



Environmental Scholarship 2011

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Environmental Education Scholarship

History of the Scholarship

In 1990, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office successfully prosecuted Grow Group, Inc. for the emission of a large toxic chlorine cloud that led to the direct evacuation of over 30,000 people from southeast Los Angeles. As a part of the settlement, Grow Group was to pay the District Attorney's Office \$269,583. The District Attorney then divided the sum equally among five high schools in the affected area. Those high schools are Bell Gardens, El Rancho, Montebello, Pioneer, and Schurr.

Purpose of This Scholarship

These funds have been donated with the primary purpose of encouraging environmental awareness and active responsibility among graduating seniors in preparation for college. It has been our hope that these high school seniors might find interest in the many areas of study that encompass the environment. Those disciplines, for example, would include law, government, science, social studies, and the humanities.

The Issue

It is critical that we protect and preserve our environment for the benefit of our most valuable resource — our children.

Additional copies of this application can be downloaded from the District Attorney web site at <http://da.lacounty.gov/cr/cpm.htm> or enter **Environmental Scholarship** in the search feature on the D.A. homepage.

Applicant Requirements

- A. Must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (based on a non-weighted 4.0 scale).
- B. Must have demonstrated a serious interest or commitment to environmental issues during the course of his/her high school education. This interest or commitment can be demonstrated through achievements in science, art, literature, social sciences or vocation, as well as through community activities involving an awareness of environmental issues including, but not limited to, air and water pollution, resource depletion, waste disposal, and/or possible solutions to such problems such as recycling, alternative technologies, or environmental education.
- C. Emphasis shall be placed on demonstrated interest, rather than grade point average alone.
- D. Must be enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 hours) no later than the spring semester of the school year immediately following graduation.
- E. Must submit with application:
1. Current copy of school transcript.
 2. Letter of recommendation from a teacher, member of the community, or supervisor who has direct knowledge of and/or involvement in your interest in environmental concerns.
 3. Typed essay responding to the following:

A description of the involvement you have had in a particular environmental interest, program, or project.

Make sure to include in your essay:

- ▼ Contribution you made.
- ▼ Why you are interested in this particular area of the environment.
- ▼ Further contributions you are interested in pursuing.
- ▼ Environmental-related activities you have been involved with.
- ▼ Your plans for the future.

Submit your application to your COUNSELOR by May 2, 2011

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

STUDENT APPLICATION

Name of your high school: (type or print)

Name: (First)	(Last)	Sex: M <input type="checkbox"/>	G.P.A.
		F <input type="checkbox"/>	

Address:	City	State	Zip
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Telephone number:	Date of birth:	Age:
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List colleges/universities to which you have applied:

List colleges/universities to which you have been accepted:	List your major(s):
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If you are undecided, what subject areas interest you most?

List environmental interests or services in which you have been involved: _____

List community activities in which you have been involved: _____

List awards and/or honors you have received: _____

CERTIFICATION - I/We declare that the information reported on this is true, correct, and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We authorize transmittal of copies of the student applicant's transcripts, when requested, to representatives of organizations which are offering scholarships.

Student Applicant Signature:	Date:
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Parent/Guardian Signature (mandatory for students under 18 years of age):	Date:
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