



## **RAY FAMILY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**FOR GRADUATES OF CALIPATRIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ATTENDING NON-PROFIT COLLEGES ON CAMPUSES LOCATED IN IMPERIAL COUNTY**

Dear Applicants:

The Ray Family College Scholarship Program is pleased to offer a scholarship(s) to graduates of Calipatria High School who wish to continue their education by enrolling in public colleges located in Imperial County, but need financial assistance. Calipatria High School graduates (including those currently attending college) who plan to attend a college located in Imperial County in the fall (8 hours or more) are encouraged to apply. Because the purpose of this scholarship program is intended to benefit students needing financial assistance to continue their education, only applicants with combined household/family income of less than \$50,000 per year are eligible, unless other siblings are currently attending college (for purposes of qualification, deduct \$5,000 from total household/family income for each sibling who will be attending a college at the same time).

Consideration will be given to all dedicated students regardless of their chosen courses of study. Special consideration will be given to students exhibiting exceptional **maturity, initiative, creativity, originality, and discipline** required to succeed scholastically.

Individual scholarship awards will be a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$1,500 per person per academic year. Some eligible applicants may not receive awards due to limited funds. Total funds available to the program will vary from year to year. Scholarship recipients are eligible to reapply the following college year, provided recipient(s) continue to meet the criteria for applying.

### **THE PROCESS**

1. Complete application packet and submit to:  
Email (*preferred*): Bobby Brock, IVCF President/CEO [bobby@ivcommunityfoundation.org](mailto: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 eligibility prior to the applications being shared with the selection committee.
3. A scholarship selection committee, appointed by the Imperial Valley Community Foundation's Board of Directors, will evaluate applications, conduct interviews if desired, and recommend awards. Awards will be influenced by information provided on your application, your course of study, your financial needs, etc. The foundation's Board of Directors makes the final decisions on granting scholarship awards. Administrative support for the selection committee is provided by the Imperial Valley Community Foundation.
4. The Imperial Valley Community Foundation will notify applicants of award decisions. Awards will be presented at Calipatria High School's awards ceremony.
5. The foundation will advance ½ of the award funds to the appropriate college agency for the 1<sup>st</sup> term college session (or directly to the recipient in special situations) upon completion of college enrolment and submission of a current class schedule. The foundation will advance the second ½ of the award funds to the appropriate college agency for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term college session (or directly to the recipient in special situations) upon completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> term college enrolment and submission of a current class schedule.

## **APPLICATIONS**

**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 course of study?
  - 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (B)**  
**FOR GRADUATES OF CALIPATRIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ATTENDING NON-PROFIT COLLEGES LOCATED IN IMPERIAL COUNTY**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Roles:

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be living with parents/guardian/relatives while attending college? YES NO (circle)

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