



## Lowell Neighborhood College Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School or College currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current overall GPA and year in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the Scholarship you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,500: 4 year university or \_\_\_\_\_ \$500: 2 year college or trade school.

**Directions:** On separate paper, please answer in essay format the following questions. Suggested length 3-5 pages, double-spaced, size 12 font.

- Describe your connection to the Lowell neighborhood. How long have you lived here, what community activities have you participated in Lowell? How has living here or being part of this community impacted you and shaped who you are today?
- Talk about your hopes and dreams for the future in regards to the education and the career you hope to obtain? Do you know what degree you'd like to pursue? What field of study interests you? What would you like to do with this?
- In what ways do you see yourself giving back to the community as a college student or as one who holds a college degree in the future?

Once you have finished your essay, please have at least one other person read it to look for correct spelling and grammar, completion of thought, and any suggestions to improve your essay. If you struggle to find someone to help with this, please bring it to the Lowell Neighborhood Association and we would be happy to help you find someone.

When you are finished, please return this application, your essay, one letter of recommendation and your transcripts by mail to the Lowell Community Development Corporation at:

Lowell CDC  
c/o FIFUL  
1719 L Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

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## Requirements

Each applicant must

- Have a minimum of 1 year living in Lowell neighborhood. The Lowell neighborhood is defined by the boundaries of Divisadero to Belmont and H Street to Blackstone.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Submit the following:
  - Your completed application and essay
  - One letter of recommendation
  - Transcripts
  - Proof of income (EBT card, pay stub, income tax statement)
- Demonstrate financial need as shown by an annual income of no more than twice the US 2014 Federal Poverty Level Matrix (see table below).

Size of Family	200%
1	\$23,340
2	\$31,460
3	\$39,580
4	\$47,700
5	\$55,820
6	\$63,940
7	\$72,060
8	\$80,180
each additional person add	\$8,120

- Send the entire application and other documents to the Lowell Community Development Corporation by **May 1, 2016**

## Size of the Award

A total of \$3,500 (target) will be given annually in the following ways

- 1 scholarship to a four year university in the amount of \$1,500
- 4 scholarships to a two year college or trade school in the amount of \$500 each

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## **Additional Information**

Any scholarship money not awarded will be rolled over to the following year. All financial gifts will be given to the school for which the scholarship was applied for or to a selected business (i.e. for books or a computer) and not to the individual.

The scholarship awards will be handed out at the Lowell Neighborhood Association meeting on August 8, 2016. Family and community members will be invited to attend. The Lowell Community Development Cooperation will hold and receive all financial transactions. All donations are tax deductible. Any further questions should be addressed to Nancy Donat at 559-960-3622.

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