

Valencia Community College
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
2008-09

The Valencia Foundation offers a number of privately funded scholarships that are donated by organizations and individuals interested in supporting Valencia's students.

Donor-Selected Foundation Scholarships

Most scholarship donors choose their scholars without direct input from Valencia based on their own application process, usually in March or April for the upcoming academic year. If the donor notifies Valencia of the application process, an announcement will be posted in the Valencia Source and the campus newsletters.

Some donors will ask Valencia for recommendations. Valencia staff will choose students to recommend based on the donor's requirements and the Valencia Foundation Scholarship applications on file.

Valencia-Selected Foundation Scholarships

Some of the donors have asked Valencia's Scholarship Committee to choose their scholar. The Committee will match the applicants with the scholarship criteria. Most of the scholarships have unique, special criteria such as graduation from a particular high school, or employment with a certain company. Additional preference will be given to students with financial need and a minimum GPA of 2.5. While good grades are important, the highest grades are usually not the first basis for selection. Valencia Foundation Scholarship's are for *in-state* students and applications must be submitted to the Answer Center no later than *August 1, 2008* to be considered for the upcoming academic year. Late applications will be accepted and held in the event a new scholarship is created during the school year.

Steps for submitting a Valencia-Selected Foundation Scholarship Application

REMEMBER: ONLY ONE APPLICATION IS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED

- 1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**
- 2. Complete the Valencia Foundation Scholarship application and submit it along with your personal statement to the Answer Center on your campus or mail it to:**

**Financial Aid Services 4-17
Valencia Community College
PO Box 3028
Orlando, FL 32802**

- 3. If you are awarded a scholarship, write a thank you note to the provider of the scholarship and submit to Financial Aid Services. Your scholarship funds will be released for your use only after the Thank You note is written.**

If you have any questions, please visit the Answer Center on your campus.

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- Renewal application for the _____ Scholarship
- New application ____ fall semester enrollment ____ spring semester enrollment ____ summer semester enrollment

Name _____ VID# or SS# _____
First MI Last

Address _____
Street

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

Academic Information:

Major _____ College GPA _____ Date you submitted the FAFSA __ / __ / __

High School Attended _____ High School GPA _____ High School Graduation Date __ / __ / __

Current Employer _____ Does your employer offer tuition reimbursement? __yes __no

If you would like to be considered for a scholarship based on the following criteria please check off any of the boxes that apply to you. Please remember that this section is completely optional:

- I am a single parent Ethnicity _____
- I am a married student
- I participated in community service (please specify in personal statement)
- I am a veteran of the Armed Forces Gender _____
Years of Service _____ Branch _____
- I completed Tech Prep courses while in high school
- I am registered with the Office of Disability Services Age _____

Please attach a brief personal statement of at least 500 words. Your statement should include a description of your educational and career goals, extracurricular activities and should incorporate any community service you have performed. Please tell the scholarship committee the impact that you believe that education has had and will have on your life. If you have chosen a career or field of study, please explain how that will affect your future.

Read and check all boxes below before signing.

- I give Valencia permission to provide my scholarship donor with a report of my academic performance, copies of my academic transcripts and to share information from my personal statement.
- I understand that no funds will be released for my use until I have provided Financial Aid Services with a thank you note for my scholarship donor.
- I will provide an update on my academic, personal and professional progress at yearend to share with my donor.
- I understand that this application is for scholarships selected by Valencia's scholarship committee but may also be used to identify candidates for donor-selected scholarships.
- I will attend a donor recognition event or a media announcement at the request of the donor or the college foundation.

Please read and check all boxes above before signing. Signature _____ Date _____

For Office Use Only:				
	Fall	Spring	Summer	GPA:
Unmet Need:	\$	\$	\$	
Hrs Attending:				Program:
Amount Awarded	\$	\$	\$	