

THE LOUISIANA TO LOS ANGELES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



LA LA

2026

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**“How do Key Aspects of Louisiana’s Culture
Shape Your Perspective”**

**DEADLINE: COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORT
DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY, May 22, 2026**

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PURPOSE OF LA LA

The primary focus of this organization is to raise educational funds for local youth and to preserve the rich Louisiana Mardi Gras culture. Most members are from Louisiana. The 2nd Liners are a part of this organization. The 2nd Line is a traditional Mardi Gras dance performed in Louisiana. The "2nd Liners" perform on TV and a variety of events including the Los Angeles Black Business Expo, Magic Johnson's Summer Midnight Madness Mardi Gras, the John Paul Getty House, funerals, parties, and parades throughout the year to raise funds for youth scholarships.

Website: www.latola.org

Application requirements and scholarship rules are as follows:

- STUDENT MUST BE AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN GRADUATING IN 2026 FROM A HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION.
- STUDENT MUST HAVE MAINTAINED A CUMULATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0
- STUDENT MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF ENROLLMENT IN A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.
- APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE A CERTIFIED COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE A TYPED ESSAY OF 250-500 WORDS, WRITTEN BY THE STUDENT, CENTERED ON THE TOPIC:

“How do Key Aspects of Louisiana’s Culture Shape Your Perspective”

- THE ESSAY SHOULD ALSO DESCRIBE THE STUDENT'S CAREER GOALS AND HOW A COLLEGE DEGREE WOULD BE USED TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS.
- STUDENT MUST PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
- APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE A LIST OF COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH THE STUDENT HAS APPLIED OR INTENDS TO APPLY. PROOF OF SUBSEQUENT ENROLLMENT WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF A SCHOLARSHIP.
- TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION: ONE FROM A TEACHER OR OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL, AND ONE FROM AN ADULT (NON-RELATIVE) NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE APPLICANT'S SCHOOL.
- **FINALISTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR AN INTERVIEW.** Interview will be held via zoom. Finalists will be notified of date and time.
- STUDENT IS ASKED TO PROVIDE A RECENT COLORED OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH (PREFEREABLY), NO LARGER THAN 5 X 7 AND SUITABLE FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, May 22, 2026. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. For additional information, contact Sean or Kim Collins at (310) 527-1693 or latola504@gmail.com

Enclose all required materials and mail to:

**Louisiana to Los Angeles Organizing Committee, Inc.
9461 La Salle Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90047
Attn: Sean Collins Sr., Youth Scholarship Program Chair**

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