



Luso-American Education Foundation And Luso-American Fraternal Youth Scholarship Guidelines



The Luso-American Education Foundation (LAEF) is dedicated to advancing the Portuguese culture and language in the United States through the promotion of higher education and fostering lifelong learners.

In addition to the Luso-American Education Foundation scholarships, which are open to all applicants of Portuguese Ancestry (E1-E2), the Luso-American Fraternal Scholarships are also distributed through the Luso-American Education Foundation (LAEF). It should be noted that Luso-American Fraternal Scholarships (F-1 through F-8) are only available to applicants who are members in good standing for two years with Luso-American Financial.

All applicants must be....

- 1. Currently a high school graduating senior.**
- 2. Applying to enroll in a Junior or 4-year college or university, or a Trade or Business School**
- 3. Official Resident of the United States**

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- **(E-1) General Youth Scholarship:** Amount of Scholarship varies
- \$6,000 – Scholarship is distributed in 4 yearly installments of \$1,500 each year
 - \$3,000 – Scholarship is distributed in 2 yearly installments of \$1,500 each year
 - \$1,000 – Scholarship is disbursed (in total) in 1st year

Requirements:

1. Be of Portuguese ancestry with a minimum GPA of 3.5 or;
2. Has taken Portuguese language at the High School level for at least 2 years and a minimum GPA of 3.0 or;
3. Attended the Luso-American Education Foundation Cultural Youth Summer Camp for a minimum of 2 years, with a minimum GPA of 3.0

- **(E-2) Nicole Marie Goulart Memorial Scholarship;** a non-renewal scholarship. Amount of scholarship will vary.

Requirements: Applicant must not be a direct descendant, niece, nephew, sibling, or 1st cousin of the donor.

1. Be of Portuguese ancestry with a minimum GPA of 3.0
2. Applicant is planning on majoring in ONE of the following fields:
 - a) Medical;
 - b) Educational;
 - c) Business or
 - d) Law

- **(F-1) TOP Fraternal Youth Membership Scholarship;** Up to \$8,000

At least 1 awardee per year, with the flexibility of a maximum of 3 scholarships per year, which are to be paid out over the course of four years

Requirements:

1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.5
2. Applicant must have significant involvement at the state level of Luso-American Fraternal and in a Luso-American Fraternal Youth Council
3. Applicant must be a member of a West Coast Youth Council

- **(F-2) Fraternal Youth Scholarship;** a non-renewable scholarship ranging from \$750 to \$2,500.
Requirements:
 1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
 2. Applicant must have an active policy that is in good standing with Luso-American Financial.
 3. Applicant must be active in Luso-American Fraternal.
- **(F-3) Joaquim Pereira Memorial Scholarship;** a non-renewable scholarship for \$1,000.
Requirements:
 1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.5
 2. Applicant must be an active youth member in a Youth Council.
 3. Applicant must be a member of a West Coast Luso Council
- **(F-4) Tony & Alice Mattos Memorial Scholarship;** a non-renewable scholarship for \$1,000.
Requirements: Applicant must not be a direct descendant, niece, nephew, sibling, or 1st cousin of the donor.
 1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
 2. Applicant must be an active youth member in a Youth Council.
 3. Applicant must be a resident of Sacramento or East Bay (CA) area.
 4. Applicant must have excelled in a sport during their four years in high school.
- **(F-5) Frank Dias Memorial Scholarship;** a non-renewable scholarship for \$1,000.
Requirements: Applicant must not be a direct descendant, niece, nephew, sibling, or 1st cousin of the donor.
 1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
 2. Applicant must be an active youth member in a Youth Council.
 3. Applicant must be a resident of Northern California.
- **(F-6) Ryan “Munchie” Taylor Memorial Scholarship;** a non-renewable scholarship for a \$1,000.
Requirements: Applicant must not be a direct descendant, niece, nephew, sibling, or 1st cousin of the donor.
 1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.5
 2. Applicant must have held a local or State Youth Officer position and performed in the Youth Theatrical Program.
 3. Applicant must be a member of Youth Council #24 Northern San Joaquin Valley.
- **(F-7) Shannon Sequeira Memorial Scholarship;** a non-renewal scholarship. Amount of scholarship will vary.
Requirements: Applicant must not be a direct descendant, niece, nephew, sibling, or 1st cousin of the donor.
 1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
 2. Applicant desired course of study teaching/education.
- **(F-8) Orlando & Lena Pascoa Memorial Scholarship;** a non-renewal scholarship. Amount of scholarship will vary.
Requirements: Applicant must not be a direct descendant, niece, nephew, sibling, or 1st cousin of the donor.
 1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
 2. Applicant desired course of study is music/arts.
- **(F-9) Margaret Cabral Memorial Scholarship;** a non-renewal scholarship. Amount of scholarship will vary.
Requirements: Applicant must not be a direct descendant, niece, nephew, sibling, or 1st cousin of the donor.
 1. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
 2. Applicant desired course of study teaching/education.

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
- Proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.
- Two Letters of Recommendation; At least one must be from a Teacher or Counselor
- Most recent wallet sized photo of yourself. Photo can also be e-mailed to education@luso-american.org but must include your full name.

Questions about the application and/or scholarship requirement, please call the Foundation Office at (925) 828-3883 or e-mail education@luso-american.org

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



Luso-American Education Foundation And Luso-American Fraternal Youth Scholarship Application



Please check all for which you qualify. Review Guidelines before applying

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| ☐ (E-1) General Youth Scholarship | ☐ (F-5) Frank Dias Memorial Scholarship * |
| ☐ (E-2) Nicole Marie Memorial Scholarship* | ☐ (F-6) Ryan "Munchie" Taylor Memorial* |
| ☐ (F-1) TOP Fraternal Youth Scholarship | ☐ (F-7) Shannon Sequeira Memorial Scholarship* |
| ☐ (F-2) Fraternal Youth Scholarship | ☐ (F-8) Orlando & Lena Pascoa Memorial Scholarship* |
| ☐ (F-3) Joaquim Pereira Memorial Scholarship | ☐ (F-9) Margaret Cabral Memorial Scholarship* |
| ☐ (F-4) Tony & Alice Mattos Memorial Scholarship* | |

*Applicant must not be a direct descendant, niece, nephew, sibling, or 1st cousin of the donor.

Applicant Information:

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

Mailing Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

E-mail Address: _____

Are you an official resident of the United States of America? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered no, please explain: _____

Are you of Portuguese Ancestry? (must provide proof upon request) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you taking or have you taken Portuguese Language classes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a member of Luso-American Financial? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: All members in Luso-American Fraternal are required to have an active policy at Luso-American Financial)

Luso Policy #: _____

Are you active in a Youth Council? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which Youth Council: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: _____

Members living in your household (relationship & age): _____

Language spoken at home: ☐ English ☐ Portuguese ☐ Other: _____

Current School Information:

Current High School: _____ Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

High School Address: _____ Graduation Date: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

College Information:

List the Community or Four-Year Colleges/Universities or Trade School to which you have applied:

Planned coursework/major: _____

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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2) Do you plan to work while attending college? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3) I will live... ☐ At home ☐ On campus ☐ Off campus

4) Other family members attending college (age and relationship)? _____

1) Please indicate if you or your family have special circumstances that impact your financial situation such as unusual medical expenses:

School and Work Experiences:

1) List any coursework completed at universities or colleges or submit college transcripts:

Name of School	Dates of Attendance	Degree (if any)

2) List work experience:

Date(s)	Name of Employer	Job Title

Knowledge and Skill in the Portuguese Language, Culture, and/or Luso Fraternal Activities

1) Indicate your background in Portuguese language including skill level in the areas of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing: *Use separate sheet if needed*

2) Describe your involvement with Luso-American Fraternal. Include your involvement at the Local Youth Council level and/or State level. If you are NOT a member of Luso-American Fraternal leave this section blank. *Use separate sheets, if needed*

3) What have you gained or accomplished by being a part of Luso-American Fraternal? Do you plan on continuing your involvement with Luso-American Fraternal? If you are NOT a member of Luso-American Fraternal leave this section blank. *Use separate sheets, if needed*

Extracurricular Activities:

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

Biographical Essay:

Write a personal statement representing 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. Must have a minimum of 200 words. (Attach a separate sheet).

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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, Luso-American Financial, Luso-American Fraternal, 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: _____

Signature of applicant's guardian/parent: _____

Date: _____