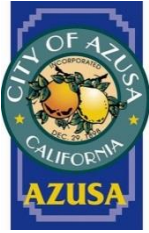


# City of Azusa Scholarship Program



The City of Azusa has established a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to qualified residents who wish to pursue post-secondary education.

The City of Azusa Scholarship was created to assist high school seniors and first time adults advancing in their career through six (6) scholarship opportunities. Applicants who reside in the City of Azusa meeting all the requirements will be eligible to receive an award of up to \$1,000. The scholarships may be awarded as follows:

Opportunity 1	High School Senior	(1) - \$1,000; (2) - \$500
Opportunity 2	Adult Advancement	(1) - \$1,000; (2) - \$500

Applicants are eligible to apply to one (1) of the two (2) scholarship opportunities. The City will send awards directly to the applicant's school of choice upon receipt of registration verification to an accredited college, university or trade school to assist in tuition, fees, room & board and books.

## Mission

The mission of the City of Azusa Scholarship is to support aspiring graduating high school students and young adults looking to achieve a higher education by providing financial assistance.

## Vision

The vision of the City of Azusa Scholarship is to provide opportunities for Azusa youth to pursue a college education and in turn create future leaders committed to the betterment of the community through citizenship, integrity and community involvement.

## Guidelines

Applications can be obtained online at [www.ci.azusa.ca.us](http://www.ci.azusa.ca.us) or at City of Azusa Human Resources office. Applications must be filled out completely. Any incomplete applications will be disqualified from the application process.

### All applicants must submit the following:

- Completed Application;
- Two (2) reference letters;
- One (1) sealed official transcript for graduating high school seniors only; and
- One-page essay.

### Qualifications for High School Senior Applicant

- Must be a resident of Azusa for a minimum of one (1) year;
- Must be a high school senior;
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75;
- Demonstrate leadership at school or in the community;
- Provide evidence of acceptance to an accredited college, university or trade school; and
- Proof of financial need.

## **Qualifications for Adult Advancement Applicant**

- Must be a first time freshman with no previous college credit;
- Must be a resident of Azusa for a minimum of one (1) year;
- Be at least nineteen (19) years of age;
- Demonstrate involvement in the community;
- Provide evidence of acceptance to an accredited college, university or trade school; and
- Proof of financial need.

## **Requirements**

All applicants awarded a scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- **40 Hours of Community Service**

All applicants awarded a scholarship will be required to provide a minimum of forty (40) hours of community service to the City and/or a community-based organization. Applicants will be required to provide a statement of proof acknowledging work was completed and must complete the community service within one (1) year of receipt of the scholarship.

- **Proof of Acceptance to Accredited College, University or Trade School**

All applicants awarded a scholarship will be required to provide proof of acceptance to an accredited college, university or trade school. A receipt of registration verification is required before any funds are disbursed directly to the applicant's school of choice. If evidence is not provided the scholarship is forfeited.

- **Proof of Adjusted Gross Income**

All applicants awarded a scholarship will be required to provide proof of the most recent tax return with adjusted gross income. Pay stubs alone are not an adequate form of information. If evidence is not provided the scholarship is forfeited.

- **Proof of Residency**

Scholarship recipients must have been residents of the City of Azusa for at least one (1) year. Awardees will be required to provide proof of residency. Two (2) proofs must be provided dated one (1) year prior to the application due date. Proofs must be under the applicants name or parent's name if the applicant is a dependent student. Acceptable proofs of Azusa residency include but are not limited to:

- Tax returns giving Azusa as the home address
- Pay check stub
- Checking or saving account statements
- Utility Bill
- Driver's License or Identification
- Passport

## **Basis for Selection**

Applicants will be selected based on the following items:

- Academic Achievement;
- Dedication to extracurricular activities and or community involvement;
- One-page essay;
- Interview; and
- Financial need.

Each application will be evaluated and ranked based on the applicant's academic achievement, community involvement or extracurricular activities, interview and financial need. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of members of the City Council and City Staff. All decisions of the committee will be final.

**Disbursement of Award**

The City will distribute funds directly to the applicant's school of choice upon receipt of registration verification to an accredited college, university or trade school.

**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONDITIONS:**

- a. The City reserves the right to withdraw or cancel the Scholarship Program at any time without prior notice.
- b. The City reserves the right to postpone the Scholarship Program at any time.
- c. The City reserves the right to seek clarification of information submitted in response to the Scholarship Program Application.
- d. The City reserves the right to modify the Scholarship Program as it deems necessary.
- e. Any material misrepresentations made by the applicant(s) will void the application and eliminate the applicant from further consideration.
- f. The City reserves the right to take all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover diverted funds.

**For More Information**

Questions regarding this scholarship application should be submitted to:

Carina Campos  
City of Azusa  
213 East Foothill Boulevard  
Azusa, CA 91702  
(626)812-5102  
ccampos@ci.azusa.ca.us



## City of Azusa Scholarship Application

### Application Procedure:

Application must include two (2) reference letters and one (1) sealed official transcript for graduating high school seniors only. Please submit application packets to City of Azusa, City Clerk's Office, Attn: City of Azusa Scholarship 213 East Foothill Blvd., Azusa, CA 91702.

I am applying for:

- High School Senior Scholarship
- Adult Advancement Scholarship

### Applicant Information

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First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

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Street Address

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City

State

Zip Code

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Phone Number

### Current School

\* If you are an Adult Advancement applicant and are not currently enrolled in school, provide your most recent school.

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School Name

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Street Address

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City

State

Zip Code

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Phone Number

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Grade Level

Cumulative GPA

Graduation Date

## **Honors and Awards**

List any honors or awards you have been presented. List the title of the award, date and institution that provided the award.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

List all activities and years in which you have participated. Include any leadership positions held. Examples of activities include and are not limited to: clubs, sports, school publications, plays, arts, hobbies and community involvement.

## Future Career Plans

What are your career goals and how do you intend to achieve them?

College, University or Trade School of which you intend to enroll:

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College, University or Trade School Name

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City

State

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Semester

Major

Have you been accepted? If yes, include a copy of letter of acceptance.

Yes

No

**One-page Essay:**

Choose two (2) of the following questions and answer each question with 300 words or less. Be sure to clearly label your work.

1. Identify a need in the community and offer a solution/plan that involves citizenship, integrity, and community involvement.
2. Tell us how you use citizenship, integrity and community involvement in your life and how you can teach these traits to others.
3. To what extent are good citizenship, integrity and community involvement needed in a community?
4. Identify an individual in your community and explain how he or she upholds citizenship, integrity and community involvement.

## Financial Eligibility

The City of Azusa Scholarship is designed to help applicants in families with limited financial resources. Applicants must live in a household that fits the state income limits for 2016.

- ❖ If you are a High School Senior applicant, provide your parent or legal guardian information.
- ❖ If you are an Adult Advancement applicant and are dependent student, provide your parent or legal guardian information. If not, continue to the Family Members section.

2016 State Income Limits	
Members in household	Annual Income Less Than
1	\$48,650
2	\$55,600
3	\$62,550
4	\$69,450
5	\$75,050
6	\$80,600
7	\$86,150
8	\$91,700

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Parent or Legal Guardian Name

Last Name

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Street Address

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City

State

Zip Code

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Phone Number

## Family Members

Please list all family members in your household below, including yourself.

Full Name and Relationship

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_



**Financial Information**

If applicant is awarded, a most recent tax return with adjusted gross income for 2016 will be required. Pay stubs alone are not an adequate form of information.

Applicants must live in a household that fits the state income limits for 2016. Check the income bracket that applies to your household to certify the annual income is less than what is listed.

In 2015 or 2016, did anyone in your household receive:  
(Check all that apply.)

- Supplemental Security Income
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Free or Reduce Price School Lunch
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Not Applicable

2016 State Income Limits		
✓	Members in household	Annual Income Less Than
	1	\$48,650
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	7	\$86,150
	8	\$91,700

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that misrepresentation of information subjects the applicant to being disqualified. I hereby certify that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**FOR MINORS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

understand that misrepresentation of information subjects the applicant to being disqualified. I hereby

certify that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

## Application Checklist

- Completed Application
- Two (2) reference letters
- One (1) sealed official transcript for graduating high school seniors only
- One-page essay

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information in this application is true and factual.

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Signature

Date

We appreciate the time that you have taken to submit an application.

### **Completed applications should be submitted to:**

City of Azusa  
City Clerk's Office  
Attn: City of Azusa Scholarship  
213 East Foothill Boulevard  
Azusa, CA 91702