



The 2018 Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship

DARING THE ODDS

Scholarships that support students who have faced personal challenges toward reaching their goals

COMPLETED APPLICATION DUE DATE May 11, 2018 5:00 p.m.



The **Jim Levine Legacy Scholarships (JLLS)** honor Jim for his lifetime of making a difference in the lives of children and youth in Mendocino County. When he passed away suddenly on January 1, 2013, we all lost a dear friend. Jim began his nearly 40 year career relationship with the Mendocino County Youth Project. He joined the “Youth Project” team as a para-professional Youth Worker, and went on to become the Executive Director. As his family and friends will tell you, “he found work that fed him, he did it well.” His interest in youth came from his innate kindness coupled with a deep understanding of what can make a difference in a child’s life. He was known throughout Mendocino County and the state of California as a mentor and advocate for children, youth and young adults. It is not surprising that many youth whom he mentored found themselves driven to follow his footsteps, and as adults obtained certification or college degrees and work in the human services field. In conversation, many openly share their fond memories of Jim, how he helped them, and that they are “paying back” through helping youth as he did.

Much of Jim’s hands-on work while at the Youth Project focused on identifying needs and building intervention and prevention services to help troubled or neglected youth avoid the criminal justice system. Through his constancy, his “fingerprints” are still visible throughout the agency. The staff of the Youth Project fondly recall his consistent adherence to his belief in the goodness of people, his joy in working with others, his generosity of spirit, and his unrelenting passion for the mission of the Youth Project. To preserve his memory and the unquenchable spirit he brought to making a profound difference in the lives of thousands of youth, and in those of everyone who knew, loved and worked with him, MCYP created the annual Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship Awards, to be awarded each spring six to graduating high school seniors in Mendocino County High Schools.

The JLLS awards are stewarded and presented by the Board of Directors of the non-profit affiliate within MCYP, the Mendocino Family & Youth Services.

Mendocino Family and Youth Services/Mendocino County Youth Project

776 S. State Street, Suite 107, Ukiah CA 95482

Requirements and Timeline Instructions

Graduating High School Seniors from high schools within Mendocino County are invited to apply for the Jim Levine Scholarships. Criteria for successful applicants must include an essay detailing a personal, educational or family challenge that was overcome in order for them to finish high school and apply to and be accepted at an accredited college, university or vocational school.

The application form in this packet, with all of the required supporting documentation, must be completed, mailed and received by May 25, 2018, at the address at the top of this page. Applications received after that date will not be accepted. The Jim Levine Scholarship Committee may contact the applicant for a personal interview.

The application packet must include the following, with pages clipped together:

1. A completed 2-page 2018 Scholarship Application Form, which includes contact information and the statement of colleges and vocational schools to which you are applying or have been accepted, required signatures and student information.
2. A 2-page essay typed, double spaced, one-inch margins, 12 point font. One copy only.
3. Two letters of reference. Explain if they are being mailed or emailed to us from reference. Email address to use for your reference letters: rsmellus@mcyp.org
Subject: JLLS
4. High school transcript

Scoring Criteria: 100 total possible points

Essay (up to 80 points) – Criteria to be addressed

1. Describe the life challenges you have faced on your path to graduating from high school. Explain how overcoming your challenges prepare you to enter college or vocational school. (up to 50 points)
2. Describe any student, community or work activities in which you've been involved in that have helped in your decision to further your education. (up to 10 points)
3. Describe a clear educational or vocational goal. (up to 10 points)
4. Up to 10 points will be given for how well written the essay is, including correct spelling and grammar.

Two reference letters (up to 20 points)

Remember: All applications must be received by May 25, 2018, whether mailed or hand delivered to MFYS, 776 S. State Street, Suite 107, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Full application packets can also be Faxed to: 707-463-4917.

For more info: 707-463-4915 or rsmellus@mcyp.org



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Note: Applicant must be in the 2018 Graduating Class from any public or private high school in Mendocino County. PLEASE PRINT NEATLY SO WE CAN READ IT.

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender Preference _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different than mailing): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

Who in your family has attended college: _____

Where have you applied to college or vocational school?

Note: If you are awarded a scholarship you will be required to submit proof of enrollment via the acceptance letter of an accredited college, university or vocational school by August 2018, and funds will be sent directly to the school where you have been accepted and enrolled for 2018-19.

If you have been accepted, provide a copy of your acceptance in the application packet.

ESSAY: Provide a two-page essay on why you should receive the grant. The Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship committee is interested in supporting students who have faced challenges in their life, prior to graduating from high school, who did not originally intend to go to college or vocational school upon first entering high school or who had difficulty achieving college prep grades throughout their high school years. So in the essay, discuss the challenges that you have overcome, and in what community, school, and work activities you have been involved. State a clear vocational/educational goal you have for your education, and why you have chosen it. **Essay guidelines:** Submit one copy, typed, double-spaced, one inch margins, 12 point font. If mailing or hand delivering, **please paper clip essay to your application.**

Provide two letters of reference from non-relatives. **At least one letter should be from a high school teacher or counselor.** Paper clip letters to application or have your reference email their letter to us at rsmellus@mcyp.org.

Name, contact information of reference #1 _____

Name, contact information of reference #2 _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION PAGE TWO – MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

Due Date May 25, 2018

2018 JIM LEVINE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Birth Date _____

SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM IN JUNE 2018 _____

Father's (Guardian's Name) _____ Occupation _____

Mother's (Guardian's Name) _____ Occupation _____

Number of people in family _____ Number in college/trade school next year? _____

What was your family's annual gross income before taxes in 2017? _____

What type of school or college are you planning to attend in 2018?

____ Community College

____ Community College, then transfer

____ Trade/Technical

____ 4-year College or University

Which schools have you applied to or plan to attend? (Please list top 4 choices)

What majors or careers are you considering?

My signature below authorizes _____ to release my/my child's
(the name of your high school)
information contained in this application to outside agencies.

Parent Signature Date

Student Signature Date



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JIM LEVINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET:

DUE DATE: MAY 25, 2018

PAGE 1 and 2 – YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PAGE 3 and 4 – YOUR TWO PAGE ESSAY (attach)

PAGES 5 and 6 – YOUR TWO REFERENCE LETTERS (attach)

PAGE 7 – YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT (attach)