

2024 Scholarship Application

[Minimum Eligibility Requirement – 3.0 GPA]

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 04/19/2024



Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation

Scholarship Program

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2023 Scholarship Awards Dinner (Hilton Garden Inn)

The **Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation Scholarship Program** rewards students who have achieved academic excellence while being involved in school and community services. This program is open to all High Desert residents who are enrolled in an accredited program leading to a healthcare or medical-related career. Applicant must meet all requirements as listed in this scholarship application. If you are a recent high school graduate, you must provide proof of college acceptance or proof of intention. Scholarship recipients may be given a 30-day grace period to provide an acceptance letter or proof of intention if one is not available at the time of submission. The Foundation has awarded over \$1.5 million to qualified students since 1989.

Questions? Please contact Andrea Bell at **760-381-8913** or scholarships@ReddyFamilyFoundation.org.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date

Last Name

First Name

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Date of Birth

SSN (last 4 Digits)

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Academic Major

School ID # (if applicable)

Career Goal

High School or College Attended (attach transcripts)

Fall 2023 GPA

Winter 2023 GPA

Address

College Accepted or Attending

College Mailing Address

Please note: Funds will be made payable and mailed to the academic institution and earmarked for the student. At no time will any funds be given directly to the student.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND/OR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Location and Type of Work

Supervisor/Director Name

Phone

Permission to Contact (please initial)

Number of Hours Worked

Volunteer Dates

Yes

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Have you ever volunteered at Desert Valley Hospital/Desert Valley Medical Group? Yes No
Are you an employee at Desert Valley Hospital/Desert Valley Medical Group? Yes No
If YES, please include service detail letter from the Volunteer department or department director.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please attach the following documents to this application in order to be considered:

200 words or less - **Your Biography:** This bio should include your unique background, financial hardship and accomplishments. If you are a student, please add your degree and institution. Describe briefly your field of study. Please describe any clubs in which you participate or relevant honors which you have been awarded; work experiences; leadership experiences, and community outreach you have performed. Please also describe your healthcare career path.

1,000 words or less - **Your Personal Essay:** Share your personal story in a captivating way. This essay should also include your educational plans and career goals. Include why you believe you deserve this scholarship. Paint a picture of your upbringing, your inspiration, your perseverance. Let your personality and life experiences shine through which gives you the opportunity to stand out from other applicants. See tips on page 6.

One reference letter from someone in the field of your major, i.e, an instructor

Copy of most recent IRS tax return (Form 1040, page 1 and 2)

Most recent high school/college transcript (Fall 2023, Winter 2023)

Portrait photo with a solid background (JPG or PNG format) →

2-3 **personal** quotes of inspiration, not from famous individuals



Examples:

- "I am inspired to care for those who are sick because of the memorable experiences I had with the nurses who also cared for me when I struggled with my own medical conditions."
- "I have ambitions of helping to bring hope and education to those who are underserved by making sure that mental healthcare is no longer shameful."
- "I am drawn to nursing because of my desire to care and to serve."

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO:

MAIL:

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Attention: Scholarship Program
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OR

EMAIL:

Andrea Bell at
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ATTESTATION

All information submitted in support of this application is true and complete, and if requested, I will provide additional information. Failure to provide additional requested documents may delay or result in disqualification of this award. I also understand that:

- All applications must be filled out completely to be considered for review
- All applications will be kept confidential
- All applicants will be notified in writing in May 2024

Photo and Personal Quote Authorization

- I authorize the Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation to use my photo and personal quote for the scholarship program

SIGNATURE

DATE



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TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

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The scholarship essay gives you the chance to show your personality and what you're most proud of in life. Your scholarship application should inform, but your scholarship essay should *persuade*. The scholarship committee will read hundreds of essays, so making your application stand out from the rest is crucial.

Here are a few tips to bring your scholarship application to the highest level!

Create a Strong Introduction

Since the introduction draws the committee into your essay and convinces them to keep reading, a strong introduction is one of the most important elements of your essay. Instead of starting with a general overview, why not hook the committee with a surprising first line?

For example, which of these two opening lines pulls you into the story more? Which one makes you want to keep going?

- My family immigrated to the United States in 2010.
- It was 2010, my family immigrated to the United States, and my life was about to change.

The second sentence gives the reader something to look for; it makes them curious about not only how your life changed during your trip but also why it changed. It gives the readers unanswered questions, and they must keep reading to find the answers.

Overall, you'll want to give the committee a quick preview of what they can expect from your essay – think of it like the written version of a movie trailer. Why should they keep reading?

Keep a Good Structure

After the introduction, it's important to make sure that the committee can follow along with your essay without too much effort. Creating a basic outline is a great way to make sure this happens.

To create an outline, first organize your thoughts. Write down the main points that you want to cover in your essay. Next, organize those thoughts into various sections: introduction, body, and conclusion. Your ideas can either be in sentence form, short phrases, or simple words. Lastly, make sure your ideas flow in a logical order and, if necessary, add more detail under each point.

Also, try to avoid going off on a tangent by taking the time to determine which information is relevant and which isn't. Similarly, consider just how much detail you should include. Providing some detail can make your point clearer or more compelling, but too much detail can bog down your essay.

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Show Emotions

Connecting with a committee through writing can be challenging but, when done right, it can create a very powerful connection between the committee and the applicant. Showing your emotions is a great way to do that and to get the committee personally invested in your essay. Showing emotion can help the committee see you as a person, rather than a faceless applicant.

We all have vulnerabilities, so don't be afraid to show them. Scholarship committees don't expect you to be perfect and want to see how you've grown as a person and handled the obstacles that life has thrown your way. Opening about times when you felt nervous or scared demonstrates maturity and self-awareness – two great qualities for a scholarship applicant.

Use Real Life Examples (“Show, don't tell”)

Instead of telling your readers about your experiences, show them. Provide real-world examples of your experiences and/or how you've changed as a person.

Consider the difference between these two passages explaining why the scholarship applicant wants to pursue a career in science:

Version 1:

I have always been interested in science, even from a young age. Since my family supported my interest enthusiastically, I continued to pursue it throughout school. As I've gotten older, though, my scientific endeavors have become increasingly complex.

Version 2:

Too young to enter the school science fairs, I looked to my family for examples. Force-feeding different animal food to my siblings and parents, I graphed their favorite types. While I was only six, my family has never forgiven me; my “experiments” remain the family joke. Nevertheless, I have progressed from my dog food days, leaving taste tests for DNA gel electrophoresis experiments.

Which is more engaging? While Version 1 explains things and may be well-written, it's a bit boring, right? Version 2 makes the subject come alive and showcases the applicant's personality. That's the power of examples and “show, don't tell.”

Keep the Tone Inspirational and Positive

One of the most important scholarship essay tips is based entirely on your perspective and tone. Nobody wants to read a depressing and self-pitying story. Even if you're writing about difficult or sad events in your life, try and keep the tone positive and inspirational. Rather than just writing about how you were negatively affected by an event, focus on how you grew from the experience and overcame the obstacle.

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Stay Away from Dreary and Boring Conclusions

Most people use the conclusion to simply paraphrase their entire essay, but don't be afraid to think outside of the box. Do something surprising and innovative. Make your essay interesting and attention-grabbing from the first letter until the last period.

One great way to bring your conclusion to the next level is to leave your readers with an interesting question for them to think about.

Proofread and Ask for Help

It's important to take the time to proofread your essay. One great way to find mistakes is to read your essay out loud. Once you've taken the time to proofread your essay a few times, have someone else do it for you. Asking a family member or friend for help can provide you with a different perspective on your writing and a second set of eyes might catch a mistake that you didn't.

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. **Good luck!**