



## Community Connections Alumni Scholarship FAQ

Deadline to Submit: Monday, May 24, 2021 by 9PM

### **How do I know if I qualify for the scholarship?**

You qualify if you attended LA's BEST for any length of time during elementary school and are currently involved in an organization that serves the greater Los Angeles community.

### **How do you define "involved with an organization"?**

Applicants should be active supporters and/or participants in a community organization. It is not required to be employed by a community organization in order to qualify for the scholarship.

### **How many times can I submit an application? If I applied for a previous LA's BEST scholarship, can I submit an application?**

Each individual can only submit one application. Previous applicants who qualify for the Community Connections Alumni Scholarship are encouraged to submit an application. Winners of previous scholarships are not eligible.

### **Can my family and friends apply for the scholarship, too?**

Of course! If you know anyone who fits the criteria, we encourage you to spread the word.

### **How do I submit a video if I want to include it with my application?**

Upload your video to Youtube and set visibility to private. Please share the video link with [mina.afayee@lacity.org](mailto:mina.afayee@lacity.org). To learn more about video submission guidelines please go [here](#).

### **How do I submit a visual document with my application?**

Upload your document to GoogleDrive and make sure to share the document with [mina.afayee@lacity.org](mailto:mina.afayee@lacity.org) and give editing permissions. Copy and paste the link in Section 5 of the application.

### **Is it necessary to include a video or a visual document with my application?**

Applicants are only required to submit an essay. The additional documents are optional and an opportunity for applicants to express themselves in other ways.

### **In addition to my essay, can I submit a video and a visual document?**

Applicants may submit both a video and visual document with their application, but neither are required.

### **Who are the judges and how will my submission be judged?**

The judging committee consists of leaders in the Los Angeles community. The submissions will be judged on their compelling nature - their ability to express goals and stories passionately.

### **How and when will the winner receive the \$500 scholarship?**

The winner will receive a \$500 check from LA's BEST by the end of July.

### **When will the winner be announced?**

The winner will be announced in June!

### **What can the scholarship money be used for?**

The scholarship money must be used to support your service with the community organization, such as but not limited to: transportation to and from your service, materials needed, classes or training and/or funding a philanthropic initiative that will serve Los Angeles.

Other questions? Email [mina.afayee@lacity.org](mailto:mina.afayee@lacity.org)