

RESILIENT SCHOLAR GRANT APPLICATION

Scholarship Overview

The Resilient Scholar Grant is a merit-based educational advancement grant awarded to exceptional students who have demonstrated resilience, leadership potential, personal growth, academic commitment, and a desire to positively impact their communities. This scholarship is intended to support students pursuing higher education, career training, professional certification, research, or other educational advancement opportunities. A Resilient Scholar is someone who has demonstrated significant personal growth despite adversity and continues striving to improve themselves and contribute meaningfully to society. Leadership is not defined by titles, income, or accomplishments alone, but by a commitment to self-improvement, mentorship, responsibility, and service to others. The Resilient Scholar provides recipients with financial support and mentorship intended to help recipients advance educationally, professionally, and personally. This scholarship is strictly educational and charitable in nature and is not compensation, wages, employment, internship payment, contractor payment, or payment for services of any kind. Recipients are not required to complete volunteer hours, internships, employment, community service, or any form of work for Leadership Society of Arizona (LSA) or any affiliated entity in exchange for receiving scholarship funds. Receipt of this grant does not create an employment relationship or guarantee future employment with Leadership Society of Arizona or any affiliated organization. Scholarship funds may be used for higher education preparation, educational living expenses, academic transition, research preparation, professional development, and related educational advancement expenses that support the recipient's long-term educational and leadership development.

Award: up to \$10,000 per year [awards are subject to available funding]

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must:
 - Demonstrate leadership potential, resilience, mentorship, or community impact.
 - Demonstrate motivation toward self-improvement and long-term personal growth.
 - Demonstrate financial need or educational hardship.
 - Demonstrate exceptional leadership and personal growth.
 - Demonstrate a desire to mentor, serve, or positively impact others.
 - Preference may be given to students from underrepresented, economically disadvantaged, or developing regions.
 - Align with Leadership Society of Arizona's mission of leadership development, mentorship, self-improvement, and simplifying life through logic-based principles.
- Applicants must submit the following components to Team@LeadAZ.org:
 - Completed application form
 - Personal presentation or written life plan describing goals and future vision
 - Cover letter, resume, and professional photo, Two letters of recommendation

Application Components:

This application includes three major sections:

- Section 1: Applicant Profile
- Section 2: Household Financial Information
- Section 3: Financial Need
- Section 4: Personal Essays

Application Process:

1. Submit Application – Applicants must submit all required scholarship materials to Team@LeadAZ.org. Required materials are listed above in eligibility requirements.
2. Initial Review – Leadership Society of Arizona will review submitted materials to verify eligibility requirements and application completeness.
3. Initial Interview – Qualified applicants will be invited to participate in a virtual interview to discuss their educational goals, aspirations, leadership experiences, personal growth, and financial need.
4. Additional Information – Applicants may be asked to provide additional documentation or participate in a presentation regarding their educational journey and future plans.
5. Scholarship Review – Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee and Board of Directors. This may include an additional interview for future clarification.
6. Award Notification – Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions following completion of the review process.

Section 1: Applicant Profile			
First and Last Name:			
Email:		Phone:	
Address (address, city, state, zip code):			
Gender:		Birthdate:	
Please give a short description to help us better get to know you (what are you interested in pursuing, strengths/limitations, personal challenges, goals, leadership experiences, and how this scholarship will help support your educational and life journey). (500 words or less)			
Leadership Experience:			
Have you participated in leadership, mentorship, internship, volunteer, research, or community service experiences? Circle option.	Yes	No	
Please describe here:			
Have you completed a Professional Resume?	Yes _____	No	
List community service, leadership, mentorship, or volunteer involvement:			

Awards / Extracurriculars / Community Service: Please list significant awards, extracurricular activities, leadership experiences, or community involvement:		
#	(MM/YY)	Award / Extracurricular / Community Service
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Educational Information:		
Intended Area of Interest:		
Current or Intended Program of Study:		
Expected Educational Goals:		
Estimated Educational Expenses Per Year:		
Please identify any current scholarships, grants, financial aid, employment, family support, or other financial support you currently receive:		

Section 2: Household Financial Information

Please describe your current financial situation and any factors contributing to financial need.

Household size (# of people living in household). Please list all household members below:

1	Household Size:	#:	Ages:
2	Monthly Household Income:		
3	Monthly Household Expenses:		
4	Are you currently receiving government assistance?	Yes. List below:	No
	If yes, list here:		
5	Please describe any significant financial hardship or educational barriers:		

Section 3: Financial Need: Please explain how scholarship funds would support your higher education preparation, goals, educational advancement, academic transition, or long-term leadership development. You may include educational expenses, housing, transportation, books/materials, graduate preparation, certifications, research preparation, or related educational/living needs.

Explain here:

Expense	\$ Amount per month
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Financial Need per month:	\$

Section 4: Essays

In this section, please answer the following essay questions.

Question 1: What makes you a Resilient Leader? Describe challenges you have overcome and how they shaped your growth and leadership. (500 words)

Question 2: How have you served others or your community, and how do you hope to positively impact others in the future? (500 words)

FINAL SIGNATURE

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that this scholarship is educational and charitable in nature and is not employment compensation or payment for services.

I acknowledge that Leadership Society of Arizona may request reasonable documentation supporting the information provided in this application.

I acknowledge that scholarship awards are discretionary and are intended solely for educational and charitable purposes.

Print Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Date