



BEN AND LORETTA ABATTI SCHOLARSHIP

Student/Applicant Information

First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Current GPA (un-weighted): _____

College/University you plan to attend: _____

Major/Field of Study: _____

Have you been accepted?: YES NO If YES, please provide Student ID (if available): _____

Scholarship Criteria

The Ben and Loretta Abatti Scholarship is open to:

- *Graduating seniors and graduates of Imperial Valley high schools who will be, or are, attending a 4-year College or University pursuing a degree/career in Agriculture and have a 3.0 GPA or higher.*

The scholarship criteria will include consideration for:

- *Academic merit*
- *Educational plans and career goals*
- *Community service*
- *Financial need*

Application Requirements & Details

Applicants may be required to participate in an interview process with the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Award amounts may vary from year to year. Award recipients who continue to meet the eligibility criteria are welcome to reapply, but subsequent awards are not guaranteed.

This scholarship may be used for qualified educational expenses including tuition, books and fees. Depending on the scholarship recipient's individual financial need, the award may be used for housing, however students will need to consult with their tax advisor and school to determine whether or not the use of the scholarship award for room and board is a qualified, tax-free educational expense.

Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipient's college. In special circumstances, awards may be paid to the student directly. However, it will be the responsibility of the student to fulfill with proper reporting, disclosure and appropriate use of scholarship funds.

Attention: Scholarship applications must be received (not postmarked) by Friday, April 7, 2023.

Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. Please submit completed applications with school transcripts (unofficial are okay) to: bobby@ivcommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be mailed to: Imperial Valley Community Foundation, PO Box 2739, El Centro, CA 92244. (Email is preferred)

I hereby agree to all of the above criteria and certify that all of the information provided for this scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all decisions are final and not subject to review or appeal. I further understand that any information provided in this and other application forms may be shared with committee members of the sponsoring scholarship.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age): _____ **Date:** _____

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APPLICATION: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Letters of recommendations may be included with your application or mailed to IVCF ahead of the application deadline, however letters of recommendation are not a requirement of the scholarship application.

What are your immediate educational goals and plans?

What are your goals and career plans following graduation?

Please describe your community service experience(s).

Please share household income, financial aid, and other sources of income that will help cover your living and educational expenses.

How will this scholarship help you? / What additional information would you like us to know about you?
