

The LINKS, Incorporated

San Fernando Valley (CA) Chapter

Scholarship Program

2023 Scholarship Application



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Scholarship Committee
c/o Ms. Sonya Vaughn, President

**P.O. Box 260683
Encino, CA 91426**

Offered by: *The LINKS, Incorporated., San Fernando Valley (CA) Chapter*

Organization Information:

The Links, Incorporated, is a national organization of women of African descent, formed in 1946, bonded in friendship and dedicated to strengthening their community at the local, national and international level. All aspects of the community are addressed: education, the arts, science and technology, political, mental and physical health.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter (CA) of the Links, Incorporated, is committed to assisting citizens of the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas, to realize their educational goals and dreams through the awarding of college scholarships and scholarships for those pursuing the development of their talent in the arts.

Eligibility Requirements--

Applicant must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior, or transferring community college student enrolling in a four-year College/University, or First-time community college student beginning Fall 2023.
2. Have a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 unweighted scale.
3. Reside in the San Fernando Valley or surrounding area. Foster youth are encouraged to apply.
4. Submit verification of Fall 2023 full-time enrollment.

Support to Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) students

The San Fernando Valley (CA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, enthusiastically supports HBCUs and offers a \$1000 scholarship to a student of African descent attending **any HBCU**.

Support to Students Gifted in the Arts

Youth gifted in any form of the Arts, or show promise and a sincere interest in the arts, and enrolled in any grade 1 through 12, are eligible to apply for our ***Classics Through the Ages scholarship***. This scholarship is awarded on a one-year basis. The student may reapply up to two times. The amount of the scholarship shall not exceed \$4000 in a single year.

Academic Scholarships

Scholarships of \$4000, per year for four years, are awarded to students whose record reflects high academic scholarship, community engagement, and/or financial need, and show confirmation of enrollment in an accredited college or university. Scholarships of \$500 per year, for up to two years, are awarded to worthy students showing confirmation of semester enrollment in an accredited community college.

Application Packet:

The following documents must be submitted with the application:

- Completed and signed application form (applicant and parents' or guardians' signatures required)
- Official transcript, (Note: transcripts must be sealed by your school's records office in order to be considered official)
- One letter of recommendation speaking to accomplishments in any of the following areas: Academic Achievement; Community Service; Extracurricular Activities, and/or Employment Experience.
- Essay (see essay prompt and instructions below)
- A recent photo of yourself (. jpeg preferred format)
 - *Submission of image by applicant grants consent for reproduction and use of all such photographs, digital images, films and likenesses for publicity purposes in publications, brochures, advertisements, promotional and marketing materials and all other media venues, all without further notice or compensation. Applicant hereby releases to The LINKS, Incorporated., San Fernando Valley (CA) Chapter of all proprietary rights and copyrights in all such photographs, digital images, films and likenesses (including negatives, positives and prints) which shall be and remain the property of SFV LINKS, Incorporated.*

Completed Application including letter of recommendation must be received by April 30, 2023 deadline date. Contents will *not* be returned to the applicant. *Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.*

Basis of Selection:

The following criteria will be taken into consideration in making the awards:

1. Academic achievement
2. Extra-curricular activities, Leadership roles, Community Service and/or Employment experience.
3. Awards and Recognitions
4. Financial need
5. The quality of writing, critical thinking and creativity shown in your essay
6. Letter of recommendation

Family Background:

	Father/Guardian	Mother/Guardian
Name		
Address		
Telephone		
Employer		
Occupation		

Activities: List below your extra-curricular community service and/or employment activities; (e.g., school athletics, performing arts, clubs, community or church volunteer service, offices held etc.) High school student applicants for the last four years. Community College applicants, the last 2 years. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Extra-Curricular Activity(s)	Dates (from – to)	Participation, and/or office(s) held

Community Service Activity(s)	Dates (from – to)	Participation, and/or office(s) held

Employment Experience

Name of Employer	Dates (from – to) Average Hours worked/week	List Job Title/Duties

Award(s) and Recognition(s)

List below any awards earned academically, within a community service capacity or as an employee. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Award Title	Date	Sponsoring Organization

College Choice:

List the name and location of the college(s) you have applied and/or received conditional acceptance.

First choice:

Second choice:

Third choice:

Financial Need: Briefly describe the current resources available to finance your education.
(Attach additional page, if necessary)

Essay:

Please choose and provide a response to **one** essay question. Type below your response.
Make sure your response pertains to the question asked. Essay word count must be 450-500.
Include a Works Cited page if necessary. The latter is not part of the essay word count.

Assuming you will become an outstanding college student, please share what will give value to your educational journey. What do you plan to do to make your educational journey exceptional?

Explain in what ways social media has (or has not) impacted your life, directly and/or indirectly.

What does Black Lives Matter Mean to You?

Parent/Guardian Information *Required:* If applicant is under 18 years old.

	Father/Guardian	Mother/Guardian
Name		
Address		
City, State		
Zip Code		
Phone	()	()
Email		

Agreement and Signature:

The applicant affirms that the facts set forth are true and complete and furthermore understands that any false statements, omissions or other misrepresentations made on this application will deem it ineligible to be considered for scholarship award.

If selected the recipient or a representative on his/her behalf agrees to be present at San Fernando Valley Chapter of THE LINKS, Incorporated. Recognition Ceremony. Date, time and location information will be provided with the award notification.

Applicant's Name (Print)

Parent's Name (Print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

(needed only if applicant is a dependent)

Date

Completed Application and Documents May be Returned by Email or Mail

EMAIL

Please submit completed application to email: SanFernandoValleyCALinks@gmail.com

**(include applicant's name and "Scholarship Applicant" within email subject bar)
MUST BE RECEIVED by April 30, 2023 at 11:59 pm pst**

Or

MAIL to:

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**MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
April 30, 2023**

If you have questions or concerns please email SanFernandoValleyCALinks@gmail.com



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