



RAY FAMILY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FOR CALIPATRIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATES
ATTENDING FOUR YEAR COLLEGES OUTSIDE OF IMPERIAL COUNTY

Dear Applicant:

The Imperial Valley Community Foundation is pleased to offer a scholarship(s) to graduates of Calipatria Unified School District who need financial assistance to continue their education made possible through the Ray Family College Scholarship Program Fund. Calipatria High School seniors who will be attending college full-time (12 hours or more) in the fall, and current college students who graduated from Calipatria High School and will be continuing their studies full-time (12 hours or more) in the fall are encouraged to apply. Because the purpose of the Ray Family Scholarship Program is intended to benefit those needing financial assistance to continue their education, only applicants with combined household/family income of less than \$125,000 per year are eligible, unless other siblings are currently attending college.

Students majoring in mathematics, chemistry, or physics and students majoring in the applied sciences, astronomy, computer science, engineering, geology, premed, veterinary medicine or biology may receive bonus points as detailed below. However, consideration will be given to outstanding students in all courses of study. The award(s) will be granted to a student(s) of good character exhibiting exceptional **initiative, creativity, originality, and discipline** required to excel scholastically.

Individual scholarship award(s) will be a minimum of \$2,000.00 and a maximum of \$5,000.00. The recipient(s) will be eligible to reapply for the scholarship the following college year, provided the recipient(s) continues to meet the criteria for applying. Calipatria High School Juniors who are interested in applying next year are invited to contact their counselors to learn more about the terms and conditions for the next year's program.

THE PROCESS

1. Complete application packet and submit to:
Email (*preferred*): Bobby Brock, IVCF President/CEO bobby@ivcommunityfoundation.org
Or, mail to: Imperial Valley Community Foundation
PO Box 2739
El Centro, CA 92244
2. Applications will be reviewed by the foundation for completeness and to determine if applicants are eligible prior to the applications being shared with the Selection Committee.
3. The Selection Committee will rank the eligible applicants using the Selection Criteria Point System found below and determine the dollar amount of the award to be recommended to the IVCF Board of Directors for their consideration and approval. The award amount may be influenced by the cost of attending the college of choice, other scholarships received, and other sources of financial aid.
4. The Imperial Valley Community Foundation will notify applicants of award decisions. Awards will be presented at the Calipatria Awards Ceremony by a Ray Family College Scholarship Program representative.
5. The foundation will advance ½ of the award funds to the appropriate college agency for the 1st college session (or directly to the applicant in special situations) upon completion of college enrolment and submission of a current class schedule. The second ½ of the scholarship award will be paid upon receipt of the 2nd term college class schedule to the appropriate college agency for the 2nd college session (or directly to the applicant in special situations). Applicants are expected to provide proof of enrollment and copies of their grades in a timely manner.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate the applications and provide the IVCF Board of Directors with recommendations for the awarding of scholarships to applicants. Some eligible applicants may not receive awards due to limited funds. The Ray Family College Scholarship's Selection Committee will determine the amount of each award. The total amount available may vary from year to year.

Administrative support for the Selection Committee will be provided by the Imperial Valley Community Foundation. The Selection Committee will conduct the review and scoring of applications, as well as the interviews with applicants. The foundation's Board of Directors will have the final consideration and approval of scholarship awards.

SELECTION CRITERIA POINT SYSTEM

A. SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE (*minimum of 2.50 High School GPA to apply*) **1 - 15 points**

1. GPA
 - For purposes of grading, college GPAs will be adjusted upward by 15%. This is done to adjust the differences in difficulty of college courses when compared to high school curriculum.
2. Scholastic Achievements
 - Awards, including CSF membership, or other academic recognition (excluding honor roll and dean/s list).
3. Evidence of initiative, originality and creativity
 - Provide examples of initiative, creativity or problem solving.

B. EXTRACULLICULAR, LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT **0 - 15 points**

1. Athletic, musical, and artistic talent.
2. Leadership – Elected offices held in organizations & service groups, appointments to advisory positions, etc.
3. Work Experience (paid & unpaid) and involvement in community activities.

C. FINANCIAL **0 - 35 points**

1. Combined annual household/family income and other financial assistance.

Over \$125,000 per year	Ineligible
\$125,000 or less, but more than \$100,000 per year	= 5 points
\$100,000 or less, but more than \$80,000 per year	= 10 points
\$80,000 or less, but more than \$60,000 per year	= 15points
\$60,000 or less, but more than \$50,000 per year	= 20 points
\$50,000 or less, but more than \$40,000 per year	= 25 points
\$40,000 or less, but more than \$30,000 per year	= 30 points
Less than \$30,000 per year	= 35 points

For each sibling attending a 4-year college, deduct \$25,000 from combined income.

D. WRITTEN EXPRESSION (*See application for essay details.*) **0 - 18.5 points**

E. INTERVIEW **0 - 18.5 points**

F. BONUS POINTS

- Students majoring in mathematics, chemistry, or physics may receive up to 10 bonus points.
- Students majoring in astronomy, computer science, engineering, geology, premed, veterinary medicine or biology may receive up to 5 bonus points.

AWARD AMOUNTS

The minimum scholarship award is \$2,000.00 per recipient. The maximum scholarship award is \$5,000.00 per recipient. Not all qualified applicants are guaranteed a scholarship. Total funds available may vary from year to year.

APPLICATION

Applicants must submit a complete application form and do the following:

1. **Write and submit a personal essay, no more than two pages (12-point type).** It will be judged for originality, innovation, completeness, and display of temperament as well as the basics of grammar and syntax. The following questions are to be addressed (in any order) in your essay. You may also include any additional information you deem appropriate.
 - A. Why are you a good candidate for this scholarship?
 - B. How will this scholarship fit in with your financial plan for college?
 - C. Discuss or demonstrate evidence of your initiative, creativity and originality.
 - D. What do you think will be your major?
 - E. What are your aspirations after college?
 - F. Of your achievements, which one do you consider the greatest?
 - G. Ten years after graduation from college, how do you hope to be contributing to society?
2. **Submit a recent photograph with your application.**
3. **Have your current official transcript (official copies from your school) sent to: bobby@ivcommunityfoundation.org (preferred method) or mailed to: Imperial Valley Community Foundation, PO Box 2739, El Centro, CA 92244.**
4. **Provide a minimum of two letters of recommendations.** Current college student should select campus related recommendations. Ask the letter writers to submit their letters directly to Bobby Brock, IVCF President/CEO at bobby@ivcommunityfoundation.org. Letters may also be mailed to: Imperial Valley Community Foundation, PO Box 2739, El Centro, CA 92244. It is your responsibility to coordinate with the letter writers to ensure the letters are submitted. You may telephone (760) 336-0055 or email bobby@ivcommunityfoundation.org to verify receipt of your application and letters of recommendations.

The Imperial Valley Community Foundation and Selection Committee reserves the right to request additional information from applicant prior to granting an award.

Thank you for your application and for your interest in continuing your education. We wish you success in your educational endeavors and trust you will be worthy of those aiding you in your pursuit of further education.

Sincerely,

George Ray – RAY FAMILY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RAY FAMILY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (A)
FOR GRADUATES OF CALIPATRIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATTENDING FOUR-YEAR NON-PROFIT COLLEGES

If additional space is needed to fully answer any question of the application, please attach a separate piece of paper. Clearly note your name and the question you are answering on the extra page.

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Telephone #: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

High School attended: _____

School currently attending: _____ GPA: _____

School attending this fall: _____

Planned major (if known): _____

Scholastic achievements:

Leadership Roles:

Extracurricular: athletic, music, art, and/or community activities:

Work experience (List all work experience, including volunteer work, and non-paying family work.)

Combined household/family income per year: _____

Who contributes to household/family income shown above, and what is their relationship to you?

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Occupation: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Occupation: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Occupation: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Occupation: _____

Number of minor siblings residing in your household (besides yourself): _____

Are there any other siblings in college? _____ If yes, how many? _____

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Estimated college expenses (per year, excluding summer session):

Tuition _____ Books, fees, supplies, etc. _____ Living expenses _____ Total _____

Source of funds:

Amount contributed by parents, relatives, or friends: _____

Amount of financial aid/scholarship, etc. from college you will be attending: _____

Amount of total from other scholarships: _____

Other source (describe): _____ Amount: _____

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ATTACH ESSAY AND PHOTO

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's / Legal Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

(if applicant is < 18 years of age)

Send application, transcript, and references to:

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Or, mail to: Imperial Valley Community Foundation

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Other contact information: bobby@ivcommunityfoundation.org Telephone: (760) 336-0055

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: Friday, April 7, 2023.