

Vida del Mar Scholarship Program Template

Preamble

The purpose for this template is to facilitate determination of the program definition and operating principles of the Vida del Mar Scholarship Program.

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Program Definition

What is the Board's driving purpose for sustaining and offering the Vida Awards?

1. The purpose statement should fully articulate the rationale for the program and include statements that explain why the Awards are being made and the intended benefits to the recipient(s) of the Awards.
2. Is the Board's philosophy to be inclusive or exclusive in the overall approach to participation in the Award program?

Who is the targeted audience for the Awards?

1. Primary students?
2. Secondary students?
3. Postsecondary students?
4. All of the above or others?

What is the scope (total eligibility pool) of the program?

1. Are the Awards targeted only to students who are children of Vida employees?
2. Are the Awards targeted to students who are related to Vida employees?

3. Are the Awards targeted to students residing in the local community?
4. Are there multiple categories of eligible students?

What are the criteria to be taken into account in the determination of Award recipients?

1. Are the criteria entirely academic in character (grade point average)?
2. Must recipients demonstrate other nonacademic accomplishments (community service, English language skills or study, program of study, etc.)?
3. Is the Award to be made on the basis of merit? need (cost of attendance, expected family contribution)? or approved eligibility (all candidates within a category established by the Board) or some combination of factors?
4. Would the program utilize school or community personnel in the scholarship determination process?

What financial requirements is the award intended to meet (pay for)?

Operational Principles

When and how often are awards to be made?

How is the amount of the award to be determined?

How many awards are to be made?

How are potential applicants to be informed about the scholarship program?

1. Are all communications limited to the target population or is a general communications process necessary/desirable?

When/How often are awards to be made?

How Many awards are to be made?

Are there different types of awards permitting sponsors to match existing funding sources?

Is the amount of the award to remain stable for the award period?

To what elements of educational costs/other costs may the award be applied?

How will the funds be disbursed? To whom? Through what process? What verifications are to be in place as a condition of payment?

How is program policy to be defined? And by who?

What information needs to be collected from applicants to allow the determination of eligibility?

Will others be involved in the determination of award eligibility (teachers, community representatives)?

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