benefit LAVC students.

Sioukas Scholarship

This scholarship supports/encourages students enrolled at LAVC who are pursuing starting their own for profit or non-profit organization.

Stewart Marsh Memorial in Business

Created in the memory of Dr. Stewart Marsh, a former administrator at Valley College, these awards are given to students studying business

Stewart Marsh Memorial in Economics

Created in the memory of Dr. Stewart Marsh, a former administrator at Valley College, these awards are given to students majoring in economics.

The Freshman Scholarship

Offered by the LAVC Foundation, these scholarships will benefit first year students at Valley College.

The LAVC Faculty Retiree Association

The LAVC Faculty Retiree Association includes retired faculty who are dedicated to fostering a continued connection to the college and one another. We are committed to supporting students and faculty through campus programs and services. This scholarship will support one student in 2025 in any discipline who intends to transfer to a four-year institution and in need of financial support.

The Shim Family Scholarship in Accounting

The Shim Family Scholarship in Accounting was established to benefit aspiring accountants. The candidate must be a Business Administration major, maintain a 3.5 GPA, have completed 25-56 units, currently enrolled in 9 or more units with the intention to transfer to a four-year university.

Tyree Wieder Scholarship

The family, friends and colleagues of former Valley College President Dr. Tyree Wieder established this scholarship in her honor. This scholarship is designed to benefit students who have shown an interest in African American culture by taking courses in



the subject or holding membership in the Black Student Union or participated in Umoja Black Scholars.

Van Nuys Women's Club

The Van Nuys Women's Club (now dissolved) established an endowment and this scholarship to benefit students in the Nursing Program.

VTM TAP Scholarship

VTM established this scholarship to benefit a TAP student.

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