



2020-2021 Advance! Scholarships

Advance!...On to College, the nonprofit college counseling center in La Habra, is honored to award scholarships to deserving 2020-2021 **Sunny Hills** seniors. Scholarships come from generous donors who are former students, families of former students retired teachers and other friends of Advance!

To be eligible for an Advance! scholarship, the student must:

- * be a graduating senior from **Sunny Hills High School**
- * be able to demonstrate **financial need**
- * attach an unofficial copy of his/her **high school transcript** to the Advance! scholarship application
- * be available for a **required interview via zoom** (dates will be announced later).
- * include a **“personal story” essay** with this application (2 pages maximum)
- * optional 200-word **short response about how COVID has affected you and/or your**
- * include a **letter recommendation** from a high school teacher or counselor who knows you, they must complete this via Google Form (see separate instructions below)

In order to receive the scholarship money, students selected must:

- * provide Advance! with **proof of college acceptance**
- * provide Advance! with a copy of college registration/enrollment form showing **full-time** (minimum 12 units) **enrollment at an accredited institution**

Send via U.S. Mail a completed application and transcript to the **Advance! P.O. Box 2307 La Habra, CA 90632**- or provide completed application and transcript to **Ms. Evelyn Casillas** Guidance and Counseling Technician at the Career Center, Room 2, no later than

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Applications must be **received** no later than the above date.

Incomplete applications will not be considered!

The Advance! scholarships will be awarded via phone or email. A meeting to receive the scholarship will be planned.

Advance!...On to College is located at:
501 S. Idaho Street, #230
La Habra, CA 90631

562-691-2117
www.ontocollege.org



Scholarship Application (Print in Black or Blue Ink)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ HIGH SCHOOL _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____
(Street number) (City) (Zip Code)

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Father's Name _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Mother's Name _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

If living with guardian or other person(s), please give:

Name(s) _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

PLANS FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL:

COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL INFORMATION

College Choice #1. _____ Choice #2. _____

College Major: _____

Career Goal: _____

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT:

Are you working now? Yes ___ No ___ Where? _____ How Long? _____

Do you plan to work while in college? Yes ___ No ___

(OVER)

ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME: Check ONE In order for us to determine your financial need for this award, please provide **a copy of your parent's most recently filed tax return and copies of W-2 forms.***** To be considered for our award, this section must be filled out completely. We will consider special or unusual circumstances. ***Please cross out SSN's

___ Below \$20,000 ___ \$20,000 to 30,000 ___ \$30,000 to 40,000 ___ \$40,000 to 50,000 ___ \$50,000 to 60,000 ___ \$60,000 to 70,000 ___ \$70,000 to 80,000 ___ Over \$80,000

-ESSAY: Please **TYPE** and submit a **personal essay** in which you explain your background (including obstacles & challenges), goals for the future, plans to achieve these goals, financial explanation **not** already included in this application, and any other pertinent information you feel should be known. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ABOUT COVID HERE UNLESS IT HAS GREATLY IMPACTED YOU. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO COMMENT ABOUT COVID IF NEEDED.

-IMPORTANT: YOUR PERSONAL ESSAY WILL BE NO LONGER THAN TWO PAGES, TYPED, SIGNED BY YOU, AND DATED.

-(OPTIONAL) SHORT RESPONSE ABOUT HOW COVID HAS AFFECTED YOU AND/OR YOUR FAMILY:
Limit to 200 words.

-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Please complete on a separate page)

- Extra-curricular
- Volunteer activities:
- Service (organizations or clubs, athletics, student government, etc.)
- Awards, Honors, Other Achievements Hobbies & Interests:

Have you applied for financial aid (e.g., FAFSA)? Yes ___ No ___

Have you applied to any other scholarships? Yes ___ No ___ If so which one(s)?

Have you received any other scholarships? Yes ___ No ___ If so which one(s)_____

Are you the first one in your immediate family to attend college? Yes ___ No ___

CHECK LIST – Be sure to include:

___ **A COPY OF YOUR ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT**

___ **A COPY OF PARENT(S) MOST RECENT TAXES & W-2s**

___ **A COPY OF YOUR ESSAY**

___ **A COPY OF SHORT RESPONSE COVID RELATED (OPTIONAL)**

___ **ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A RECENT TEACHER OR**

COUNSELOR COMPLETED VIA THE GOOGLE FORM BY TEACHER OR COUNSELOR

___ **A RECENT PHOTO (HEAD SHOT)**

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

DATE _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE:

DATE _____

By signing above, I hereby irrevocably grant and convey to **Advance!** all right, title and interest in and to record my name, image, voice, statements and/or writings including any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by **Advance!** in connection with any services offered by **Advance!** or at **Advance!** sponsored or co-sponsored events.

Instructions for Teacher/Counselor Recommendations

(Give these instructions to your teacher/counselor)

Due to the online education system this year, access to official school stationary/letterhead and physical copies of letters of recommendation are limited. In light of this change and in order to continue the authenticity and legitimacy of letters of recommendation, Advance! asks that teachers/counselors follow the steps bellow.

- Students may ask for high school teachers or counselors to fill out the form as their letter of rec.
- Students **CANNOT** complete this form, **ONLY ONE** teacher or counselor.

1. Go to our website: **ontocollege.org**
 - a. Click on the Scholarship tab, scroll down and click the google form link.
2. Please fill out this google form using a **school email** as proof that a teacher or counselor is completing the form. This will act as a signature.
3. Follow the steps of the form
 - a. Name of the student the letter of rec is for
 - b. Your full name (teacher/counselor)
 - c. Position (teacher/counselor)
 - d. Name of school
 - e. Attach letter of rec**
 - i. Word Doc or PDF

**Letter of Rec can be a typed word doc or pdf with or without official school stationary/letterhead. If a signature can be provided at that bottom that is perfect, if not, a typed name will substitute. The school email used will serve as a "signature."