Volunteer Center
South Bay/Harbor/Long Beach

Durfee Family Scholarship Application 2026

The Durfee Family Scholarship provides financial assistance to deserving young people who, despite personal challenges, are striving to attend institutions of higher learning.

Five $2,000.00 scholarships will be awarded to university or college-bound students in South Bay, Harbor and Long Beach school districts.

Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be accepted into an accredited university or college. Preference will be given to students attending colleges, community colleges or technical schools within the state of California.
2. Must be a graduating high school senior from a school within the Volunteer Center's service area (South Bay, Harbor, Long Beach).
3. Must demonstrate a willingness to make a positive contribution to their community through volunteerism and/or acts of empathy and compassion for those in need.

Application Checklist: A <u>complete</u> application must include the following:

- ☐ A brief essay describing your volunteer or work experience and how it has positively impacted you and your community (**Send as an attachment when you email this application.)**
- ☐ A brief personal essay, including career goals, and any adverse personal or family circumstances you have had to overcome while pursuing those goals. (**Send as an attachment when you email this application.)**
- ☐ An official high school transcript (Please provide a link for us to access your transcript electronically.) _____
- ☐ One letter of recommendation (cannot be a relative of the applicant) (**Send as an attachment when you email this application.**)

Personal Information

Student's Name _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____

Name of college you plan to attend: _____

Your intended major or area of specialization: _____

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Family Information

Parent/Guardian1 Name: _____

(If parent/guardian 1 resides in your household, write "same" on address line below.)

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Annual Income from your most recent tax return: _____

Parent/Guardian2 Name: _____

(If parent/guardian 2 resides in your household, write "same" on address line below. If there is no second parent, please indicate reason above.)

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Annual Income from your most recent tax return: _____

Total number of dependents supported by the household in which you live (including you): _____

Number of siblings _____

Age of siblings _____

Number of siblings currently attending college _____

Please describe any financial circumstances that affect your need for a scholarship:

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Record of Participation in Extracurricular Activities

List your school-related extracurricular activities, the office/position held and check the years you participated. Do not substitute a resume for filling this out.

Organization or Sport	Office/position held	9th	10th	11th	12th

List your community-related activities like clubs, faith groups, or other volunteer organizations, the office/position held and check the years you participated. Do not substitute a resume for filling this out.

Organization	Office/position held	9th	10th	11th	12th

List your work activities (paid or unpaid). Check the years you participated. Do not substitute a resume for filling this out.

Organization	Office/position held	9th	10th	11th	12th

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Essay Questions

Please attach your type-written responses to the following questions, adhering to the word limitations for each essay.

Briefly describe your most impactful volunteer or work experience. Why did you choose this activity or line of work, and how has it positively affected you and others in your community? (500 words***) Include this essay as a PDF or Word document attachment to your email application.***

Personal Essay: What goals have you set for yourself? What qualifications do you possess that will help you achieve those goals? What personal challenges have you had to overcome in pursuit of these goals? (1000 words) ***Include this essay as a PDF or Word document attachment to your email application.***

By typing my name in the field below, I certify that everything in this application is accurate and true; and I filled it out myself.

Applicant Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Applications must be received by Friday, May 15, 2026.

Awardees will be notified by Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please review the application checklist on page one, and be sure to include all required documents.

Email your completed and "signed" application to:

Volunteer Center
South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach
jeanadelsman@yahoo.com

If you are unable to email your application, please mail it to:

Volunteer Center
South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach
ATTN: Durfee Scholarship
1230 Cravens Avenue
Torrance, CA 90501

Be sure to include your 2 essays, letter of recommendation, and transcript.
If you have any questions, please email jeanadelsman@yahoo.com

Good Luck!

*Any information you provide within a scholarship application is **confidential**. Your scholarship application will be retained securely by the Volunteer Center for administrative purposes only, and will be processed directly by the Durfee Family Scholarship Review Committee.*