



**California Women Lead**  
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**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL CHAPTER**  
**Laptop Scholarship**  
**DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

**The Program:**

As a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, California Women Lead is dedicated to providing leadership, training and support for women interested in or who hold elected and appointed offices. Its mission is to give the women of California the tools they need to be successful in both their political and professional lives. While women have made significant gains in California, the efforts to achieve parity for all women and girls must continue. The first step in encouraging women to be leaders begins at the local level and it starts with students.

The Sacramento Regional Chapter of California Women Lead is pleased to support the Laptop Scholarship Program for 2011. By honoring a deserving woman with a laptop, the Sacramento Regional Chapter hopes to help her achieve her academic and career objectives. Women from low-income backgrounds, domestic violence survivors, former foster youth, and those formerly homeless are strongly encouraged to apply. **Completed applications must be postmarked by SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 to be eligible.**

**The Award:**

One Scholarship Recipient will be selected to receive one laptop (which may include Microsoft Office software), with a total value not to exceed \$800. California Women Lead is not responsible for any expenses incurred for other software, accessories, warranty work, technical issues and/or upgrades.

**Eligibility:**

- Women only, please
- Must be enrolled as a full-time college student at an accredited public or private college/university within the following counties: Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, Yuba, El Dorado Hills, and San Joaquin
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA/ B Average
- Women from low-income backgrounds, domestic violence survivors, former foster youth and those formerly homeless will be given first priority.

**Selection:**

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and courage in overcoming adversity. Applications will be reviewed by the CA Women Lead, Sacramento Regional Chapter Board of Directors. Top finalists may be called for an interview. The scholarship recipient will be notified of her award during the first week in September and honored at a **California Women Lead event in 2011.**

**How to Apply:**

- Complete and sign the attached application
- Answer two brief essay questions
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- Submit official transcript
- Submit a copy of FAFSA

**Mail Completed Applications to:**

California Women Lead (Sac Regional Chapter)  
Laptop Scholarship Program  
1201 K Street, Suite 1850  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions? Please contact Maritessa Bravo Ares ([maritessa.bravo.ares@gmail.com](mailto:maritessa.bravo.ares@gmail.com)) or call (916) 952-2471

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL CHAPTER  
Laptop Scholarship Application**

To encourage and empower women to realize their full potential, the Sacramento Regional Chapter of California Women Lead is proud to present a laptop scholarship to an outstanding woman currently enrolled at an institution of higher learning. Former foster youth, former homeless, domestic violence survivors and those who demonstrate financial need are strongly encouraged to apply. **Completed applications must be postmarked by SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 to be eligible.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County of Residence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/University Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Units Enrolled in for Fall 2011:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Field of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expected Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about this scholarship?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:** I am a:  former foster youth  formerly homeless  domestic violence survivor

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Extracurricular Activities/ Community Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Leadership Roles (through school activities or work experience):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Honors/Awards/Special Recognition:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Laptop Scholarship Application (continued)

**Work Experience:** (include position, start and end dates, name and address of company, name and phone number of supervisor and brief description of job duties) \_\_\_\_\_

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### ESSAY:

On an attached sheet, please answer the following questions. Answers may be typed or handwritten in blue/black ink. (Typed answers should be double-spaced and in 12 pt. Times New Roman font)

- 1) Describe a time in your life in which you had to overcome adversity. How has your experience shaped who you are today? Word Limit: 500
- 2) Why do you hope to be awarded this scholarship? Word limit: 500

### ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

- **This completed and signed application form.**
- **Two letters of recommendation.** Teachers, counselors, pastors/religious leaders, and employers are acceptable sources. Letters from family members are discouraged.
- **Official transcript.**
- **Copy of FAFSA.**

### CHECKLIST:

- I have reviewed this application and have completed all sections, signed and have enclosed.**
- I have enclosed two letters of recommendation.**
- I have enclosed my official transcript.**
- I have enclosed a copy of my FAFSA.**
- I have sufficient first-class postage on my envelope, and my envelope is addressed correctly.**

Mail completed applications postmarked by SEPTEMBER 19, 2011, to:

California Women Lead  
Sacramento Regional Chapter's Laptop Scholarship Program  
1201 K Street, Suite 1850  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**