# LVF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### Q: WHAT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS DOES LVF OFFER?

We offer two types of scholarships: Enrichment and Sports.

- Enrichment includes creative, academic, leadership, and cultural activities.
- Sports supports girls pursuing excellence and access in athletics.

### Q: WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Girls ages 10–18
- Must live in the U.S.
- Must show financial need
- One award per year, max of 3 total
- Activity must accept checks & submit a W-9

### Q: HOW DO I APPLY?

Submit your application online via our **Submittable portal**. You will need:

- A video essay showing your grit
- Short-answer responses
- Financial info (parent/guardian help encouraged)
  - If you're under 16, a parent or guardian must complete the form.

Pro Tip: Confirm with your program or activity provider that they accept checks and are able to submit a W-9 — this will help avoid delays if you're awarded.

### Q: HOW MUCH CAN I RECEIVE?

Up to \$5,000 (partial awards are common).

### **Q: WHEN CAN I APPLY?**

Applications are open twice a year:

- Spring Cycle: January 1 March 31
- Fall Cycle: August 1 October 31

All applications close at 5:00 PM EST on the final day.

## Q: WHAT IF ENGLISH ISN'T MY FIRST LANGUAGE?

We welcome applicants from all language backgrounds. If you or your family need help understanding the application, please reach out to our team at <a href="mailto:scholarships@lindseyvonnfoundation.org">scholarships@lindseyvonnfoundation.org</a> — we're happy to help.

## Q: ARE THERE ANY OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

Yes. In addition to being a U.S. resident between the ages of 10–18 and demonstrating financial need, applicants must:

- Be applying for a specific program, activity, or training opportunity (not college tuition)
- Ensure the organization or provider can accept payment in U.S. dollars and submit a completed W-9 form to LVF
- Not have received an LVF scholarship in the same calendar year (limit one per year, up to three total over time)

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### Q: WHICH SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD I APPLY FOR?

You may only apply for one scholarship per cycle.

### **LVF Enrichment Scholarship**

Designed for programs in arts, STEM, leadership, wellness, and more.

Examples include:

- Music or art classes
- Travel programs
- Theater and debate
- After-school programs
- STEAM/STEM camps
- Creative writing, cooking, or coding workshops

Dance can qualify for either Enrichment or Sports depending on the nature of the program.

### **LVF Sports Scholarship**

Supports young athletes pursuing their sport.

Examples include:

- Figure skating
- Skiing/snowboarding
- Tennis, volleyball, soccer, cheer, swimming
- Sports camps or team travel

Dance also qualifies under Sports if it's part of a competitive or performance-based training program.

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### Q: WHAT MAKES A STRONG APPLICATION?

A compelling story: what this opportunity means to you

Effort and clarity in your writing and video
Thoughtful reflections on your goals, grit, and growth
Community spirit: are you a team player or peer
leader?

A sense of balance: we're looking for well-rounded individuals who show character, curiosity, and commitment beyond just achievements. Check out our guide, *How to Tell Your Story: Writing Tips for a Strong LVF Scholarship Application* for tips!

# Q: WHAT IF I'VE FACED SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

We understand that life isn't always smooth. If you've experienced injuries, family challenges, or other unique situations, feel free to include that in your application. We review the whole person — not just their performance.

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## Q: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

### 1. Application Review

- Applications are scored by the LVF Selection Committee.
- Top scorers may receive full or partial funding.

### 2. Notification

- Award decisions are emailed within 4–6 weeks after the deadline.
- Make sure your contact info is accurate and check spam/junk folders too.

#### 3. If You're Selected

- Complete your Scholarship Agreement
- Have your activity organization submit an invoice and required documentation
- We pay the organization directly on your behalf

### 4. After Your Program

- Complete a short impact survey and summary of your experience
- Include photos/videos if possible
- This helps you reapply in future cycles!

### Q: I'VE BEEN AWARDED—WHAT'S NEXT?

### **Congratulations!**

We're proud to call you an LVF Scholar. You've shown passion, purpose, and perseverance.

#### You will need to:

- ✓ Sign your agreement
- Ask your activity provider to submit invoice
- Stay in touch and check your email
- Represent LVF with pride in your program
- Complete a reflection survey after your activity

### OTHER QUESTIONS?

Please reach out to our team at

scholarships@lindseyvonnfoundation.org

