



Los Angeles Mission College

2021-2022 Scholarship Application

Presented by the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office and Foundation Office



PART I: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021-2022 - USE BLACK OR BLUE INK ONLY

STUDENT APPLICATION & RECOMMENDATION FORM DEADLINE: SUNDAY APRIL 25TH AT 11:59PM.

SUBMIT TO [SCHOLARSHIPS@LAMMISSION.EDU](mailto:Scholarships@LAmission.edu)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Student ID Number
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Checkmark all scholarships for which you wish to apply. View Part IV of this application for complete descriptions or visit our scholarship webpage at lamission.edu/scholarships

* You MUST meet all of the criteria for the scholarships for which you are applying. If you do not meet all criteria you will risk disqualification.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Graduating/Transfer Student Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time Student Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time Student Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Carla Bowman Scholarship
(For students pursuing a degree in Life Sciences) <input type="checkbox"/> Associated Student Organization Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Associated Student Organization Board Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> LAMC Outstanding Student Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Make a Difference Student Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Associated Student Organization Rise Above Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Eloise Fernandez Culinary Arts Institute Scholarship (For students currently enrolled in the CAI program) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sylmar Woman’s Club Continuing Scholarship
(For students who are residents of Sylmar) <input type="checkbox"/> Sylmar Woman’s Club Transfer Scholarship
(For students who are residents of Sylmar) <input type="checkbox"/> Marco Antonio Firebaugh Memorial Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Doris McClain & Annabelle Godwin Child Development Scholarship (For students pursuing a Child Development major) <input type="checkbox"/> Gumpert Child Development Scholarship (For students who are parents pursuing a Child Development major) <input type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Hilger Achievement Scholarship
(For students who are formerly/current foster youth) <input type="checkbox"/> Jose Luis Vargas’ San Fernando Valley Scholars Network Scholarship (For students who are former foster and/or probation youth) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish American Institute Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Gerald P. Scheib Scholarship
(For students pursuing the Visual Arts) <input type="checkbox"/> LAMC Foundation Desktop Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> LAMC Foundation Millie Dein
(For students who do not qualify for the California College Promise Grant) <input type="checkbox"/> LAMC Osher Foundation Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> LAMC Foundation Mayor Tom Bradley Osher Challenge Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> LAMC Foundation President’s Circle Osher Challenge Scholarship |
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BEFORE YOU SUBMIT THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING:

- Read and meet the requirements for all scholarships for which I am applying.
- Attach essay and any other additional written works required for application.
- Request confidential recommendations from at least two LAMC faculty and/or staff members to be submitted on my behalf.
- Sign the disclosure page.

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PART II: STUDENT INFORMATION - USE BLACK OR BLUE INK ONLY

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Full First Name _____ Full Last Name _____

Student ID# _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Email _____

*Please enter phone number formatted like 555-555-5555

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

- Are you Currently Enrolled at LAMC for the **2020-2021** Academic Year? Yes No
- For the upcoming academic year **2021-2022**, I will be enrolled Yes No
- Enroll in courses at Los Angeles Mission College less than half-time (less than 6 units)
- Enroll in courses at Los Angeles Mission College in at least 6 units for both the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters transfer to a 4-year college or university

Educational Goal: _____ Academic Major _____

- Certificate
- AA/AS Degree
- BA/BS Degree
- Other

REFERENCES:

Please note: Most scholarships require at least TWO Recommendation forms be completed, unless otherwise stated in the scholarship criteria. Omission of Recommendation form(s) will disqualify your application.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

In 500 words or less you must address the following bulleted discussion points in your personal statement. Please **DO NOT** include your name/ID or any other personal identifiable information on any portion of your statement responses. Your personal statement must be typed (no handwritten essays). **Omission of your personal statement will disqualify your application.** Should you need assistance completing your written statement, please visit online the Learning Resorce Center at <https://www.lamission.edu/LearningCenter>

- Discuss your life experiences and hardships and how these experiences/hardships have directly impacted your path to college.
- State your major and discuss in detail why or what led you to choose this specific major.
- Discuss your educational and career aspirations as well as how you intend to achieve these goals.
- Discuss how winning an award from the Los Angeles Mission College scholarship cycle would affect your educational experience beyond any financial impact.

***PLEASE NOTE: SOME SCHOLARHIPS WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC ESSAYS AND/OR WRITTEN STATEMENTS.**

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2021-2022 Letter of Recommendation

Presented by the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office and Foundation Office

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION DEADLINE: Sunday April 25th by 11:59 to scholarships@lamission.edu

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Student ID Number

PART I: EXPLANATION OF FORM AND USE

Student Applicant: Students must submit Scholarship Recommendation form(s) for consideration for any of the scholarships offered through the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office and Foundation Office.

PART II: REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION

To the Faculty or Staff member completing this form: The above student is applying for scholarship(s) and has given your name as reference. We would appreciate your evaluation of this student by checking the appropriate columns below. Leave blank those items of which you have no knowledge. Feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.

****Please note, Faculty or Staff members completing this form MAY NOT also serve on the same scholarship selection committee for which the student is applying****

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	SATISFACTORY	NOT SATISFACTORY
Shows Initiative				
Dependability				
Attendance				
Motivation & Ambition				

Additional Comments (Please attach additional pages if needed)

FACULTY/STAFF CERTIFICATION

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date

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PART III: DISCLOSURES & STUDENT CERTIFICATION

DISCLOSURES AND STUDENT CERTIFICATION

Your Mailing Address, Email Address, and personal demographic information available in your college admissions record will be utilized and supplied, as needed, to the selection committee(s) of any scholarship(s) for which you are applying.

Your financial aid information, including information from a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), California Dream Act Application (CADAA), California College Promise Grant Application (formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver), or other related documents or forms supplied to the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office, may be supplied to selection committee(s) of any scholarship(s) requiring such information.

Missing information, documents, forms, or illegible information may disqualify your application from consideration.

Changes or corrections to criteria in the scholarship listings due to internal errors, spelling mistakes, grammatical interpretations, or otherwise will not negate the intent of the donor and the understanding of the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office and Foundation Office in selecting, awarding, and disbursing scholarships to applicants.

Scholarship disbursements may be made in the form of fee waivers or cash awards, as noted above or as determined by the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office and/or Foundation Office. Cash awards may be disbursed, at the discretion and determination of the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office, through the district BankMobile disbursement system. Additional details about the disbursement system are available at the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.

Awards may be rescinded if all qualifications are not met.

Definitions of all terms in this application are determined by the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office and Foundation Office. Applicants with questions regarding the meaning of any word, phrase, sentence, or otherwise should contact the scholarship coordinator in the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.

CERTIFICATION

I have read, understand, and accept the Los Angeles Mission College scholarship cycle policies and procedures as outlined above. I confirm I did not include my name/ID and or any other personally identifiable information on any portion of my personal statement. If I am selected as an award winner, I agree to meet all requirements and stated deadlines associated with the submission of paperwork relating to the disbursement of my award. I confirm that I am not a relative of a current Los Angeles Mission College Scholarship Donor, Scholarship Committee member, and/or scholarship application reviewer. I agree to give the Los Angeles Mission College Financial Aid Office full permission to disclose to the Scholarship Committee and donors review of all data relevant to this application and to release my name publicly as an award winner. I will write a "Thank You" letter expressing gratitude should I be selected as an award recipient.

By signing below, I affirm that all information and responses in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

USE BLACK OR BLUE INK ONLY

Print Name

Student Signature

Date

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PART IV: SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS & CRITERIA

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021-2022

Below are the descriptions and criteria for available scholarships. Be certain you meet all criteria listed for each scholarship. If you do not meet all of the criteria for the scholarship that you are applying for, you will risk disqualification.

GET PAID!

Graduating/Transfer Student - \$500

Applicants must:

- Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Submit a copy of their graduation petition (if a student is transferring they must have completed a minimum of 56 transferable units)
- Submit two Confidential Scholarship Recommendation forms from Faculty

Full Time Student - \$500

Applicants must:

- Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Must intend to re-enroll at LAMC Fall 2020
- Completed at least 30 units
- Enrolled in 12 or more units at the time of application
- Submit two Confidential Scholarship Recommendation forms from faculty

Associated Student Organization Board

The purpose of this award is to provide assistance with educational expenses to current and past ASO board members.

Applicants must:

- A current or past ASO board member
- Have paid the ASO fee (\$10)
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Be enrolled in at least 5 units or more at the time of application
- Must continue their enrollment at Los Angeles Mission College for the 2021-2022 academic year
- Describe their involvement in ASO as a board member and the activities/events in which they participated (this information can be included in your personal statement)

LAMC Outstanding Student

The purpose of this award is to assist students who have been outstanding in their academics and in their community.

Applicants must:

- Have a 3.5 minimum GPA
- Be enrolled in 12 or more units at the time of application
- Applicants must continue their enrollment at Los Angeles Mission College for the 2021-2022 academic year
- Have paid the ASO fee (\$10)
- Be an active participant in their community and/or school (a description of this information can be included in your personal statement)

Part Time Student - \$500

Applicants must:

- Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Prior completion of at least 6 units at LAMC
- Enrolled in 6 to 11.5 units at time of application
- Submit two Confidential Scholarship Recommendation forms from Faculty

Carla Bowman - \$1,000

LAMC student with the intent of transferring to a university to pursue a degree in Life Sciences.

Applicants must:

- Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Must intend to re-enroll at LAMC Fall 2021
- Completed 30 or more units with a minimum 8 units in Life Sciences.
- Enrolled in 12 or more units at the time of application
- In addition to written personal statement, show potential for academic success by providing examples of written works, such as a term paper (submitted written examples must be typed)
- Submit two Confidential Scholarship Recommendation forms from faculty.

Associated Student Organization - Rise Above Substance Abuse

The purpose of this award is to assist students who have struggled with substance abuse and are pursuing post-secondary education for enrichment.

Applicants must:

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Be enrolled in at least 5 units or more at the time of application.
- Applicants must continue their enrollment at Los Angeles Mission College for the 2021-2022
- Have paid the ASO fee (\$10)

Associated Student Organization

The ASO provides awards for two students who have provided service to the college and to the community. Available for continuing and transferring students.

Applicants must:

- Be a paid ASO member (\$10)
- Have 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) scholarship

Applicants must:

- Meet the requirements to complete the California Dream Act Application (CADA)
- Be an active member in their community by way of volunteer work
- Have paid the ASO fee (\$10)
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Be enrolled in 5 or more units at the time of application
- Must continue their enrollment at Los Angeles Mission College for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Describe their experience as a DACA student and their community involvement by way of volunteer work (this information can be included in your personal statement)

Sylmar Woman's Club - Transfer

The Sylmar Woman's Club Scholarship Committee will select a candidate based on the documentation and a personal interview.

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Sylmar who attends LAMC
- Must meet the requirements to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Be enrolled in a transferable academic program, graduating from LAMC in Spring 2022 or Summer 2022, and have applied to a four-year university for admission in Fall 2022 (Please attach a copy of the Graduation Petition)
- Submit a Confidential Scholarship Recommendation form from a faculty member, counselor or career advisor

Sylmar Woman's Club- Continuing

The Sylmar Woman's Club Scholarship Committee will select a candidate based on submitted documentation and a personal interview.

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Sylmar who plans to continue at LAMC for Fall 2021
- Must meet the requirements to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Completed 30 units in Fall 2021
- Submit a *Confidential Scholarship Recommendation* form from a faculty member, counselor, or career advisor

Gumpert Child Development Scholarship

The Gumpert Child Development Scholarship is sponsored by Evelyn and Richard Gumpert to provide financial support for students who are parents committed to pursuing the academic requirements for a career in the field of Child Development.

Applicants must:

- Be a parent currently enrolled at LAMC
- Be pursuing a Child Development major
- Be completing or have completed a minimum of 12 Child Development units by the end of Spring 2021 with at least 6 Child Development units already successfully completed with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Submit a written statement explaining career and academic goals, as well as a statement of financial need (this information can be included in your personal statement)
- Submit two Confidential Scholarship Recommendation forms completed by faculty, one of which must be from a full-time Child Development faculty member

Associated Student Organization - Make a Difference

The purpose of this award is to assist students who have been incarcerated and/or been affiliated with gangs, and who are making a difference by assisting former gang members to actively pursue a postsecondary degree.

Applicants must:

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Be enrolled in at least 5 units at the time of application
- Applicants must continue their enrollment at Los Angeles Mission College for the 2021-2022
- Have paid the ASO fee (\$10)
- Describe their struggles being formerly incarcerated and/or being a former gang member, and how they plan to better themselves and help prevent others from incarceration and gang participation (this information can be included in

Marco Antonio Firebaugh Memorial

Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) was authored by Assemblyman Marco Antonio Firebaugh and endorsed by Governor Gray Davis. Enacted in January of 2002, this law exempts eligible non-resident students who have attended high school in California and received a high school diploma (or its equivalent) from paying non-resident tuition at California's public institutions of higher learning. When this legislation passed, several Los Angeles Mission College student leaders, in partnership with parents, faculty, staff, and community members, took the initiative to create the Marco Antonio Firebaugh Memorial Scholarship, formally known as the AB540 Scholarship, at Los Angeles Mission College.

Applicants must:

- Student must meet the requirements to apply for the California Dream Act application (CADA)
- Be a continuing student at Los Angeles Mission College for the Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 academic year
- Must be enrolled in at least 3 units at the time of award disbursement
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Have paid the \$10 ASO fee

Doris McClain/Annabelle Godwin Child Development Scholarship

The intent of these scholarships is to honor the contributions of Doris McClain and Annabelle Godwin by encouraging promising students to make a career commitment both academically and professionally to the Early Childhood Education field. The aim is to help quality students where modest assistance can aid to achieve their goal of a career and professional participation in the field. Recipients to be selected by the full time Child Development faculty.

Applicants must:

- Have completed a minimum of nine (9) units in Child Development with a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA at time of application
- Be currently enrolled in Child Development courses leading to a Child Development Certificate or a California Child Development Permit
- Show evidence of professional involvement outside the college classroom
- Submit a written statement describing career goals and professional involvement in Child Development (this information can be included in your personal statement)
- Submit two Confidential Scholarship Recommendation forms completed by faculty, one which must be completed by a full-time Child Development faculty member

Rosalie Hilger Achievement Scholarship

Ernest Hilger on behalf of the Hilger Family Trust has established these two scholarships in honor of his beloved wife of 45 years, Rosalie Hilger. Rosalie taught and guided students for 24 years as an Adjunct Professor at East Los Angeles Community College and Los Angeles Mission College's Child, Family and Consumer Studies Departments. Rosalie was the Director of the Foster and Kinship Care Programs at Los Angeles Mission College and the regional coordinator for these programs. To honor Rosalie's legacy and contributions to Foster Youth these scholarships have been established to assist students who have successfully met life's challenges and have demonstrated a positive life path for themselves and their family.

**Disclaimer: The Rosalie Hilger Achievement Scholarship does not mandatorily require a student has to meet a requirement for financial aid*

Applicants must:

- Submit an additional 2-3-page autobiography addressing the student's ability and success in meeting life's challenges, any emotional or physical hardships, and demonstrate an "I Can, I Will, I Must" attitude in overcoming these life's challenges
- Submit a Student Educational Plan signed by your Academic Counselor
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Must meet the requirements to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- A resident of the State of California for the last two years
- A student coping with emotional and physical scars of childhood they have overcome, and meet one or more of the following: current or former Foster Youth; unaccompanied homeless youth; student enrolled in Foster & Kinship Care Education or Child Development Studies
- Completed at least 3 units in Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE); or in Family and Consumer Studies; or Child Development Studies
- Be enrolled at LAMC full time (12 or more units) or three-quarter time (9-11 units) per semester at time of disbursement (*may be cross-enrolled between LAMC and other LACCD schools*)
- Provide a list of extracurricular, leadership and volunteer activities in your community
- Two (2) letters of recommendations to include additional comments. Peer evaluations are not acceptable.
- Official Transcripts

Osher Foundation (Awards up to \$1000 per academic year; maximum of \$500 per semester)

Applicants must

- Have completed a minimum 24-degree applicable units within the LACCD at the time of initial disbursement.
- Must be enrolled at Los Angeles Mission College, at least half time (6 or more units) during all terms in which the award remains active for the **2021-2022 Academic Year**.
- Must have received and be receiving the California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver).
- Student must be meeting all satisfactory academic progress requirements, as defined for all federal aid programs within the LACCD, at time of application.
- Awards will be adjusted based on enrollment status (Full-Time, Three-Quarter, & Half-Time).
- Must demonstrate financial need and have unmet financial need after all other aid is considered.
- Student must write a "Thank You Letter" to the Osher

Foundation: The Foundation for California Community Colleges

Students on academic probation will lose their eligibility for any future disbursement(s).

Dr. Eloise Fernandez Culinary Arts & Family Consumer Sciences Scholarship

Dr. Eloise Fernandez Professor Emeritus of Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC), a founding faculty member (1975-2012) and founder of the Culinary Arts Institute has established this scholarship, as her continual legacy to honor and assist students in achieving their educational and professional career goals. "Our Mission is Your Success".

Applicants must:

- Be a Culinary Arts, Family Consumer Science/Studies/or Gerontology major
- Be enrolled full-time (12 units) at LAMC
- Have completed 12 units at LAMC
- Submit a 2-3-page autobiography describing their goals for a career in Culinary Arts/Foodservice Management, or Nutrition, Gerontology, or Family Consumer Sciences. Describe their personal journey and why they desire/need this scholarship (this information can be included in your personal statement)
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Be A resident of the State of California for the last two years
- Provide a list of extracurricular, leadership and volunteer activities in your school and/or community
- Submit two letters of recommendation, one from faculty and one from someone who knows your talents, skills, and passion for your career
- Official Transcripts

Jose Luis Vargas' San Fernando Valley Scholars Network

The Jose Luis Vargas' San Fernando Valley Scholars Network Scholarship was established to serve the neediest foster youth student, in order to remove barriers to education through financial support. During his tenure as the Educational Opportunity Programs director at California State University Northridge (CSUN), Jose Luis Vargas started the "Resilient Scholar" program for foster youth and he helped establish the San Fernando Valley Scholars Network. Mr. Vargas was an adept administrator, a mentor to thousands of students, and a role model. A champion of disconnected youth, he understood the importance of social support, as well as educational assistance, for students' success.

Applicants must:

- Be a former foster or probation youth (either formal, informal, kinship, probation, or ARC student etc.)
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for funds in order to remove barriers to education through a personal biographical statement (this information can be included in your personal statement)
- Must be attending Los Angeles Mission College

Gerald P. Scheib For the Visual Arts (Award TBD)

Applicants must:

- Attend school within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)
- Intend to pursue a career in the fine arts
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a GPA of 3.0 or higher in art course work
- Provide samples of original work
- Be available for an interview
- Submit an additional essay of 300 words or less, answering the following: Why pursue art? What does it represent for your future? Describe an event in your life that inspired your passion in art. Describe a person in your life that inspired your passion in art. How can your art affect the world around you?

President's Circle Scholarship - Osher Challenge

**(Awards up to \$1000 per academic year;
maximum of \$500 per semester)**

Applicants must:

- Have completed a minimum of 24-degree applicable units within the LACCD at the time of initial disbursement
- Must be enrolled at Los Angeles Mission College, at least half time (6 or more units) during all terms in which the award remains active in the 2021-2022 academic year
- Must have received and be receiving the California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver)
- Student must be meeting all satisfactory academic progress requirements, as defined for all federal aid programs within the LACCD, at time of application
- Awards will be adjusted based on enrollment status (Full-Time, Three-Quarter, & Half-Time)
- Must demonstrate financial need and have unmet financial need after all other aid is considered
- Student must write a "Thank You Letter" to the Osher Foundation: The Foundation for California Community Colleges

Students on academic probation will lose their eligibility for any future disbursement(s).

Millie Dein (Covers Enrollment Fees only)

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled in 12 or more units per semester at Los Angeles Mission College
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have a 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Award can only be applied to 2021-2022 enrollment fee charges and **cannot** be applied to prior semester/year charges.
- Scholarship is awarded for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters.
- Maximum value of waived fees cannot exceed \$598 per semester. Recipient cannot receive Millie Dein Scholarship and the California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver) simultaneously
- Recipient must write a "Thank You" letter to the Foundation Board of Directors expressing their gratitude for the award.

Foundation Laptop Scholarship

All desktop computers are intended for use for courses taken at Los Angeles Mission College

Applicants must:

- Submit a written statement explaining why you believe you are the best candidate to receive a laptop. Include personal information, hardships if any, and educational/career goals (this information can be included in your personal statement)
- Must have completed at least one semester at LAMC
- Must be enrolled in 6 or more units per semester
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have at least a 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA. GPA will be reviewed at the end of Spring 2021 semester for Fall 2021 award consideration.
- Recipient cannot receive a Laptop Scholarship more than one time.
- Recipient must write a "Thank You" letter to the Foundation Board of Directors expressing their gratitude.

Spanish American Institute Scholarship-Awarded Fall Only

The SAI Scholarship is made available to provide financial assistance to deserving Latino students or students who support or advocate for Latino students.

Applicants must:

- Complete a one-page typed self-profile essay on their background, interests, goals, and need for award, and indicate how he/she identifies with the Latino culture or the ways he/she supports or advocates for those of Latino descent (this information can be included in your personal statement)
- Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Be enrolled full-time at the time of application and continue their full-time enrollment thereafter at Los Angeles Mission College
- Resident of Southern California between San Diego and San Luis Obispo
- A willingness to interact with SAI and grant permission to publish award's ceremony photos on SAI website