



## **2024-2025 Advance! Scholarships**

**Advance!...On to College**, the nonprofit college counseling center in La Habra since 2002, is honored to once again award scholarships to deserving 2024-2025 La Habra and Sonora High School graduating seniors. Scholarships come from generous donors who are former students, families of former students, retired teachers, and other friends and supporters of Advance!

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

- \* be a graduating senior from **La Habra or Sonora High School**
  - ★ If directly told of the scholarship and you are not of these two schools, you are eligible.
- \* 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** (dates will be announced later & subject to change).
- \* include a **“personal story” essay** with this application (2 pages maximum)
- \* include a **letter recommendation** from a high school teacher or counselor who knows you, **typed on official school stationary**

**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

Drop off a completed application and transcript to **our office** or **Send via U.S. Mail to Advance! P.O. Box 2307 La Habra, CA 90632-2307 by Thursday, March 21.**

**Late or Incomplete applications will not be considered !!**

The scholarships will be awarded at each school’s **“Senior Awards Program”** which you will be expected to attend. You will be notified if this changes.

**Advance!...On to College** is located at: La Habra, CA 90631  
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# Scholarship Application

(Print in Black or Blue Ink)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Number) (City) (Zip Code)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mai: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_ College 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 \_\_\_

**(FLIP OVER)**

**ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME: Check ONE** In order for us to completely. We will consider special or unusual circumstances. 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 \*\*\*Please cross out Social Security Numbers\*\*\*

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.**

★ **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)?

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

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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**

**ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A RECENT TEACHER OR COUNSELOR WRITTEN ON OFFICIAL SCHOOL LETTERHEAD STATIONERY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, WITH SIGNATURE ACROSS THE SEAL**

**a LIST OF SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES + AWARDS/HONORS/ACHIEVEMENTS**

**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.