



## THE JAMES BUCHNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Scholarship Information and Criteria

The James Buchner Memorial Scholarship Fund is established as an endowed scholarship by Dora Buchner to honor the memory of James Buchner in perpetuity.

#### **Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?**

The Fund provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships to Hispanic, Catholic students who are U.S. residents, and are seniors at Cathedral City High School who demonstrate motivation, perseverance and a sincere desire to gain an education. Scholarships are provided to Hispanic, Catholic students who meet the criteria and are to be used for education-related expenses such as tuition, educational equipment and supplies.

Students receiving financial assistance from the Fund are required to maintain a minimum academic standing of “B” or its equivalent. Consistent failure to maintain qualifying academic status may disqualify students from receiving further financial assistance. Further, any criminal or otherwise illegal activity, lapse in appropriate conduct (e.g. cheating, plagiarism, illegal use of drugs or alcohol, expulsion from school), may disqualify students from receiving further financial assistance.

#### **Scholarship Criteria and Procedures**

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

- Financial need
- GPA of 3.0 or above
- High school senior
- Full time student
- Community service
- Merit
- Career or educational goal
- Letters of recommendation
- Oral interview

#### **How are scholarship recipients selected?**

Scholarship recipients are selected by a scholarship committee composed of educators and community members. Applications are reviewed competitively, and supported by a personal interview with each finalist. Public announcement of scholarship recipients is made after April 30 of each year.

#### **How to apply for the scholarship and submission instructions:**

Eligible students **must complete: 1) the attached application form; 2) two letters of recommendation (from counselor and/or others not related to the applicant) that verify community service; 3) an essay; 4) transcript (unofficial is acceptable); and 5) student aid report (SAR).** Final award recipients must provide evidence of enrollment in the academic institution to which funds will be paid on behalf of the recipient.

Submit the application packet to:  
Denisha Shackelford  
Inland Empire Community Foundation  
3700 Sixth Street, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92501  
Or  
[dshackelford@iegives.org](mailto:dshackelford@iegives.org)

For more information about the scholarship, contact Denisha Shackelford, at [dshackelford@iegives.org](mailto:dshackelford@iegives.org)





**VIII. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

The top three, accredited colleges, universities, vocational schools, I have applied to for the upcoming Term are:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**IX. ESSAY:**

Write an essay (maximum 500 words) on why this scholarship is important to you; the person you are now and the person you wish to be in the future; your educational and vocational goals; what giving back to the community means to you; **and what role your Catholic faith has played in your life.**

**X. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

Please attach two (2), one page, letters of recommendation from people who are knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, skills, community service and volunteerism activities.

**XI. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

**I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application will be shared with the appropriate Review/ Approval Committees. If I am awarded a scholarship, information about me may be released for publicity purposes.**

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Package Checklist**

- Scholarship Application Form
- Transcript
- Essay (maximum 500 words). *Include name on top of essay page*
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Student Aid Report (SAR) that you received from the U.S. Department of Education (EFC-page only)