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BELL GARDENS SCHOLAR PROGRAM PROGRAM GUIDELINES/PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

The City of Bell Gardens will award four scholarships based on merit, leadership, academics, and other accomplishments based on essay answers. To be eligible, student must be in 12th grade, a Bell Gardens resident, and must maintain a cumulative GPA average of 2.5 or above. Grant funds will be paid directly to the selected student. Proof of eligibility must be provided. High school transcripts, and proof of residency must be included. Acceptable proof of residency may include a copy of a recent utility bill, or car registration and a copy of your ID, or your guardians ID.

First place will be awarded \$3,000, Second place \$2,000, Third place \$1,000 and Honorable mention will receive \$500.00. The scholarship is to be used towards payment of class registration, school transportation, textbooks and/or school supplies. Please complete the attached application and answer the 3 essay questions. Applications will be scored and evaluated by the Bell Gardens Education Commissioners and selected Recreation & Community Services team members.

Criteria will include the following, but not limited to:

- Extracurricular Activities & Community Services
- Honors and Awards
- Essays
- +3 Pt for 3.5 GPA or above (100 Pt application)

On a word document, please answer the following three questions in a minimum of 500 words:

1. How will this scholarship help you?
2. How have you contributed to your community?
3. Tell us about yourself, what makes you who you are?

Your email should have the following attachments:

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Proof of Residency
- ✓ High School Transcript
- ✓ Essay Questions

Applications must be submitted via email to bgrecreation@bellgardens.org or can be delivered to Bell Gardens Veterans Park located at 6662 Loveland Street. Please note the last day to submit the application is Friday, May 28, 2021. For additional information, please call (562)806-7654.



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BELL GARDENS SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Home Address:	
City/Zip:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

SCHOOL INFORMATION

What High School do you attend?	
Please select option that best applies to you for Fall of 2021?	<input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> Community College <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational/Trade School
School Name:	
School Address:	
City/ Zip Code:	

QUALIFICATION

Are you enrolled as a 12 th grade student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is your cumulative GPA at 2.5 or higher?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is your cumulative GPA at 3.5 or higher?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Certification of Applicant:

I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this preliminary application is true and accurate. I understand that acceptance of this initial application by the City of Bell Gardens does not constitute approval of my application. I acknowledge that having provided any false information will result in my application being canceled or denied. I understand that I will be required to verify the information I have provided here, and will be required to complete a full application if approved for the next stage in the application process.

The information supplied is used strictly for establishing eligibility for the Bell Gardens Scholars Program. Applicant(s) acknowledge that personal and financial information may be subject to public disclosure under the California Public Records Act. If selected for funding, applicant(s) will be required to provide verification of school registration, proof of residency and proof of GPA requirement.

Signature:		Date:	
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WARNING: The information provided on this form is subject to verification at any time. **Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001** makes it a crime to: 1) knowingly and willfully; 2) make any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation; 3) in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative or judicial branch of the **United States**.