



## **The Las Floristas & Joan M. Wismer Educational Scholarship Fund**

Las Floristas and the Joan M. Wismer Educational Scholarship Fund is dedicated to supporting students with disabilities or restraints help to provide access for higher education. The belief that “helping children reach their full potential” has been part of the Las Floristas mission for 80 years. The purpose of our Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships to deserving students intending to pursue or complete a course of study at either a two-year, four-year educational institution or trade school.

Each year, the Scholarship Committee selects recipients to receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for up to an additional three years or more with an award ceiling of \$42,000. OR We will award two separate scholarships with an award ceiling of \$42,000 over the course of time with a maximum of \$10,500 given each year. Tuition and other campus costs are addressed, but assistance is also aimed at transportation and additional expenses that impact the individual student. We understand that a two year educational institution or trade school may not take as long or will not need the maximum amount. Please Note: Tuition expenses will be paid directly to the institution, not the student. Funds will be sent as required upon receiving a certificate or confirmation of enrollment which included the Student ID number and Financial Aid Office address if applicable. Other expenses can be submitted with receipt by the student but need to be approved. If there is any question of what expenses is eligible please ask.

### **Criteria and eligibility**

1. Applicant must have been an outpatient, inpatient, athlete, or participant in a research study at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, California.
2. Applicant must have at least a 2.0 grade point average or better
3. Preference is given to students who demonstrate community involvement.
4. High school 12<sup>th</sup> grader, college student or non-traditional student
5. Attend or plan to attend an accredited 2-year, 4-year, graduate school or vocational/trade school in the United States.
6. Applicant must be committed to using education to better your life and that of your family and/or community.
7. Must carry a minimum of 75% full time student academic class load. In extenuating circumstances a 50% class load may be acceptable based upon each situation.

### **General Instructions**

1. Deadline for scholarship applications is April 30th, 2018, 5:00pm.  
Submit application and all supporting documents required by mail, email or fax to: Amanda Settlage, Manager Educational Scholarship Program, Rancho Los Amigos Foundation - 7601 East Imperial Highway, SSA #1110, Downey, CA 90242. Fax: (562) 803-0046 or email at [asettlage@ranchofoundation.org](mailto:asettlage@ranchofoundation.org)
2. You will receive an invitation in May to attend a Scholarship and Awards dinner to be held in June on the Rancho Los Amigos campus. The winners of this scholarship will be announced at

this dinner. Please note that all applicants will be invited to the dinner regardless of the status of their application.

3. If you have any questions about the application or process please call or email Amanda Settlage at the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation at: Office : (562) 385-7053/ Email: [asettlage@ranchofoundation.org](mailto:asettlage@ranchofoundation.org)

### **Application Process**

The applicant must submit the following items together as one complete application:

1. Completed application form (if hand written, please print legibly)
2. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, doctors, therapists or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
3. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average or GED certification.
4. Completion of a two part personal statement by answering one mandatory question, and your choice of a second question out of three options.
5. A recent photo.

### **Application Renewal Process**

1. Applicant must provide an official copy of college transcript.
2. Must meet the minimum requirement 75% of full time student academic class load or otherwise agreed upon.
3. Must maintain in good standing at the institution and have a 2.0 grade point average or better.
4. Renewal will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee each May.