Scholarships up to $1,000 are available for students enrolled in an Alameda County community college vocational training program!

To be eligible you must:

- Be a full time student, enrolled in a 2-year vocational training program at an Alameda County community college
- Have a career goal and a minimum GPA of 2.50
- Show evidence of financial need and partial self-support (for example: savings from summer job, part-time work)
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident
- Be under 30 years old (maximum eligible age is 30)

Please Note: Scholarship will be disbursed over two semesters. This scholarship program is not for students going on to four-year institutions.

See the attached application to apply!
Charles & Connie Meng Scholarship Program

Application Instructions
(use this checklist to ensure you’ve included everything)

☐ Letter of Nomination: Nominator must be a faculty person or counselor who knows you. The letter must be on school letterhead.

☐ Letter of Reference: This can be from a person of your choice such as a relative, employer, teacher, or counselor.

☐ Proof of Enrollment: You must include a copy of your current class enrollment, to show you are enrolled in at least 12 units.

☐ Transcript of Grades: Application must include copies of transcripts of past high school and/or college work thus far.

☐ Personal Statement: You must write a statement about yourself. This statement should contain your career goals, a personal description of your life thus far, and activities you have been involved in. (See: How To Write A Personal Statement enclosed.)

☐ Evidence of Partial Self-Support: In order to qualify for a scholarship, there must be evidence that you will contribute personally to your educational costs; this could include savings from summer jobs or part-time work while in college. This does not include financial support from parents or other sources.

☐ Evidence of Financial Need: Scholarships are primarily for students who have financial need, please include a copy of the cover page of your parents’ or your last income tax return (1040 or short form). You may wish to include a statement describing your family’s financial circumstances and your personal situation.

☐ Signature: Your application must be signed.

When you have completed your application, mail it with the required documents to:
Charles & Connie Meng Scholarship Program

Application Form
(See attached checklist for additional application materials)

Name: ____________________________________________________________
   (Last)   (First)   (Middle)

Home Address: ______________________________________________________
   (Street)   (City)   (State)   (Zip)

Telephone Number: (______) ________________________
   E-mail Address: ________________________________

Date of Birth: ___________   Age: ___________   Student ID#: ________________________________
   (Max. eligible age is 30)

Community College Name: __________________________________________________________________

Major: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Career goal (ex. carpenter, electrician, etc.): ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Applying for the scholarship for Fall/Spring Semester of 20____ (circle one)
(Please note, this scholarship may be paid in installments over two semesters)

Total number of units currently enrolled: ______________
(You must include proof of enrollment in at least 12 units)

Cumulative GPA (must be at least a 2.5): ___________   Estimated Graduation Date: ______________

Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident to be eligible for this program; please state status below:

Citizen of the United States?   Yes _____   No _____   Permanent Resident? ________________________________
   (If yes, please attach a copy of your permanent resident card)

List your estimated educational expenses for the school year:

   Full-time fees (12 units): $ __________________
   Books: $ __________________
   Transportation: $ __________________
   Total: $ __________________

What sources of support do you have to meet the expenses above?

Part-time Work: $ __________________

Your Savings: $ __________________

Parents’ Contribution: $ __________________

Loans: (Existing & Future) $ __________________   Name of Loan: __________________

Grants: $ __________________   Name of Grant: __________________

Other support: $ __________________

Total: $ __________________
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Are you married? Yes ______ No ______

Do you have dependants? □ Yes □ No

If yes, please describe: ____________________________________________________________

COMPLETE INFO BELOW ONLY IF YOU ARE 20 YEARS AND UNDER:

**all applicants must sign bottom of form**

Parents’ Marital Status: □ Married □ Separated □ Divorced

Check if living: □ Mother □ Father □ Stepmother □ Stepfather

Do Parents Own Home? □ Yes □ No Rent? □ Yes □ No

Number of Persons living in Household: _______ (Include yourself, parents, siblings, and dependents)

INFORMATION ON OTHER SIBLINGS LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD:

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Parent/Guardian’s Name:

Father: ___________________________ Mother: ___________________________

Address: __________________________ Address: ___________________________

__________________________________________

Occupation: ____________________________ Occupation: ____________________________

Employer: ___________________________ Employer: ___________________________

Father’s Income: $ __________________

Mother’s Income: $ __________________

**Sign below to confirm that the above information is true and correct**

__________________________________________

Signature of Student

__________________________________________

Date
How to Write a Personal Statement

1. A personal statement is about you. This is your opportunity to showcase your abilities and convince the reader that you are smart and driven to succeed.

2. Just start talking about yourself. Do not worry about your spelling and using big words because that may slow you down. You can always correct them later. Follow these steps:
   a. Respond to each question individually by creating an outline.
   b. Once your outline is completed, start writing and putting all the information together.
      - Tell them about yourself.
      - What kinds of things are you interested in?
      - What are your hobbies?
      - Tell them about your childhood.
      - Tell them about your early school years.
      - Tell them about your community involvement.
      - Include experiences that helped shape and define who you are as a person.
   c. Other things to include in your personal statement:
      - Tell them about an event or person that has influenced your life.
      - How would you benefit from attending this college?
      - Explain why you chose to pursue a college education.
      - What are your educational and career goals and how will a college education help you achieve them?
      - Why did you choose this major?

3. ENJOY writing your personal statement! The entire process of thinking about it, writing it, and sharing it with others is an opportunity to know and appreciate yourself.

   **Remember to proofread carefully**
   **Be sure someone else reads it for clarity, grammar and spelling errors**

   Best of Luck!