



**RANCHO LA QUINTA EDUCATION FUND  
2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

Rancho La Quinta Education Fund offers education scholarships to employees, spouses, and children of Rancho La Quinta employees. The purpose of the Rancho La Quinta Education Fund is to provide opportunities for eligible high school and college students to pursue their career and education goals and encourage students of any age to continue education and enrichment beyond high school.

Rancho La Quinta Education Fund Scholarship applicants:

- Must be a current full time, part time or seasonal employee, who has worked at least 1,000 hours in each of the last two consecutive seasons.
- Or a dependent or spouse of such an employee. Dependent children are defined as biological, step-, or legally adopted children living in the employee's household or being primarily supported by the employee.
- Attending your final year of high school, a graduate from an accredited high school or received high school equivalency.
- Plans to enroll or has qualified entrance to an educational program during the Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 terms in the United States wherein a degree or certificate of completion can be earned. This includes, but is not limited to junior college, two or four-year college, trade school or certificate programs, vocational-technical school and higher education beyond the scope of a bachelor's degree.
- Traditional post-secondary education students must maintain a minimum of 8 units per term.
- Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), or better.

Annual Scholarship Opportunity:

1. The scholarship is valid only for the academic school year in which the applicant applied, or received an award. This scholarship is not renewable. No holdover or guarantee of any kind is made for a scholarship award in any future academic year.
2. Every person must apply annually for this scholarship opportunity and meet the eligibility requirements at the time of application submission. We encourage previous award recipients to apply annually.

Required documents from each applicant:

1. 2 Letters of Recommendation from non-family members.
2. A copy of the FASFA Submission Summary (FSS) from FASFA that spells out how much you may be eligible for in federal grants, loans, and work-study awards.

All eligibility criteria will be reviewed and approved by the committee each year.



### **2024 Certificate Grant Program Information and Criteria**

Rancho La Quinta Education Fund, in partnership with Desert Scholarship Foundation, has established a Certificate Grant Program for the benefit of Rancho La Quinta Country Club employees, spouses and dependent children. The purpose is to provide financial assistance for any type of classes, courses or programs that result in a certificate or certification from an educational institution, such as a trade school, vocational school or community college that provides skills to advance your current career or train you for a new career.

Rancho La Quinta Education Fund Certificate Grant Program applicants:

- Must be a current full time, part time or seasonal employee, who has worked at least 1,000 hours in each of the last two consecutive seasons.
- Or a child, dependent or spouse of such an employee. Children and dependents are defined as biological, step- or legally adopted children living in the employee's household or being primarily supported by the employee.
- Are **not required** to have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must be enrolled or actively taking career-oriented classes or a certification program from an accredited institution where a certificate of completion can be achieved.
- Reimbursements for certification courses already completed will not be considered.

Certificate Grant Program Details:

- Courses for personal growth, entertainment, a hobby, etc. do not qualify.
- Each applicant may receive a maximum of 2 grants each year annually (January 1-December 31). Grant recipients must provide proof of successful completion of the first certificate prior to the second application.
- No services will be required as a consequence of receiving a grant.
- Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Desert Scholarship Foundation will notify applicants within 14 days after the receipt of their completed application as to whether or not a grant has been approved. Scholarship checks are made payable to the educational institution for the benefit of the recipient.
- If a student's educational plans change from the approved application, or if the student withdraws, the student must immediately notify Desert Scholarship Foundation and provide reasoning for the change or withdrawal. Failure to do so may prevent the student from being eligible for future grant opportunities.

**Please contact Blair Moss at Desert Scholarship Foundation  
to receive the Certificate Grant Program Application and Instructions:**

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