



Luso-American Education Foundation Adult Grant Guidelines

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

The Luso-American Education Foundation offers numerous grants however, all applicants must be....

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

Applicant may apply for multiple grants, but will only be awarded one

- **(G-1) Research Project Grant** – a non-renewal grant; however, applicant may apply up to 3 academic years. Grant Amount – Up to \$2,000
Applicant must also meet the following requirements:
 - Conducting research that is relevant to the goals of the Luso-American Education Foundation.
- **(G-2) Portuguese Summer Language Program Grant at a University in the United States** – a non-renewable grant; however, applicant may apply up to 3 academic years. Grant Amount – Up to \$2,000
Must meet at least ONE of the following requirements:
 1. Be enrolled in an accredited college or university not offering any Portuguese language or literature courses.
 2. Be preparing for a professional career where the use of the Portuguese language is useful.
 3. Working towards a BA or higher degree in Portuguese studies.
- **(G-3) Summer Program in Portugal** – a non-renewable grant; however, applicant may apply up to 3 academic years. Grant Amount – Up to \$3,000
Must meet at least ONE of the following requirements:
 1. Be enrolled in an accredited college or university not offering any Portuguese language or literature courses.
 2. Be preparing for a professional career where the use of the Portuguese language is useful.
 3. Working towards a BA or higher degree in Portuguese studies.
- **(G-4) Semester Program for Study in Portugal Network (SiPN)** – a non-renewal grant; however, applicant may apply up to 3 academic years. Grant Amount – Up to \$3,000
Must meet at least ONE of the following requirements:
 1. Be enrolled in an accredited college or university not offering any Portuguese language or literature courses.
 2. Be preparing for a professional career where the use of the Portuguese language is useful. Working towards a BA or higher degree in Portuguese studies.

- **(G-5) Program for Educator** – Applicant may apply up to 3 academic years. Grant Amount will vary. **Applicant must also meet the following requirements:**
 1. Be an educator of the Portuguese language and/or Lusophone cultures.
- **(G-6) Life -Long Learning** - Applicant may apply up to 3 academic years. Grant Amount will vary. *Note: Applicants preparing for a professional career where Portuguese language will be used, will receive priority.*

The Grant 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/Grant 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 (e-mail to education@luso-american.org) and must include your full name.

Please submit application by **MARCH 1st**:
Luso-American Education Foundation
7080 Donlon Way, Suite 200
Dublin, CA 94568



Luso-American Education Foundation

Adult Grant Application

Please check those for which you qualify.

- G-1 Research Project Grant
- G-2 Portuguese Summer Language Program Grant
- G-3 Summer Portugal Program
- G-4 Semester Program for Study in Portugal Network (SiPN)
- G-5 Program for Educator
- G-6 Life-Long Learning

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:

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 grant? _____

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.**