



Luso-American Education Foundation

Scholarships and Grants for Current College Students

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

The Luso-American Education Foundation offers numerous Scholarships and Grants which have various Criteria and Eligibilities, but all applicants must:

- 1. Be a legal resident of the United States**
- 2. Be of Portuguese/Lusophone descent or provide proof of study in the Portuguese language/culture**
- 3. Meet ONE of the following requirements:**
 - Attending a community or four-year college/university**
 - Enrolled in a Post Graduate Program (i.e. Masters, PhD, Credential Program)**
 - Be an educator of Portuguese language and/or culture**
 - Preparing for a professional career where regular use of the Portuguese language is expected**

(D-1) Herbert Fernandes Memorial Scholarship – a non-renewable scholarship. Amount of scholarship will vary.
Applicants must also meet the following requirements:

- 1. Minimum college 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:**
 - Actively involved in a Portuguese American Community**
 - Has taken Portuguese language classes at the college level**

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

Applicants must also meet ONE of the following requirements:

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

(D-3) Amadeu dos Santos & Helen Rose Picado Memorial Scholarship – a non-renewable scholarship.

However, applicant may apply each academic year. Scholarship amount may vary; minimum - \$1,500

Applicant must not be a direct descendant 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 college GPA of 3.0
3. Be of Portuguese or Lusophone ancestry

Applicants must also meet ONE of the following:

- Speak Portuguese with at least minimal fluency
- Currently taking Portuguese language classes
- Portuguese is spoken at home
- Strong identification with Portuguese or Lusophone heritage

(G-1) Research Project Grant - a non-renewable grant; however, applicant may apply up to 3 academic years.

Grant amount – Up to \$2,000

Applicants must also meet the following requirements:

1. Conducting Research that is relevant to Luso American Education Foundation's goal of promoting Portuguese language and/or Lusophone cultures

(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

Applicants must also meet ONE of the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in an accredited college or university
- Be preparing for a professional career where knowledge of the Portuguese language is useful
- Working towards a bachelor's 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

Applicants must also meet ONE of the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in an accredited college or university
- Be preparing for a professional career where knowledge of the Portuguese language is useful
- Working towards a bachelor's or higher degree in Portuguese studies

(G-4) Semester Program for Study in Portugal Network (SiPN) - a non-renewable grant; however, applicant may apply up to 3 academic years. Grant amount – Up to \$3,000

Applicants must also meet ONE of the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in an accredited college or university
- Be preparing for a professional career where knowledge of the Portuguese language is useful
- Working towards a bachelor's or higher degree in Portuguese studies

(G-5) Program for Educator Grant - a non-renewable grant; however, applicant may apply up to 3 academic years. Grant amount will vary.

Applicants must also meet the following requirement:

1. Be an educator of the Portuguese language and/or Lusophone cultures

(G-6) Life-Long Learning - a non-renewable grant; however, 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

(G-7) Nicole Marie Goulart Memorial Grant - a non-renewable grant; however, applicant may apply each year. Grant amount will vary. **Applicant must not be a direct descendant of the donor.**

Applicants must also meet ONE of the following requirements:

- Working towards a bachelor's or higher degree in Portuguese studies
- Preparing for a professional career where the use of the Portuguese Language is needed

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 it does not include the following:**

- Completed application form
- Official transcript of all college coursework which must be issued and certified by school officials (if applicable)
- The score from GRE or any other equivalent standardized test (if applicable)
- Sealed letters of Recommendation from two individuals who can speak of your character and/or financial need
- Recent wallet size photo of yourself which includes your full name via e-mail to education@luso-american.org

Please e-mail OR mail your application by **MARCH 1st:**

Luso-American Education Foundation

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Dublin, CA 94568

(education@luso-american.org)

Luso-American Education Foundation Scholarships and Grants Application for Current College Students

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ **D-1 Herbert Fernandes Memorial Scholarship**
- ☐ **D-2 Graduate Scholarship**
- ☐ **D-3 Amadeu dos Santos & Helen Rose Picado Memorial Scholarship**
- ☐ **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**
- ☐ **G-7 Nicole Marie Goulart Memorial Grant**

Applicant may apply for multiple scholarships and grants 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 legal resident of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, Explain _____

College Information:

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

Please indicate field of study:

Profession or career you plan to pursue:

Financial Information:

Have you applied or plan to apply for federal student financial aid by submitting a FAFSA (free Application for Federal Student Aid)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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: _____

Other family members attending college (age, relationship): _____

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:

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

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Personal Statement:

Write a personal statement presenting your educational plans and goals with 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.

Instructions:

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- Score from GRE or any other equivalent standardized test (if applicable)
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Statement of Accuracy:

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship or grant, 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 applicant: _____

Date: _____

Note: All materials pertinent to this application must be postmarked or received in our office by **March 1st**.

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Dublin, CA 94568
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