



DARING THE ODDS

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

COMPLETED APPLICATION DUE DATE May 08, 2020 5:00p.m.

The **Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship (JLLS)** honors a Youth Project leader, mentor and friend for his lifetime commitment in making a difference in the lives of children and youth in Mendocino County. Jim Levine began his nearly 40 year career as a para-professional Youth Worker, and went on to become the Executive Director of the "Youth Project." 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. In the development of youth intervention and prevention services at the Youth Project, Jim implemented the Positive Youth Development (PYD) approach. PYD is a prosocial approach that engages youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a manner that recognizes and enhances youth strengths, and promotes positive outcomes for young people while providing opportunities and supports so they may overcome adversity and build upon leadership skills. To this day, Positive Youth Development is the foundational core of all Youth Project services.

Jim Levine was known throughout Mendocino County, the State of California, and the nation as a mentor and advocate for high risk children, youth and young adults. Many of the youth he directly served or who participated in Youth Project prevention activities have followed his footsteps and as adults obtained certification or college degrees and work in the human services field.

Each year, six graduating seniors who attend high school in Mendocino County are awarded the Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship. The JLLS awards are stewarded and presented by the Board of Directors of the non-profit affiliate within Mendocino County Youth Project, the Mendocino Family & Youth Services. As a graduating senior we welcome your application and wish you success!

Mendocino Family & Youth Services/Mendocino County Youth Project, the "Youth Project"
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Application Requirements

2020 Graduating High School Seniors within Mendocino County's private and public schools, are invited to apply for the Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship. The application form in this packet, with all of the required supporting documentation, must be completed and received by May 08, 2020, at the address noted on the bottom of page 1. Applications received after that date will not be accepted. The Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship Committee may contact the applicant for a personal interview.

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

1. **A completed 2020 Scholarship Application Form.** Please print so that the committee can read it.
2. **Provide a two-page essay on why you should receive the Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship.** The two-page essay must be typed, double spaced, with one-inch margins, and 12 point font. Submit one copy only.
 - a. 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 Jim Levine Legacy Scholarship committee is interested in supporting students who have faced challenges in their life, prior to graduating from high school. These students did not originally intend to go to college or vocational school when they first entered high school or had difficulty achieving college prep grades throughout their high school years due to personal challenges. In your essay describe the challenges that you overcame.
 - b. Next, describe your involvement in school, volunteerism or work activities.
 - c. State a clear vocational/educational goal you have for your future, and describe why you have chosen it.
3. **Two Letters of Reference are required.** The Letters of Reference may be attached to the application, mailed, or emailed. Explain how your references will arrive if they are not attached to your application packet. The address for mailing is located on the bottom of page 1. The email address to use is: rsmellus@mcyp.org Subject line: JLLS
4. **High school transcript and any other transcript that supports your application** (i.e. coursework at Mendocino College).

Application Scoring Criteria:

100 total possible point

Essay:

80 points

1. Describe the life challenges you have faced on your path to graduating from high school. Explain how overcoming these challenges has prepared you to enter college or vocational school. (up to 50 points)
2. Describe volunteer or work activities you have performed at school, or in the community that were a part of your decision to further your education. (up to 10 points)
3. Describe a clear educational or vocational goal. (up to 10 points)
4. Essay Composition. Including correct spelling, punctuation and grammar. (up to 10 points)

Reference Letters:

20 points

1. Provision of two reference letters. Your references may be attached to your application packet, or mailed or hand delivered. Provide two letters of reference from non-relatives. Preferred references are adults who support your future goals and the challenges you overcame. **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

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 2020. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school where you have been accepted and enrolled for 2020-21. **If you have already been accepted, provide a copy of your acceptance in the application packet.**



2020 JIM LEVINE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP
Application

Last Name First Middle

Today's Date Birthdate

Ethnicity Gender Identity

Mailing Address

City ZIP

Physical Address (if different than mailing)

City ZIP

Home Phone Cell Phone Email

Preferred way of contact (circle one): Home phone Cell phone Mail Email

Father's (Guardian's) Name Occupation

Mother's (Guardian's) Name Occupation

Number of people in household Household's annual gross income (before taxes) in 2019

Who in your family has attended college?

Type of school or college you are planning to attend in 2020:

- Community College, Community college, then transfer, Trade/vocational/technical school, 4-year college or university

Schools applied to or plan to attend:

Career field you are considering:

Blank lines for schools and career fields

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: MCYP celebrates students who are awarded through local newspapers announcements and through posts on our website and social media. Please check your preference:

- Yes, I agree to being photographed
No, I do not wish to be photographed

Name, contact information of reference #1

Name, contact information of reference #2

As the parent / legal guardian or as the applicant student who is over age 18, my signature below authorizes (school) to release my/ student information for the purpose of verifying High School Graduation 2020, a condition of being awarded the JLLS.

Parent /Legal Guardian Signature Date Student Signature Date



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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

DUE DATE: MAY 08, 2020

- PAGE 1 - COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**
- PAGE 2 and 3 - TWO PAGE ESSAY (attach)**
- PAGES 4 and 5 - TWO REFERENCE LETTERS (attach)**
- PAGE 6 - HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT (attach)**
And any other transcripts that support your application, i.e. Mendocino College