

## CHECKLIST

*Please know the scholarship committee keeps any information you provide confidential.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Photo (recent picture) is for identification only. (Helpful for the committee to know who the applicant is that they are evaluating)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Download or print to complete online application or pick up packet in IHS Main office. Try not to leave anything blank and enter info as thoroughly as possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Students must write a short essay about themselves. Make sure that the essay is complete and grammatically correct. Ask someone to proof read it for errors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Ask two (2) teachers to complete the enclosed confidential reports.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Obtain two letters of recommendation. The letters are to be from an adult(s) who are outside the school setting. Ask someone who knows you well, i.e., family friend, employer, minister or priest, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Complete record chart of participation and outside of school activities as thorough as possible. Do not think anything is not important, such as baby sitting. The committee wants to know about you and how you have spent your time socially or working.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Contact counselor to fill out FAFSA (financial aid) form. Flier attached.

Deadline to submit your scholarship application packet is Friday, April 16th. To submit your application, please choose one of the following options:

- 1) Email: [baltzell@luhsd.net](mailto:baltzell@luhsd.net)
- 2) Or, hand deliver to IHS Main office: 929 2nd Street, Brentwood, CA 94513
- 3) Or, Mail to: ATTN: Scholarship Applications, : 929 2nd Street, Brentwood, CA 94513

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STUDENT NAME

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(PHOTO REQUIRED)

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# INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

LOCAL

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2020-21



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**PLEASE TYPE** (If possible) - Answer all questions. Be concise and complete.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Household Information:**

1. Parents' current marital status: Circle appropriate response.  
Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed With whom do you live? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of family members living at home (include parents, relatives and yourself): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Number of college students in your family next school year: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
5. Father's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Confidential Family Income Information**

1. Parents' combined gross 2018 income: Total student has saved: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ \$ 0-\$10,000 \_\_\_\_ \$30,001-\$40,000 \_\_\_\_ \$60,001-\$70,000  
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\_\_\_\_ \$20,001-\$30,000 \_\_\_\_ \$50,001-\$60,000 \_\_\_\_ \$100,000 or Over
2. Note any extenuating circumstances which may have burdened the family financially (may submit additional letters):  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. You are encouraged to submit a FAFSA (Financial Aid Application) for this year. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please refer to attached information sheet) For further assistance see the counselor.
4. Are you currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Student Information:**

1. What college do you plan to attend next fall? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Academic major: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_
3. In which community do you reside? \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Optional Information:** (Helpful in matching you with certain scholarships.)

1. Are you an U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
2. Circle your ethnic background: White Black Hispanic Filipino Pacific Islander Asian American Indian
3. Please list any organizations, clubs or local unions in which you or your parents are members.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E. Essay and Recommendations:**

Please submit a one page essay (typed if possible) stating your goals and how your activities have made or will help you obtain this goal. Please also indicate other information about yourself not described above that will be of help to the Scholarship Committee in considering your need for a scholarship.

**F. Confidential Report Forms:**

Please select two teachers to fill out the attached Confidential Report forms. **Please list the two teachers you gave forms to.** (The forms must be returned by the teachers to the school secretary.) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**G. Letters of Recommendation:**

Contact one or two adults (**no Independence HS staff**) to write a letter of recommendation to the Independence HS Local Scholarship Committee commenting on your character, responsibility, and sense of purpose. Attach these letters with paper clips to your application.

**H. Authority to release educational information:**

Independence High School is granted permission to release educational information (application, transcript, and teacher evaluations) to **organizations** for the purpose of applying for a scholarship.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Education and Career Goal \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

The above student is an applicant for a scholarship. To assist the scholarship committee in its appraisal of the applicants, your cooperation is requested in providing the following evaluation.

QUESTIONS	YES	NO	NO COMMENT	N/A
1. Has the applicant maintained at all times a definite and sincere interest in his/her studies?				
2. Has the applicant been an active leader in some classroom or extra-curricular activity under your supervision?				
3. Did the extra-curricular activities interfere with the applicant's studies?				
4. Do you recommend the applicant for a scholarship?				
5. Do you think the applicant will be successful in college?				

Please explain your answer to question 5: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Personal rating of the applicant:

CHARACTERISTICS	BELOW AVERAGE			AVERAGE			GOOD			OUTSTANDING		
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT												
CITIZENSHIP												
EFFORT												
LEADERSHIP												
MOTIVATION												
PROBLEM SOLVER												
RESPONSIBILITY												

7. Please comment on any information you have which may help the committee make a wise choice. Include information about financial need, goals, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHERS: PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE, NOT TO THE STUDENT, FOR CONFIDENTIALITY.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please type or print)

If necessary an additional page may be added.

## RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CLASS YEAR	FRESHMAN 2017-18	SOPHOMORE 2018-19	JUNIOR 2019-20	SENIOR 2020-21
SCHOOL ORGANIZATION(S) AT OTHER SITES (Indicate if you held an office in clubs, etc.)				
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (Churches, work experience, clubs, i.e., Knightsen Swim Club)				

PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU ATTENDED PRE-SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND MIDDLE SCHOOL:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial aid is money provided by federal, state, and institutional sources to help students meet expenses while attending college. Many students find it increasingly difficult to finance a college education without some assistance.

## IF I RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID NOW, DO I NEED TO PAY THE MONEY BACK LATER?

Most financial aid is money that doesn't have to be repaid. Grants and scholarships make up a large portion of financial aid received by students. If you apply early, chances are a significant amount of your financial need can be met with aid that doesn't have to be repaid.

### Types of financial aid available:

- **The Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver (BOGW)** This program waives enrollment fees for qualified students for the entire school year.
- **Grants** are a form of financial aid that does not have to be paid back (unless you withdraw from school and owe a refund).
- **Scholarships** are a form of financial aid based upon specific qualifications, talents, or merit, often without regard to financial need.
- **Work-Study Programs** allow students to earn money for their education by working part-time either on campus or off campus.
- **Loans** for financing your education are available from a variety of programs, including Subsidized Stafford Loans, Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, and PLUS Loans. **These have to be repaid** so make sure you talk to your school's Financial Aid Office for a complete description.

- To determine what funds you qualify for you need to complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Your financial eligibility will be determined by a number of factors including family income, the size of your family and number of family members attending college.

✓ To complete a FAFSA go to: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Applying online is fast and easy. It has built-in help to guide you through the application process. The application period begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> for the next academic year. It is best to file as soon as you decide to attend college. If you want to be considered for state grants, you must file your FAFSA by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

✓ Get this stuff together before filling out your FAFSA:

Your Social Security Number	Your driver's license
Your family's latest tax returns	Current bank statements
Your family's business and investment information	

### RESOURCES

Federal Student Aid Information  
1-800-4FED-AID (433-3243)

Financial Aid Information Website  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)