



SCHOLARSHIPS OVERVIEW

August 2024

AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Background**
- **Cerritos College Opportunities**
- **Application Process**
- **Next Steps**
- **Closing Remarks**



ABOUT CCF

Established in 1979, **the Cerritos College Foundation is a philanthropic, nonprofit organization** led by committed individuals from the community. We partner with our generous Cerritos College retirees, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, corporate sponsors, and the community to create opportunities for our diverse student body. Together, we open pathways to success and help build bright futures.

OUR WORK

- Scholarships
- Alumni Relations
- Donor Engagement
- Sponsorships
- Corporate Trainings



CAREER CENTER & RE-ENTRY

The Re-Entry Resource Program is here to assist and support adult learners, 23 years or older, who are new to college or returning after a break of three or more years. Our goal is to provide you with tailored services to address those concerns and help make your transition back into school as smooth and easy as possible.

OUR WORK

- Provide personalized assistance to guide you through the application process
- Assist you with making counseling appointments
- Offer specialized referrals to both on and off campus resources
- Inform you of Re-Entry Scholarships and how and when to apply
- Provide you with Free Success Workshops



WHAT IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION (NPO)?

“A legal entity organized and **operated for a collective, public or social benefit**, as opposed to an entity that operates as a business aiming to generate a profit for its owners” ([Wikipedia](#))

OVERVIEW

- 501 (c)(3) tax status
- Not driven by profit
- Dedicated to and invests in a specific cause
- Religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes



WHAT IS A FOUNDATION?

“A type of nonprofit organization or charitable trust that usually **provides funding and support to other charitable organizations** through grants, while also potentially participating directly in charitable activities.” (*Wikipedia*)

OVERVIEW

- 501 (c)(3) tax status
- Monetarily support other organizations or individuals
- Raise and disburse funds
- Public charity, private foundation, community foundation, corporate foundation, independent foundation, grant-making foundation



WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

“A scholarship is a form of financial aid awarded to students. Generally, scholarships are awarded based on a set of criteria such as academic merit, diversity and inclusion, athletic skill, and financial need or specific professional experience” ([Wikipedia](#))



OVERVIEW

- Type of Financial Aid (others: grants, loans, work study)
- FREE MONEY that doesn't need to be paid back
- Used to offset some of the costs of attending college
- Delivered via check or deposited through Financial Aid



WHERE DO SCHOLARSHIPS COME FROM?

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Your current or future school offers their own scholarships



COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION

Norwalk Women's Club, Rotary Club, Chambers of Commerce

CORPORATIONS & FOUNDATIONS

Google, PepsiCo, Bill & Melinda Gates, Wells Fargo, MicroSoft



PRIVATE DONORS & INDIVIDUALS

Alumni, Staff, Leaders, Partners, and Community

HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS



FOUNDATION

Cerritos College Foundation offers over 50 scholarships for active Falcon students ONLY. Use AwardSpring to log in and see what is available

Cerritos College Foundation
[cerritoscf.org/get-scholarships/apply-now/](https://www.cerritoscf.org/get-scholarships/apply-now/)



FINANCIAL AID

Cerritos College Financial Aid office offers great resources and links to additional scholarships that are not associated with the college.

Visit Financial Aid Office:
<https://www.cerritos.edu/financial-aid/programs/scholarship.htm>



ORGS. & BUSINESSES

Various clubs, societies, nonprofits, businesses, and many local/state/national organizations offer scholarships.

Examples: American Legion, American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, Rotary Foundation, Society of Women Engineers



SEARCH TOOLS

Use Google to help with searching for scholarships and other opportunities! Social media platforms like Instagram and LinkedIn are also valuable tools

Examples: Scholarships, College Board, Fastweb, ScholarshipOwl, Scholarship America, Hispanic Scholarship Fund

MERIT VS NEEDS BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

MERIT

- Based on factors such as **academic, personal, and/or exceptional talents**
- Students must meet certain requirements and/or are ranked by reviewers
 - Major specific (STEM, nursing, etc.)
 - GPA (3.0+, 3.5+)
 - Units completed
 - Involvement, Volunteering, Leadership
 - Military, Foster Youth, Re-Entry
 - Geographic (Downey Unified Grad)

NEEDS

- Based on individual or familial **economic factors**
- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - FAFSA asks a series of questions about parents' and/or students' income, assets, and other factors to determine how much need-based federal aid they might qualify for

STEPS TO A SCHOLARSHIP

1

MEET CRITERIA

Find a scholarship where you meet minimum criteria

- *GPA (HS or college)*
- *Major/Coursework*
- *Units*
- *Intention (transfer)*
- *Involvement*
- *Financial need*
- *Recommendations*

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DRAFT & PROOFREAD

Draft your essay responses and seek assistance

- *Peers*
- *Friends*
- *Family*
- *Professors*
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SUBMIT REQUIREMENTS

Submit all requirements BEFORE the deadline

- *Personal/academic details*
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PROVIDER CHECK-IN

Follow up with scholarship provider

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- *Decision timeline*
- *Follow Up*
 - *Email*
 - *Phone*
 - *Office*
 - *Website*

KEY DETAILS & DOCUMENTS



APPLICATION

Complete the all required fields, usually your personal and academic details



ESSAY/PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Essays and personal statements are your chance to share your unique story & how it aligns with the scholarship's mission



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts share your GPA, total units, class load, and other key details that help with scholarship selection



PROOF OF FINANCIAL NEED

Some needs-based scholarships require you to submit a FAFSA application & share your financial need calculation

CERRITOS COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

- Offered to CC Falcons ONLY
 - Some only offered in Spring or Fall, others are offered in both semesters
- 50+ individual scholarships
- \$500 - \$4,000 award amounts
- Both merit & need-based scholarships
- Historically, 1 in 5 applicants receive an award
- If awarded, must attend Scholarship Reception on November 6 & submit thank you letter



FALL 2024 SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

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OPEN**



**WORKSHOPS &
LABS**



**APPLICATIONS
CLOSE**



**AWARD
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**SCHOLARSHIP
CEREMONY**

HOW TO APPLY

1. Go to cerritoscf.org or cerritoscf.org/scholarships/apply-now/
2. Click on the “AwardSpring” hyper link
3. Login or create an AwardSpring account for CCF
4. Once you set up an account and log in, you will see an online application and list of scholarships
5. Complete the application sections
6. Submit and check email for confirmation



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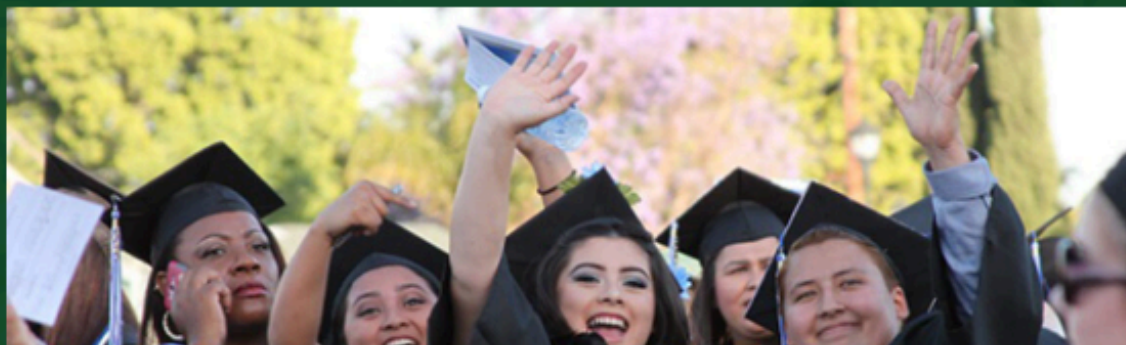
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Marisa Perez, Cerritos College Board Trustee with recipients of the Perez-Medrano Scholarship in Fall 2023.

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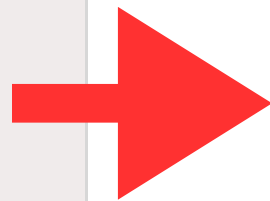
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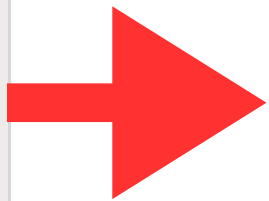
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SIGN IN



REGISTER



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Welcome Eric!

Stay tuned!

Applications are currently closed.



Thank you! Nothing left to complete

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Scholarship Name	Award	Deadline	Status
Film & Television Production Scholarship Student majoring in Film & TV, and currently enrolled in FILM 29...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	
John Pelloni Scholarship Established in memory of Cosmetology Professor John Pelloni, a...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	
Lowell Anderson Real Estate Scholarship Established in honor of the late Lowell Anderson, this scholarshi...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	
Fulton & Garrett Family Culinary Scholarship Culinary Art student who will be transferring and majoring in fo...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	
Jorquera Family Scholarship This scholarship was established by alumni and former ASCC st...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	
Kay Follett Scholar Award Established by Dr. Kay Follett, this scholarship is awarded to a st...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	
Mark and Barnett Chen Nursing Scholarship Established in honor of Mark & Barnett Chen, this scholarship is...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	
Mark and Barnett Chen Physical Therapist Assista... The Mark and Barnett Chen Scholarship aims to encourage and ...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	
Martha & Joey Rushing Memorial Scholarship This scholarship for adult students who demonstrate financial n...	N/A	Due Jan 09, 2024	

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Contact Information
- Academic Information
- Qualifications
- Personal Statement
- Community Involvement & Volunteer Experience
- Transcripts
- Letter of Recommendation
- Consent & Disclosure Agreements
- Additional Documents

PERSONAL STATEMENT TIPS

Your Story

- Where did you come from?
- Where are you now?
- Where do you want to go?

Include

- Educational and Career Goals
- Financial Hardship
- Do you have to work while going to school?
- Do you assist with household expenses?
- Do you financially support others?

Review

- Professionalism Counts... A LOT!
- Proof-read, edit, repeat.

PERSONAL STATEMENT QUESTION #1

In a minimum of 400 and maximum of 600 words, please tell us about yourself including your educational and career goals. Please feel free to include information that will give us a better understanding of you as an individual and why you should be selected as a scholarship recipient. If selected as a recipient, how would you use the scholarship funds?
(word count: 600)



PERSONAL STATEMENT QUESTION #2

Please tell us about any financial hardships that you may be experiencing. Many of our scholarships are need-based, so please be somewhat specific in expressing the hardship.
(word count: 300)



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Have you volunteered your time to serve and/or give back to your community?
 - If yes, please list any volunteer activities you have participated in within the last few years. Please include names of organizations where you volunteer, dates of your involvement, leadership roles, or community service activities, etc. (250 word count)
- Please describe how your volunteer experiences have positively impacted your life. (200 word count)



DOWNLOADING UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

1. Go to www.cerritos.edu, click “Quick Links”, then click “MyCerritos”
2. Sign in to your MyCerritos account
3. Click “View My Unofficial Transcript” under “My Information”
4. Click on the “Report Type” drop-down arrow and select “Unofficial Transcript”. Click “View Report” and your unofficial transcripts will appear in a new tab



WORKSHOPS

Application Workshops

- Tuesday, August 27, 11 am – 12 pm in Multi-Purpose Building Room 211
- Wednesday, September 4, 5 pm – 6 pm via [Zoom](#)
- Thursday, September 5, 2 pm – 3 pm in Multi-Purpose Building Room 213
- Tuesday, September 10, 11 am – 12 pm via [Zoom](#)
- Thursday, September 12, 2 pm – 3 pm in Multi-Purpose Building Room 213

Drop-In Assistance Labs

- Wednesday, September 18, 2 pm – 3 pm in Multi-Purpose Building 201
- Thursday, September 19, 11 am – 12 pm in Multi-Purpose Building 201

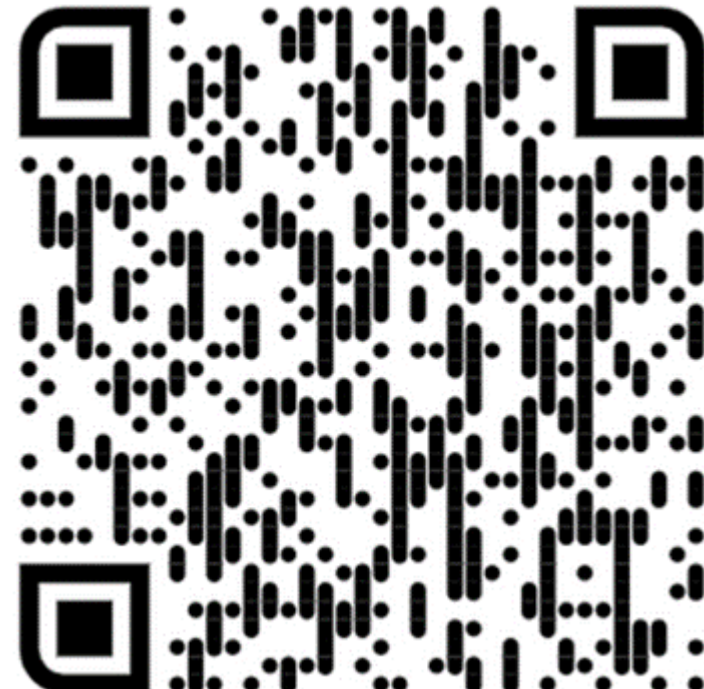
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[Writing Workshops](#)



[How to Email Professors](#)



[Scholarship Workshops](#)

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