



LiveLoveLau Scholarship Fund

Overview

Stephanie Lau, a child of a deceased parent, established the LiveLoveLau Scholarship Fund in 2013. Her father passed away very suddenly and tragically in an accident in 2005. She was in college at the time and had no family to support her, thus creating challenges and difficulty with tuition payment and ultimately hindered her from graduating. Stephanie established the non profit to provide scholarships for undergraduate students and to aid in the financial challenges of college tuition. The scholarships are given to students up to the age of 22 who have lost a parent to sudden illness, unexpected or tragic death.

According to the terms of this scholarship, students will be selected on the basis of eligibility and essays. Community service, grades, and financial need will also be considered in the review of the applicants. However, grades will not play a dominant role in the selection process. Our reviewers recognize that dealing with death in a family member may impact a student's academic performance.

Scholarship winners are required to participate in at least one LiveLoveLau fundraising benefit, event, or project during their scholarship school year. Recipients may complete this requirement on their own or join with LiveLoveLau or other organizations in fulfilling this requirement.

LiveLoveLau shows no bias toward students of any particular race, religion, or gender. None of these will be considered in awarding scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY. EACH RECIPIENT MUST REAPPLY EVERY YEAR AND COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION FORM. TO QUALIFY FOR A RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP, PRIOR AWARD WINNERS MUST PARTICIPATE IN A LiveLoveLau FUNRAISING BENEFIT OR EVENT. A REQUIRED ESSAY QUESTION WILL ASK FOR DETAILS ON THIS ACTIVITY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT PREVIOUS WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED AGAIN.

Due to the high volume of applicants, we cannot notify each individual student of our decisions. **Winners will be posted on our website (www.livelovelau.org) by mid-May of each year and notified personally by phone.** Checks are paid directly to the winner's college or university.

LiveLoveLau Scholarship Fund Eligibility

Purpose: LiveLoveLau foundation was created in 2013 to provide financial assistance to college-bound students with a deceased parent. The organization was founded by Stephanie Lau, who lost her father at 19 due to a tragic accident. This scholarship is in memory of Theodore Raymond Lau.

Terms of Application:

Scholarships may be used to attend an accredited four-year college, or university located in the United States. LiveLoveLau Scholarship are awarded for one academic year only. Each recipient must reapply every year and complete a new application form. To qualify for a renewal scholarship, prior award winners must participate in a LiveLoveLau fundraising benefit or event. A required essay question will ask for details on this activity. Previous winners are not guaranteed selection for another year. Funds are available for undergraduate study.

Eligibility:

Students applying for scholarships from the LiveLoveLau Scholarship Fund must meet the following criteria:

1. Student must have lost a parent to a tragic or sudden death. (proper documentation or references will be required)
2. Student may not be older than 22 years of age
3. Student must live in either California or Hawaii.
4. Student must have a high school diploma.
5. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
6. Student must be a legal resident of the United States.
7. Student must be accepted as a full-time enrollee in an undergraduate program at four-year accredited college or university. At this time, the LiveLoveLau is not authorized to provide scholarships for graduate programs.

Materials:

1. submission of transcript
2. submission of resume
3. submission of letters of recommendation
4. submission of your free FAFSA application
5. submission of completed application form and essays

Required Documentation

NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JAN. 13, 2015.

- Please print or type one entire application. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.
- Please include an official copy of your school transcript. One sealed, signed and unopened copy of your transcript is acceptable.
- A letter of recommendation must be included. Three copies are needed. Each copy must be in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the envelope seal. We encourage you to seek recommendation letters from teachers, counselors, coaches, ministers, civic/community leaders, or employers, rather than family members.
- Please include one photo of yourself. Photos could be senior portrait-type shots or a photo of yourself with your parent who is deceased. A print is preferred, but scans are acceptable if that is your only option.
- Official documentation of your parent's death must be included. This could include a note from a doctor, diagnosis documents, or a death certificate.

Student Essays

THREE individual typewritten essays are required for each applicant. **Your full name should be included at the top of each page.** Essays should be typed on separate pages and attached to the application form.

The first essay topic is required for all applicants and should be a minimum of two paragraphs:

How will this scholarship affect you and your family?

Complete TWO additional essays. Choose from any of the topics below:

How has the occurrence of your parents death impacted your life?

What was the biggest adjustment in your life since your parent's passing?

What have you learned from this experience and how might you help others because of it?

What do you prize more now than before this experience?

What are your academic and professional goals? What do you dream of doing in the future?

What advice would you give to a child whose parent has passed?

What is your current financial status?

Please enclose three complete copies of all essays and your application. Keep an additional copy for your own records. NOTE: one copy of your transcript is all we need.

Please gather all required materials into three individual packets. Packets may be mailed together in one envelope. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND SENDING BY OVERNIGHT OR CERTIFIED MAIL TO ENSURE DELIVERY.

MAIL THE ENVELOPE TO:

LiveLoveLau

Attn: Applications

268 Bush Street 4014

San Francisco, Ca 94104

Contact information: phone (415) 890-3528 or info@livelovelau.org

NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JAN. 13, 2016.

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