

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MONTEREY PARK
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Historical Society of Monterey Park is pleased to announce that two(2) scholarships/awards of \$3,000.00 each will be awarded to students currently enrolled in the fields of business, culinary arts or nursing.

The scholarships are offered through the generosity of the foundation established by the Scudder family and coordinated by John Scudder, grandson of Laura Scudder (1881-1959), a nurse, mother, attorney and pioneer business woman.

Students must be attending an accredited community college/culinary school located in the San Gabriel Valley. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States. Completed application must be received by mail on or before Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

We request that this information be put on your web page so that eligible students are aware of this financial opportunity.

Sincerely,



Marion Sumimoto
Laura Scudder Scholarship Chair
Historical Society of Monterey Park
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Laura Scudder Scholarship/Award Application Criteria

Laura Scudder was a renaissance woman. She operated one of the largest woman-owned businesses in the western United States with multiple factories and fleets of trucks. She introduced innovative packaging methods (i.e. wax paper bags), and new manufacturing techniques. Her early background as a trained nurse helped her to be mindful of producing food products that were healthy and safe. She ran her business with compassion for her employees. She made sure that she kept her employees working through the difficult Depression years. She was aware of adversity and did what she could to help others.

While raising her growing family and handling her demanding business schedule, she studied and successfully passed the California Bar Exams in 1918. This was before she had the right to vote. She was a remarkable woman who had a passion to succeed and who believed that happiness came from giving.

Description of Scholarship/Award:

The Historical Society of Monterey Park is honoring the memory of Laura Scudder, a Monterey Park entrepreneur of *potato chip* fame, by awarding two (2) \$3,000 scholarships/awards to students who are pursuing their education in an institution of higher learning and are currently enrolled in the field of nursing, culinary arts or business. In keeping with the spirit of Laura Scudder, her grandson, John Scudder, requires the recipients to attend an accredited community college/culinary school located in the San Gabriel Valley.

Education Qualifications:

- 1) Must have completed a minimum of one (1) year of basic education courses necessary for completion in his/her chosen field at a community college or culinary school located in the San Gabriel Valley and must have maintained or exceeded the equivalent of a "C" average. (Copy of Official Transcripts from applicant's current college must be provided with this application.)
- 2) Must be a citizen of the United States.
- 3) Application must be accompanied by three (3) letters of recommendation from non-family members such as teachers, counselors, ministers, or employers. At least one letter must be from an instructor of the applicant.

Method of Selection:

The Laura Scudder Scholarship Committee of the Historical Society of Monterey Park will act as judges and, based on the submitted applications, will decide the top four candidates and notify each finalist. If selected, each finalist will be required to attend the interview and the Laura Scudder Scholarship reception in person to receive the award.

Notice:

Scholarship applications must be complete with all requested documents mailed under one cover and received by mail on or before the deadline date of **Wednesday, April 12, 2017**. No exceptions. Finalists will be notified of the time and date of the presentation of the awards. Please address all applications and mail to **Marion Sumimoto, 1840 S. Orange Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91755**.

Laura Scudder Scholarship Committee
Historical Society of Monterey Park

Laura Scudder Scholarship/Award Application

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Address	City/State/Zip
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Telephone/Email	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
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High School	Graduation Date
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Marital Status	# of Dependents
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College presently attending	Major
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Projected graduation date	current g.p.a.
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(College Students Must Provide Copies of Official Transcripts from Your College(s) with Application.)

Employer (if applicable)	Telephone No.
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Position	Hours Per Week	Annual Income
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John Scudder created the Laura Scudder Scholarship to honor the legacy of his grandmother. This scholarship represents “beautiful hopes and is attached to a very personal story”. In 400 words or less, please write your reasons for applying for this scholarship award.
(Please attach a separate sheet of paper.)

This application must be received by mail on or before **Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

Please address all applications and mail to

**Marion Sumimoto
1840 S. Orange Avenue
Monterey Park CA 91755**

I declare that I am a U.S. Citizen and the information provided is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature	Date
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