



Luso-American Education Foundation Continued Education Scholarship Guidelines

The Luso-American Education Foundation (LAEF) is dedicated to helping re-entry college students succeed by awarding scholarships for continued education.

The Luso-American Education Foundation offers numerous Scholarships. All applicants must be....

1. **An Official Resident of the United States**
2. **Be of Portuguese/Lusophone ancestry or provide proof of study in the Portuguese language/culture**
3. **Must meet one of the following options**
 - a. **Attending a community or four-year college/university.**
 - b. **Enrolled in a Graduate Program (i.e. Masters, PhD, Credential Program).**
 - c. **Be an educator in the field of Portuguese language and/or Lusophone culture.**
 - d. **Preparing for a professional career where the use of the Portuguese language may be used.**

➤ **(D-1) Herbert Fernandes Memorial Scholarship** – a non-renewable scholarship. Amount of scholarship will vary.

Applicants must also meet the following Requirements:

1. GPA of 3.5 or 3.0 if taking or has taken Portuguese Language courses
2. **Applicants must also meet at least one of the following requirements:**
 - a. Actively involved in a Portuguese American community
 - b. Has taken Portuguese language classes at the college level.

➤ **(D-2) Graduate Scholarship** – a non-renewal scholarship; however, applicant may apply up to 4 academic years. Scholarship amount - \$2,500

Applicants must also meet ONE of the following requirements:

1. Be of Portuguese descent with a minimum college GPA of 3.5
2. Pursuing a Graduate Degree/Credential Program in Portuguese language or culture with a minimum GPA of 3.0

➤ **(D-3) Amadeu dos Santos & Helen Rose Picado Memorial Scholarship** – a nonrenewal scholarship; however, applicant may apply each academic year. Scholarship amount may vary; minimum -\$1,500. **Applicant must not be a direct descent of the donor.**

Applicants must also meet all of the following requirements:

1. Enrolled in a Graduate/Credential Program (i.e., Masters, PhD, Credential Program)
2. Minimum GPA 3.0
3. Must be of Portuguese or Lusophone ancestry

Applicants must also meet ONE of the following:

1. Speak Portuguese with at least minimal fluency; or
2. Currently taking Portuguese language classes; or
3. Portuguese still spoken in home; or
4. Strong identification with Portuguese or Lusophone heritage

The Scholarship application and the following items must be postmarked or received in our office by **MARCH 1st** for the application to qualify and be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Your application will not be considered if these items are not received.

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Submit an official transcript of all college coursework. The transcripts must be issued and certified by school officials.
- Submit the scored from GRE or any other equivalent standardized test.
- Letters of Recommendation from two individuals who can speak of your character and/or financial need
- Most recent wallet sized photo of yourself which includes your full name (e-mail to education@luso-american.org)

Please submit your application by **MARCH 1st**:
Luso-American Education Foundation
7080 Donlon Way, Suite 200
Dublin, CA 94568
(education@luso-american.org)

Luso-American Education Foundation Continuing Education Scholarship Application

Please check those for which you qualify. Read the guidelines before applying

- (D-1) Herbert Fernandes Memorial Scholarship
- (D-2) Graduate Scholarship
- (D-3) Amadeu dos Santos & Helen Rose Picado Memorial Scholarship (Graduate/Credential Program) Applicant must not be a direct descendant of the donor

Applicant may apply for multiple scholarships but only one will be awarded

Applicant Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Mailing Address: Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: (____)_____-____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Dependents _____

Language(s) spoken: _____

Are you a resident of the United States? Yes No. If no, explain

College Information:

Are you enrolled in a: Master's Program PhD Program Credential Program

Please indicate field of study:

Profession or career you plan to pursue:

Financial Information:

- 1) Have you applied or plan to apply for federal student financial aid by submitting a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? Yes No
- 2) Are you currently working: Yes No If no, do you plan to work while attending college Yes No
I will live... At home On campus Off Campus (Explain)

3) Other family members attending College (age, relationship): _____

4) Please indicate if you or your family have special circumstances that impact your financial situation, such as unusual medical or dental expenses.

Work Experience:

List your two most recent work experiences.

| Dates | Employer | Location | Type of work |
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Knowledge of Portuguese Language and Culture:

Indicate your background in Portuguese Language and Culture including language skill level in the areas of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing:

| | None | Novice | Beginning | Intermediate | Proficient | Fluent |
|--------------------------|------|--------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------|
| Understanding Portuguese | None | Novice | Beginning | Intermediate | Proficient | Fluent |
| Speaking Portuguese | None | Novice | Beginning | Intermediate | Proficient | Fluent |
| Reading Portuguese | None | Novice | Beginning | Intermediate | Proficient | Fluent |
| Writing in Portuguese | None | Novice | Beginning | Intermediate | Proficient | Fluent |

Extracurricular Activities:

1) Describe your involvement in sports, social clubs, community organizations and/or Portuguese Organizations. Include positions of responsibility and/or offices held. Use separate sheets, if needed.

2) How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Personal Statement:

Write a personal statement presenting your educational plans, aspirations, and goals and any details you think would help the Scholarship Evaluation Committee make its decision. Please include additional information about your involvement in school and community activities, particularly activities relating to the Portuguese community. *Use separate sheet, if needed,*

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, the Luso-American Financial and/or Luso-American Education Foundation will reserve the right to publish and/or post on the internet information pertinent to me and such scholarship, including the photo I have submitted.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

Note: All materials pertinent to this application must be postmarked by **March 1st**.

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Dublin, CA 94568
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