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One Application, Many Opportunities: Inland Empire Community Foundation Scholarships are Open

*IECF's Common Application Portal simplifies the process, Accepting Applications
through April 15, 2024*

Riverside, CA – The Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) has opened its Common Application portal, providing access to over 30 scholarships available to students for the 2024-2025 academic year. With just one application, eligible students can be matched with numerous scholarship opportunities, simplifying the process and maximizing their chances of success. The scholarship program reflects the Foundation's deep commitment to supporting the educational aspirations of youth through the generosity and long-term vision of its donors.

"We are incredibly proud to offer such a robust scholarship program that caters to the diverse needs of our students," said Denisha Shackelford, Programs Manager at IECF. "With the rising cost of education, these scholarships can be life-changing for many students, allowing them to focus on their studies and achieve their dreams."

The streamlined Common Application portal eliminates the need for multiple applications, saving students time and effort. Based on individual qualifications, the system efficiently matches applicants with relevant scholarships across various categories:

- Graduating high school seniors
- Current college students
- Adult re-entry students
- Students pursuing studies at four-year universities, community colleges, and career or technical colleges
- Students with financial need
- Students pursuing specific fields of study

"Our donors understand the challenges students are facing today," said Shackelford. "Their generosity fuels our commitment to expanding educational access and fostering success for all. It is our hope that many IE students will come back to the region that helped launch them and become successful, contributing members of the community."

The deadline to apply for most IECF scholarships through the Common Scholarship Application is **April 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM PST**. Applicants will be notified of decisions by June 1, 2024.

Shackelford encourages all eligible students to start the application process early. For students seeking support, IECF offers both internal and external resources. Team members are available to assist with technical difficulties, while a network of local organizations provides free college guidance services. These partners include [BLU Educational Foundation](#), [Promise Scholars](#), [Making Hope Happen Foundation](#), [One Future](#), and [Upward Bound through California State University, San Bernardino](#).

Below is a broad sampling of scholarships that are now open:

Cardenas Markets Scholarship - for Undocumented Students "Dreamers" who are attending Colleges/University and who are graduating high school seniors.

Desert Outreach Foundation Scholarship - scholarships for students residing in the Coachella Valley who are seeking an undergraduate/graduate degree

Marvin Leggett Jr. Endowed Scholarship - for seniors graduating from high schools in the Alvord Unified School District with a focus on teaching, creative arts, peace studies, environmental protection.

Ruth Schroff Scholarship - for outstanding African-American or Hispanic/Latino students residing in Riverside County or San Bernardino County.

Shield Packaging, Chino Scholarship - for students (including home school) to pursue further education and training at Universities, Colleges, Community Colleges and Trade Schools.

For a complete listing and to apply, visit: <https://www.iegives.org/students/overview/>. Students can also submit questions to scholarships@iegives.org.

For donors and businesses interested in starting a scholarship fund, contact Brie Griset Smith, SVP of Charitable Giving at bgrisetsmith@iegives.org.

About the Inland Empire Community Foundation

Established in 1941, IECF stands as the oldest community foundation in Inland Southern California. With a mission rooted in fostering racial, gender, and economic equity, the foundation has become a transformative force in our communities. Stewarding more than \$125 million in assets, IECF collaborates with donors of all sizes to channel more than \$35 million in gifts and distribute over

\$24 million in grants and scholarships. IECF envisions a future marked by positive, transformative, and community-led change. For more information visit www.iegives.org. Be a part of our conversation on social media @inlandempirecf.

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