

Charles & Connie Meng Scholarship

Scholarships available for two-year students of Alameda County community colleges!

**Scholarships up to \$1,000 are available
for students enrolled in an Alameda County
community college vocational training program!**

To be eligible you must:

- Be a full time student, enrolled in a 2-year vocational training program at an Alameda County community college
- Have a career goal and a minimum GPA of 2.50
- Show evidence of financial need and partial self-support (for example: savings from summer job, part-time work)
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident
- Be under 30 years old (maximum eligible age is 30)

Please Note: Scholarship will be disbursed over two semesters.
This scholarship program is *not* for students going on to
four-year institutions.

See the attached application to apply!

Philanthropic Ventures Foundation

1222 Preservation Park Way Oakland, CA 94612-1201

Phone: (510) 645-1890 Fax: (510) 645-1892

www.venturesfoundation.org

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Application Instructions

(use this checklist to ensure you've included everything)

- ☐ **Letter of Nomination:** Nominator must be a faculty person or counselor who knows you. The letter must be on school letterhead.
- ☐ **Letter of Reference:** This can be from a person of your choice such as a relative, employer, teacher, or counselor.
- ☐ **Proof of Enrollment:** You must include a copy of your current class enrollment, to show you are enrolled in at least 12 units.
- ☐ **Transcript of Grades:** Application *must* include copies of transcripts of past high school and/or college work thus far.
- ☐ **Personal Statement:** You must write a statement about yourself. This statement should contain your career goals, a personal description of your life thus far, and activities you have been involved in. (See: *How To Write A Personal Statement* enclosed.)
- ☐ **Evidence of Partial Self-Support:** In order to qualify for a scholarship, there must be evidence that you will contribute personally to your educational costs; this could include savings from summer jobs or part-time work while in college. This does not include financial support from parents or other sources.
- ☐ **Evidence of Financial Need:** Scholarships are primarily for students who have financial need, please include a copy of the cover page of your parents' or your last income tax return (1040 or short form). You may wish to include a statement describing your family's financial circumstances and your personal situation.
- ☐ **Signature:** Your application must be signed.

When you have completed your application, mail it with the required documents to:

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(See attached checklist for additional application materials)

Part-time Work: \$ _____

Your Savings: \$ _____

Parents' Contribution: \$ _____

Loans: (Existing & Future) \$ _____

Grants: \$ _____

Other support: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Name of Loan: _____

Name of Grant: _____

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Are you married? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have dependants? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: _____

COMPLETE INFO BELOW ONLY IF YOU ARE 20 YEARS AND UNDER:

all applicants must sign bottom of form

Parents' Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced

Check if living: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Stepmother ☐ Stepfather

Do Parents Own Home? ☐ Yes ☐ No Rent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of Persons living in Household: _____ (Include yourself, parents, siblings, and dependents)

INFORMATION ON OTHER SIBLINGS LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD:

Name	Age	Present School/College

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

Father's Income: \$ _____

Mother's Income: \$ _____

*****Sign below to confirm that the above information is true and correct*****

Signature of Student

Date

How to Write a Personal Statement

1. **A personal statement is about you.** This is your opportunity to showcase your abilities and convince the reader that you are smart and driven to succeed.
2. **Just start talking about yourself.** Do not worry about your spelling and using big words because that may slow you down. You can always correct them later. Follow these steps:
 - a. Respond to each question individually by creating an outline.
 - b. Once your outline is completed, start writing and putting all the information together.
 - Tell them about yourself.
 - What kinds of things are you interested in?
 - What are your hobbies?
 - Tell them about your childhood.
 - Tell them about your early school years.
 - Tell them about your community involvement.
 - Include experiences that helped shape and define who you are as a person.
 - c. Other things to include in your personal statement:
 - Tell them about an event or person that has influenced your life
 - How would you benefit from attending this college?
 - Explain why you chose to pursue a college education.
 - What are your educational and career goals and how will a college education help you achieve them?
 - Why did you choose this major?
3. **ENJOY writing your personal statement!** The entire process of thinking about it, writing it, and sharing it with others is an opportunity to know and appreciate yourself.

*****Remember to proofread carefully*****

*****Be sure someone else reads it for clarity, grammar and spelling errors*****

Best of Luck!