

Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship

APPLICATION PERIOD:

January 5 through March 23, 2024

All applications must be received by the High Desert Community Foundation no later than 5pm, March 23, 2024. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered by the Committee.

Scholarship Award amount is \$1,500.00

Prior to submitting your application, please read carefully the eligibility criteria & requirements for the **Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship**. The same information including the guidelines for the essay is available at www.dvlproject.com and included with this application.

Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

For the **Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship**, This scholarship is awarded to those students who demonstrate a passionate desire to continue their education, even though they are facing challenges which might impede them in their ability to achieve this goal or to maintain a high GPA. Those challenges can include, but not be limited to: health issues, financial difficulties, family complications, living situations, and emotional or physical limitations. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or above are not eligible to compete for this scholarship. However, just having a low GPA does not automatically make students eligible for this scholarship. Students must demonstrate a deep and passionate desire to continue their education.

Essay

As part of the application for the **Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship**, applicants are required to write *an original* essay. **Note: You are cautioned against simply “recycling” personal essays used for college applications or other scholarships.**

In 500 typed words or less, describe or answer the following questions:

1. What do you feel has been the most pressing impediment that has prevented you from maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or above?
2. What do you need in order to assist you in achieving a GPA that would allow you to enroll in higher education?
3. Please describe, in detail, what you feel is the most important outcome for you/your family if you are able to continue your education?
4. What are your future goals for yourself, your family, and your community once you've completed your higher education?
5. Your essay should provide insight into your current achievements, your expectations for future study and career choices, and **how you intend to give back to your community.**

Submission

After you have read again the brief description of the **Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship**, complete the application and combine it with the other materials required for submission and mail it to the Committee:

Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders Scholarship Program

C/o High Desert Community Foundation

Post Office Box 2028 Apple Valley, CA 92307

*The Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders Scholarship Program serves as administrator for the **Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship***

PLEASE NOTE: Applications must be typed and completely filled out. Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be considered by the Committee.

Selection Process

A highly experienced and diverse group of Selectors will review the applications and select the student who best represents the ideals and vision of **Lauri Amber Diggs and the Diggs Family**.

Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship Requirements

The following application requirements apply to all **Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship** applicants, you are strongly advised to read the application form carefully to ensure that you understand and follow any specific directions for the scholarship:

Eligible Students

The **Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship** welcomes applications from Senior High School and Undergraduate College students in the High Desert region:

- Who are between the ages of 18 years old and 24 years old” eligible students will be at least 18 years old by December 1, 2022, and no older than 24 years old by July 1, 2023”
- Who are graduating high school seniors with *a minimum 2.5 GPA* on a 4.00 scale, or who are continuing enrolled post-secondary students with *a minimum 2.5 GPA* (a GPA above 3.5 is not eligible for this scholarship) on a 4.00 scale, AND
- Who are graduating from *regionally accredited* public or private high schools by July 1, 2024” eligible students include those graduating from charter high schools, religiously affiliated high schools or home schools or home school programs in the High Desert region and which are *regionally accredited*” OR
- Who are enrolled in a *regionally accredited* post-secondary institution.
*Note: students enrolled in or planning to attend an institution that is **not** regionally accredited are **not eligible** for consideration for the scholarship.*
- All students must be residents of California for *at least* three (3) years and who are graduating or have graduated from a regionally accredited high school in the High Desert region.

Application for Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Gender: Female Male Other

Address _____

City _____, CA Zip Code _____

Cell phone _____ or Message phone _____

E--mail address _____

EDUCATION

Last high school attended _____

Dates attended (Month/ Year) _____ Graduate? Yes ___ (Month/Year) ___ No

Current GPA or GPA upon Graduation _____

School/Institution currently attending or planning to attend _____

Start date or proposed start date _____

Planned course of study, education or career goals _____

Resume’. Include a resume of two (2) pages or less as part of this application. **Note: A resume that exceeds the page requirements may not be considered by the Committee.**

Letter of Reference. Please attach **two** letters of reference that support your application. At least one reference letter should be from an individual who is in the industry. Each letter must address your challenges and how the writer perceives your determination to further your education and to overcome those challenges. **Note: All letters must be typed and must not exceed 300 words. Letters not typed or those which exceed 300 words may not be read by the Committee.**

Official/Certified Transcripts are required of all students as part of the application package. Before the scholarship is awarded to the successful applicant, a final Official Transcript will be required to be submitted to DVL Project (scholarship administrator). Applicants graduating from high school also must include a “letter of acceptance” from or verification of a completed and submitted application to the institution they plan/wish to attend. Applicants currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution must present evidence of “academic progress” from an institutional official *at the counselor level or above from the institution in which they are enrolled.*

Institution Accreditation. For applicants to be eligible for the Lauri Amber Diggs Scholarship, all education institutions to be considered by applicants or in which they are enrolled must be “Regionally accredited.” Accreditation information usually can be obtained from the Registrar of the institution.

Original Essay. Write an original essay, as directed in the first part of this application, outlining, in detail, those circumstances which have prevented you from maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or above and how this scholarship will assist you in achieving your goal of continuing your education.

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of my application or of any scholarship award granted to me.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

