

Scholarships for Vocational Training

Charles & Connie Meng Scholarship Program

Scholarships up to \$500 for young people in community college vocational training programs in Alameda County

Who is eligible to be nominated:

- Full time students, enrolled in 2-year vocational training programs at a community college; student must have a career goal and a minimum GPA of 2.50
- There must be evidence of financial need
- Provide evidence of partial self-support (for example, savings from summer job, part-time work, etc.)
- United States citizens
- Reside in Alameda County
- Maximum eligible age is 35 years

This scholarship program is not for students going on to four-year institutions.

How to submit a nomination:

- Students must be nominated by a teacher or counselor, who writes a letter supporting the nomination
- Student completes the application, submitting all requested materials to:

**Philanthropic Ventures Foundation
1222 Preservation Park Way
Oakland CA 94612**

(510) 645-1890 Fax (510) 645-1892

Charles & Connie Meng Scholarship Program Application Form

MATERIALS NEEDED WITH THIS APPLICATION (be sure to sign last page):

1. Letter of nomination (see instructions).
2. Letter of reference (see instructions).
3. Transcript of all past high school and/or college work thus far.
4. Student's personal statement (see instruction).
5. A copy of cover page of parent's or your last income tax return (1040 or short form).

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ **Social Security #:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____ (Maximum eligible age is 35)

Must be U.S. citizen to be eligible for this program; please state status below:

Citizen of the United States? Yes _____ No _____ **Permanent Resident?** _____

Career goal (ex. carpenter, electrician, etc.): _____

Community College Name and Major: _____

LIST ESTIMATED EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES FOR A SCHOOL YEAR:

Full-time fees (12 units): \$ _____

Books: \$ _____

Transportation: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

WHAT SOURCES OF SUPPORT DO YOU HAVE TO MEET THE EXPENSES ABOVE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR AND FUTURE YEARS?

Part-time Work: \$ _____

Your Savings: \$ _____

Parents' Contribution: \$ _____

Loans: (Existing & Future) \$ _____

Grants: \$ _____

Other support: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Name of Loan: _____

Name of Grant: _____

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Are you married? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Do you have dependants? Describe _____

COMPLETE INFO BELOW ONLY IF YOU ARE 20 YEARS AND UNDER (*all applicants must sign bottom of form*):

Parents' Marital Status: Married Separated Divorced

Check if living: Mother Father Stepmother Stepfather

Do Parents Own Home? yes no Rent? yes no

Number of Persons living in Household: _____ (Include yourself, parents, siblings, and dependents)

INFORMATION ON OTHER SIBLINGS LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD:

| Name | Age | Present School/College |
|------|-----|------------------------|
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Parent/Guardian's Name:

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

Father's Income: \$ _____

Mother's Income: \$ _____

Sign below to confirm that the above information is true and correct:

Signature of Student

Date

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Application Instructions

- Letter of Nomination: Nominator must be a faculty person or counselor who knows you, and should be written on school letterhead.
- Letter of Reference: This can be from a person of your choice. (Relative, employer, teacher, counselor or someone else who knows you.)
- Transcript of Grades: Application must include copies of transcripts of past high school and/or college work.
- Student's Personal Statement: In addition to the application, you must write a statement about yourself. This statement should indicate your career goals and should include a personal description of your life thus far and activities you have been involved in. (See: *How To Write A Personal Statement* enclosed.)
- Partial Self-Support: In order to qualify for a grant, you must indicate on your application your plans for partial self-support. This could include savings from summer jobs or part-time work while in college. This does not include financial support from parents or other sources. There must be evidence that you will contribute personally to your educational costs.
- Financial Need: Grants are primarily for students who have financial need. You may wish to include a statement describing your family's financial circumstances and your personal situation.

HOW TO WRITE A PERSONAL STATEMENT

- I. A personal statement is about you. This is your opportunity to showcase your abilities and convince the reader that you are smart and driven to succeed.

- II. Just start talking about yourself. Do not worry about your spelling errors and using big words because that may slow you down. You can always correct them later. Follow these steps:
 1. Respond to each question individually by creating an outline.
 2. Once your outline is completed, start writing and putting all the information together.
 - Tell me about yourself.
 - What kinds of things are you interested in?
 - What are your hobbies?
 - Tell me about your childhood.
 - Tell me about your early school years.
 - Tell me about your community involvement.
 - Include experiences that helped shape and define who you are as a person.

- III. Other things to include in your personal statement

- Tell me about an event or person that has influenced your life.
- How would you benefit from attending this college?
- Explain why you chose to pursue a college education.
- What are your educational and career goals and how a college education will help you achieve them?
- Why did you choose this major?

ENJOY writing your personal statement! The entire process of thinking about it, writing it, and sharing it with others is an opportunity to know and appreciate yourself.

- Remember to proofread carefully
 - Be sure someone else reads it for clarity, grammar and spelling errors
- Good Luck!