

THE IMPERIAL VALLEY REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND

OVERVIEW: The Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Community Foundation (IVROPCF) considers developing Imperial Valley citizens through education its number one priority. As part of IVROPCF's education efforts, this organization has created the IVROPCF Educational Scholarship Fund (ESF) to provide scholarships to students attending a career technical school, community college or a university. Under the IVROPCF-ESF program, in partnership with local and national businesses and local public and private schools, local eligible students will be selected to receive a scholarship award that will help them pursue their educational endeavors.

TERMS: The IVROPCF will award scholarships to qualified students who enroll and have been accepted to an accredited career technical school, community college or university in the United States. Awards range from **\$1,000, \$750 and \$500**. All awards will be disbursed as indicated on the timeline. Scholarships may be used for the payment of tuition, academic fees, room, board and the purchase of required educational materials, books or equipment.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:

- Must be currently enrolled in High School.
- Must be a resident of the Imperial Valley.
- Must be enrolled in a career technical school, community college or a university as an entering freshman.
- Must apply in only one of the four types of scholarships awards (Scholastic Achievement, Exemplary Community Involvement, IVROP Student & General).
- A student will not be eligible for a scholarship if he/she is related to a scholarship committee member, and/or a foundation member.

AWARD CRITERIA: Eligible applicants **must select one** from the following four types of scholarships on the IVROPCF-ESF Application (Page 3):

Scholastic Achievement Awards: (One \$1,000 Award, One \$750 Award, One \$500 Award)

- Student must have completed high school with at least a 3.5 GPA on a scale of 4.0 or equivalent
- Also the student must have scored 23 or higher on the ACT test, or 1,500 or higher on the SAT test.

Exemplary Community Involvement Awards: (One \$1,000 Award, One \$750 Award, One \$500 Award)

- The candidate must be actively involved in a community development/improvement project with a recognized entity (e.g. school, church, community based organization, etc.) and have at least a 2.0 GPA on a scale of 4.0 or equivalent.
- Applicants in this category should demonstrate their Exemplary Community Involvement with a letter of recommendation from a community organization. The letter of recommendation should clearly describe the exemplary ***community involvement project and the number of hours*** served by the applicant. **The letter will need to be signed by the authorized community representative providing the letter.**
- For this category, applicants will also be selected based on the quality and content of their personal essay.

IVROP/Career Technical Education (CTE) Student Awards: (Two \$1,000 Award, One \$750 Award, One \$500 Award)

- The candidate must have successfully completed at least one IVROP year long class (or equivalent) at the student's high school and have at least a 2.0 GPA on a scale of 4.0 or equivalent.
- In this category, applicants will be selected on the quality and content of their personal essay.
- Applicants must also have a letter of recommendation from an IVROP/CTE teacher, school counselor, IVROP Guidance Technicians or any other IVROP employee (***maximum of two letters***).

General Awards: (One \$1,000 Award, One \$750 Award & One \$500 Award)

- Student must have completed high school with at least a 2.0 GPA on a scale of 4.0 or equivalent.
- In this category, applicants will be selected on the quality and content of their personal essay.
- Applicants must also have a letter of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher, or other member from the community (***maximum of two letters***).

APPLICATION PROCESS:

In order to be considered for an IVROPCF-ESF scholarship, the applicant ***must*** submit the following:

- Completed and signed application.
- Verification of admittance and enrollment from the institution the student will be attending (i.e. letter of acceptance, letter from the registrar, etc.).
- Official High School Transcripts with most recent GPA.
- Copy of the student's ACT or SAT score report (if applicable).
- Word Processed typed or neatly printed personal essay of *approximately* 600 words responding to one of the three options listed in the Personal Essay section of this application (page 4).
- Depending on the category, make sure to include: letters of recommendation, documents proving community service (i.e. time sheets, letter from organization on letterhead with the description of the service and total number of hours served, etc.) and/or other related and relevant type evidence.
- Resume.

The completed application, essay and other supporting documents must be either mailed or hand delivered to the Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Community Foundation office located at 687 State Street, El Centro, CA 92243, Attention: ESF Committee on the deadline day as specified in the **IVROPCF Educational Scholarship Fund Timeline** listed below. Incomplete or untimely applications will not be considered for scholarships. Please note that the IVROPCF-ESF may require additional supporting information and/or a personal interview to determine eligibility.

IVROPCF Educational Scholarship Fund Timeline:

_____ January 12, 2016: Scholarship applications are issued.

_____ April 8, 2016: Application, essay and supporting documents must be received by IVROP office personnel by 5:00 PM.

_____ May 13, 2016: Selected applicants will be notified of scholarship award.

_____ June 15, 2016: Scholarship disbursement issued to selected and eligible applicants. (Letter of acceptance must be submitted on or before the time of disbursement).

NOTE: Awards must be claimed within a 24-month period. In special circumstances, the board will accept a written request for an extension to the 24-month period. The letter must explain in detail why the participant is requesting the disbursement extension. The acceptance of the letter does not guarantee that the award will still be available.

ACADEMIC DATA (Continued)

Name of University, Community College or Career Technical School that I expect to enroll or that I have already enrolled in:

School Name Location (city, state)

_____ Expected enrollment date _____ Actual enrollment date

List honors, awards, IVROP classes completed, extracurricular activities, and community involvement (include relevant dates, hours, etc.).

I certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete and that I am not related to a member of the Scholarship Committee to which I am applying for an IVROPCF ESF.

Printed Name

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Personal Essay

Please feel free to recreate this document or utilize this document and either type or neatly print a statement approximately 600 words on one of the following options.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Describe the challenges you have had to overcome to succeed academically and how have those challenges prepared you for your future career goals.

EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

Tell us why you decided to be involved in community service, what lessons did you learn by your experience? What would you do to motivate high school students to become more involved in the community?

IVROP/CTE STUDENT AWARD

Tell us why you choose this ROP/CTE courses? What are your plans after you complete your career technical, community college or university education?

GENERAL AWARD

What challenges did you face in high school and what lessons did you learn that will allow you to succeed? Describe your personal and career goals.