

Community Foundation of the Verdugos Description of Scholarships For students graduating high school in 2024

“Big Man Fritsche” Scholarship

Leonard Fritsche was a long-time resident of Glendale and La Crescenta where he worked. Mr. Fritsche was a man before his time in his views of the world around him. As a small business owner, he worked hard, lived modestly, and enjoyed helping others to expand their horizons and to improve their lives. He was known by many as “The Big Man.” He also had a special place in his heart for youth and the importance of a good educational start for a successful path later in life. In keeping with The Big Man’s love of thinking outside the box, this award is for a student pursuing a vocational study (career technical path with examples that include woodworking, auto mechanics, plumbing, landscaping, dental hygienist, vet tech, electrical, cosmetology, culinary arts, etc.) toward achieving whatever dream may be in their future. A recipient of this scholarship must reside in and graduate from a public/private high school in the Verdugo Region (Burbank, Glendale, foothill communities of Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Canada-Flintridge, Montrose, and Verdugo City). The student must be pursuing a certificate or degree from a non-profit, accredited institution in a career technical field (two or three-year program). This award is not for a student enrolling in a four-year college or university. Financial need will be considered. The student should show an entrepreneurial aptitude, a potential for achievement and evidence of self-motivation. Qualified students may be selected for an in person interview.

Average number of awards: 2

Average amount of award: Up to \$2,000

Personal Statement*

Please provide a brief personal statement about what you find motivating, interesting and/or fulfilling about the career path you plan to pursue.

Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship

The Burrows Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Christopher A. Burrows, a 1976 graduate of Crescenta Valley High School and La Canada resident, who passed away in 1999 from a malignant brain tumor. Mr. Burrows was an attorney, an active community volunteer, a loving husband, and father of four, and a devoted friend who encouraged young and old alike. This scholarship is awarded to students who reside in La Canada Flintridge or La Crescenta and are graduating from a public or private high school in La Canada Flintridge or La Crescenta. The student must demonstrate a high level of academic and extra-curricular achievement, strength of character, and a zest for life.

Average number of awards: 3-5

Average amount of award: Up to \$2,500

The Christopher A. Burrows Scholarship committee considers your personal statement/essays to be the most important part of your application. Please consider your answers carefully, be sure to answer the questions by sharing what is important to you.

Personal Statement #1*

Please submit a paragraph that addresses your interest in this particular scholarship and why you believe you would be a worthy recipient. Also, please tell us how this scholarship will make a difference to you financially.

Personal Statement #2*

Choose one of the following essays:

1. Submit your favorite college application essay that tells about yourself.
2. Submit a personal statement that will enable the Selection Committee to learn what is important to

you and what motivates you. Your statement should discuss your background, your goals, why these goals are important to you, and how and why you believe you will achieve them.

Dellinger Scholarship

Judith and Ernest Dellinger are beloved members of the Burbank community who have generously supported Burbank students, arts programs, and community activities both during their careers and after their retirement. Mrs. Dellinger was a teacher in the Burbank Unified School District (BUSD) for 36 years and Mr. Dellinger worked for the City of Burbank Community Development Department for 12 years. This scholarship aims to support hardworking BUSD graduates who value education, demonstrate a high level of academic achievement, engage in community service and emulate the Dellingers' generous spirit. One of the greatest lessons the Dellingers taught their students is the idea of "paying it forward." Following their example, scholarship recipients should be willing to support the Dellinger Scholarship in the future, when able, in whatever way they can (for example, helping with fundraising, marketing, reviewing applications, etc.).

Average number of awards: 2

Average amount of award: Up to \$1,000

Personal Statement*

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) What community service activities have shaped the person you are today?

Dr. John and Mae Benjamin Scholarship

John A. Benjamin was a medical doctor who served as Assistant Professor of Surgery-Urology at the University of Rochester. He graduated from UCLA and Johns Hopkins Medical School. Caroline Mae Benjamin graduated from Glendale High School in 1929. Mrs. Benjamin received her nursing degree from Bishop Johnson College of Nursing in Los Angeles. Mrs. Benjamin established this scholarship in 2000 in memory of her husband. The fund provides scholarships each year to graduating Glendale Unified School District students studying for a medical career.

Average number of awards: 1

Average amount of award: Up to \$1,000

Personal Statement*

Please submit a personal essay about your career goals in medicine.

Emilie Cacho Memorial Scholarship

The Emilie Cacho Memorial Scholarship Fund will be awarded to Latina students from Hoover High School who are interested in pursuing a career in mental health, school counseling, psychology or social work at either a two-year or four-year college or university. Emilie was born on June 28, 1934 in Pala, California to Herminia and Antonio Cacho, immigrants from Michoacán, Mexico and itinerant agricultural laborers who would eventually create a successful family farm business in Southern California. Emilie was one of the first Latinas to attend the University of California at Los Angeles. She graduated in 1957 with a degree in Spanish and Latin American Studies. After raising her children, Emilie went on to complete a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling at Azusa Pacific College. Emilie was often the only Spanish-speaking mental health provider on-site and the first therapist many of her clients had ever received support from. She worked as a therapist and clinical supervisor at a wide range of mental health centers and public schools, and also established a successful private practice. Her therapeutic approach to serving Latino and other bi-cultural clients was featured in Ms. Magazine and La Opinion.

Average number of awards: 2

Average amount of award: Up to \$500

Personal Statement*

Please provide a personal essay that discusses your career goals in counseling, social work, psychology, mental health or a related field.

First Christian Church of Glendale Scholarship

The First Christian Church of Glendale Scholarship was established in 2005. This annual scholarship award is given thanks to the generosity of past members of the Church. Applicants must profess a belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and their personal Savior. The student must be a graduating senior, have a minimum overall 2.5 GPA, and must be a U.S. Citizen. Student must show proof of a minimum of 13 years residency in the Glendale, La Crescenta, La Cañada Flintridge, Montrose, Verdugo City, Sunland or Tujunga area, even if attending other area private or public high schools. This award may be considered for a renewal for up to 3 additional years.

Average number of awards: 3

Average amount of award: Up to \$1,500

Personal Statement*

Please provide a personal essay explaining your religious belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and your personal Savior and your view on what it means to be an American.

Frank & Ann Leone Scholarship

Frank and Ann Leone were well-known in Glendale for their love of community and their philanthropic spirit. Their three children, Cindy, Patty, and Bill, attended local schools including Glendale High. During Cindy's senior year at USC, she was involved in an auto accident and passed away. Cindy had a stellar academic standing, majored in journalism, and was honored to be Editor of the *El Rodeo*, USC's annual year book. Years later, family friend, David Bieringer, who also attended Glendale High with academic honors and had achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, was involved in an auto accident and passed away. He was a junior at Cal State Los Angeles at the time. Frank and Ann were deeply inspired to create a scholarship honoring students whose academic achievements mirrored those of Cindy and David. This scholarship recognizes a deserving Glendale High School senior who has strived to do his or her academic best.

Average number of awards: 1

Average amount of award: Up to \$1,000

Personal Statement*

Please provide a personal essay regarding your academic achievements and community service accomplishments during high school.

Glendale Latino Association Scholarship

Formerly the Glendale Hispanic Business and Professional Organization, the Glendale Latino Association (GLA) was established in 1990 to create closer ties between Latino business owners and our local community. Today, GLA's mission is to provide scholarships to local Latino students who have demonstrated educational excellence and extraordinary citizenship, promote activities that improve education, and bring together businesses and professionals. Students must be graduating from a Glendale Unified School District public/private high school or Allan F. Daily Continuation High School. If qualified, the student will be considered for a personal interview.

Average number of awards: varies

Average amount of award: varies

Personal Statement*

Please provide a personal essay about your Latino heritage, as well as the importance of education.

Gonzales-Harris Bilingual Scholarship

Helping others seemed to come naturally for the Gonzales sisters. Margaret, Evelyn, and Virginia were born to Ralph and Marie Gonzales, who originally hailed from Wilcox, Arizona. Upon relocating to Glendale they continued to nurture strong work ethics, education, and the idea of giving back to others. These benevolent sisters left assets in their estate to create scholarships so students would

have a chance to improve their lives and someday give back to their own communities. Students must be graduating from a public or private high school in Burbank, Glendale, and the foothill communities of Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Cañada Flintridge, Montrose, and Verdugo City (Verdugo Region), have a minimum overall 3.5 GPA, provide proof of U.S. Citizenship and be able to demonstrate fluency in both Spanish and English. If qualified, the student may be considered for a personal interview where the student's Spanish fluency will be assessed. This scholarship may be considered for a renewal during the student's first undergraduate degree.

Average number of awards: 4

Average amount of award: Up to \$6,000

Personal Statement*

Please provide a personal essay outlining the importance of education and how you will contribute back to the community. The essay should also include reference to your bilingual fluency and its benefits including cultural awareness, which helps to make one a better citizen overall.

John & Elsie Krikorian / Women Achievers Journalism Scholarship

John and Elsie Krikorian were the founders and editors of *Business Life Magazine* which has provided the Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena and Foothill communities and surrounding areas with local business and economic news for over 25 years. The Krikorians were focused on identifying diversity within the business community and providing ways in which stellar business professionals could be identified and recognized. Their signature Women Achievers Event, launched in 1990, was a pioneering idea for women professionals and has now grown to welcome an annual sell-out crowd with business and mentoring workshops and awards celebrating top women achievers. John's passing in 2013 and Elsie's passing in 2015 inspired *Business Life Magazine* and the community to create a scholarship that would recognize a deserving female student pursuing a career in journalism, marketing, or business management.

Average number of awards: 2

Average amount of award: Up to \$500

Personal Statement*

Please provide a personal essay discussing your career goals in the area(s) of journalism, marketing or business management.

Sambar Scholarship Endowment

Chakib "Chuck" Sambar, former President of the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) Board of Education and educator, had long felt that there were many students capable of continuing their education beyond high school, but were held back due to financial constraints. His wife, Lois Neil-Sambar, was also a teacher in the GUSD and a principal at Rosemont Middle School. Together, they administered the Glendale Scholarship Endowment, now known as the Sambar Scholarship Endowment, which provides scholarships to public or private high school graduates within the GUSD boundaries pursuing a higher education. **Financial need is a primary determining factor for this scholarship. A FAFSA/SAR report is required to be considered for this scholarship.**

Average number of awards: 5

Average amount of award: Up to \$1,000

Personal Statement*

Please provide a personal essay regarding overcoming obstacles that you have faced during your life. Please also include goals for the future and how you plan to attain them despite your obstacles.

Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship

The Tuesday Afternoon Club (TAC) began over 100 years ago with 8 Glendale women who played bridge every Tuesday. The TAC women founded the Glendale Library in 1907 which housed approximately 100 books in a rented poolroom. Upon the dissolution of the Club in 1999, the Board

members chose to place remaining assets in a fund with the Community Foundation. The collaboration between the Club and the Foundation has enjoyed a long history and in addition, has provided scholarships to graduating Glendale Unified School District students. **Financial need must be demonstrated (a FAFSA/SAR report is required to be considered for this scholarship)**, along with proof of U.S. Citizenship and community service. The student should be able to show a potential for achievement, success, and self-motivation.

Average number of awards: 5

Average amount of award: Up to \$1,000

Personal Statement*

Please provide a personal essay that discusses the importance of education.