



2024 Friends of Griffith Park Diversity Scholarship

APPLICATION & CHECKLIST

Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) is a non-profit organization that encourages stewardship of Griffith Park and the larger biodiversity of the Greater Los Angeles area. FoGP recognizes the important role of scientific thinking in order to sustain, promote and protect the biodiversity and overall health of our local urban ecosystem. In addition, FoGP embraces actions which guide and direct environmental equity goals, such as those proposed in the Los Angeles Green New Deal initiative.

FoGP is offering a \$3,000 scholarship to a Student of Color (SOC) who attends the Zoo Magnet Center, is a resident of Los Angeles County and plans to enter an accredited college, university or vocational school as a full time student. All scholarship applicants will be made honorary members of FoGP.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Identify as a Student of Color (SOC)**
- 2. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0**
- 3. Are a high school senior at the Zoo Magnet Center**

The following items must be included as part of your application package.

Please read/follow checklist carefully as incomplete applications will not be considered:

- A fully-completed application form.
- Provide answers regarding activities and awards throughout the past two years.
Please fully describe your experience(s) and the duration of your service.
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or non-family adult.
- Two short type-written essays addressing these questions.
 - a) Describe an important challenge you have faced and what you did to overcome this challenge.
How has this challenge affected your school success? (200 words)
 - b) Which environmental issue are you most passionate about resolving?
And how would you work towards a resolution? (200 words)

Friends of Griffith Park may want to use part or all of your essay in an upcoming newsletter.

Please provide your permission: YES NO

(Note: Checking NO does not influence the Selection Committee's decision in awarding the scholarship.)

- Attach unofficial high school transcripts for the past two years.**

REVIEW PROCESS: Your application will be evaluated by FoGP, with consideration given to school activities, achievements, academic record, personal essays and letter of recommendation. All elements will be weighted equally. Students may also be asked to participate in a brief interview via video conference depending on the number of applications received.

PLEASE NOTE: The scholarship recipient will be required to participate in two Check-ins, one at the end of each semester. The check-in will be an informal discussion concerning the student's experience of college with a FoGP board member via telephone or video conference. The student will be assigned a mentor from our Scholarship Committee members. All FoGP mentors bring a wide array of life experiences and educational backgrounds. Terms of this relationship will be determined by the mentor and student. Mentorship may also be tailored to the student's evolving needs. Questions concerning all aspects of college life including social, academics, financial, personal, etc. will be welcomed and addressed. It is crucial to emphasize that failure to adhere to these check-ins will result in the scholarship awardee losing the opportunity to apply for the Continuing Education Scholarship in the following year.

DEADLINE: Completed applications emailed in PDF or JPEG file format to Ms. Anna Josenhans at anna@friendsofgriffith-park.org no later than **Friday, March 8, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered.**

Applicants will be notified of the final decision in **April 2024** Scholarship funds will be released upon proof of enrollment.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Anna Josenhans at (323) 450-6688 or anna@friendsofgriffithpark.org

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FRIENDS OF GRIFFITH PARK DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION / BASIC INFORMATION

Information provided will be used by the FoGP Scholarship Committee to select recipients for scholarships. **It is important that you provide complete details.**

Student's Full Name

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number (home)

(cell)

Street Address

City / State / Zip

Email address

Cumulative GPA

First choice college, university or vocational school

Second choice college or university or vocational school

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Occupation(s)

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