



Lamorinda Democratic Club 2019 American Dream Scholarship Two Thousand Dollars

ELIGIBILITY

Open to prospective or current college students, adults training for a new career, students learning a trade, or individuals seeking internships. The scholarship committee seeks applicants who have demonstrated dedication to the core values of the Lamorinda Democratic Club and commitment to civic engagement and community participation.

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Contra Costa County and a registered Democrat, by February 15, 2019 (You can register to vote at 17 years old, if you will be 18 years of age by the next election.)
- Be in pursuit of an education, training, or internship opportunity.

Members or relatives of the Lamorinda Democratic Club Board or scholarship selection committee are not eligible.

INTRODUCTION

The Lamorinda Democratic Club is one of California's oldest and largest Democratic clubs. Our members are drawn from Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga, Walnut Creek, and the surrounding areas. We meet monthly, in Lafayette, and we are dedicated to engaging, educating, and electing Democrats.

The purpose of this scholarship is to contribute to our community. We believe that investment in education is an important way to make a positive difference in the life of an individual, and to their community.

This single payment of two thousand dollars should directly support an education, training, or internship opportunity for the applicant.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION

- A completed, signed application form, postmarked no later than Friday, February 15, 2019.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- A personal statement, not to exceed 500 words, clearly describing your motivation, goal, how this scholarship will enable you to achieve your goal, and any other relevant information you wish to communicate to the scholarship committee. Your personal statement should be double-spaced with 12-point font.

ESSAY

- An essay, not to exceed 500 words, addressing one of the following: "Why I am a Democrat" or "How I support Democratic Party values". Your essay should be double-spaced with 12-point font.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who know you well. At least one letter should be from a supervisor, teacher, school advisor, employer, or community leader. Letters must identify the writer, the relationship to the applicant, and contact information.
- Each letter of recommendation should be in a separate envelope with the envelope seal signed by the writer, and included with the application.
- Each recommendation must include the name, address, phone, and email of the writer. The prompt for the letters of recommendation is "Why do you consider the applicant to be an outstanding citizen?"

PROOF OF VOTER REGISTRATION

- Democratic party registration verified by screen print available at <https://www.cocovote.us/voter-registration/voter-registration-lookup/>

SCHOLARSHIP DECISION CRITERIA

- Incomplete applications or those postmarked after the due date **will not** be considered.
- Demonstration of applicant's dedication to the core values of the Lamorinda Democratic Club and the Democratic Party.
- Applicant's level of civic engagement and community participation.
- Essays and personal statements will be judged on content, completeness, and clarity.
- Letters of recommendation should address the prompt and demonstrate the candidate's character and commitment to Democratic values.

COMMITTEE PROCESS

- Eligibility will be determined by confirming the application postmark, voter registration, and completion of all portions of the application.
- Finalists will be identified by application review and supporting documents.
- Finalists will be interviewed in person or by phone.
- The scholarship committee will select a recipient based on an evaluation of all eligible applications and the interviews.
- The scholarship committee selection will be announced in April 2019.
- The winner will receive a \$2000 check after the announcement.

Please mail your completed application with all required documents to:

Scholarship Committee
Lamorinda Democratic Club
P.O. Box 31
Orinda, CA 94563

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Faxed or e-mailed applications or other documents will not be accepted.

Applications and documents will not be returned.

The scholarship recipient will be notified in April 2019.

