



To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Scholarship Program! The Vernon CommUNITY Fund (VCF) and Vernon City Council are dedicated to enriching the local community, and promoting higher education is aligned with its overall mission to contribute to the betterment of the Southeast Los Angeles County region.

This year, the City invites you to participate as a sponsor for the 2023/24 VCF Scholarship Program. Your tax-deductible donation will support this program and ensure that we are able to assist as many underrepresented students in the Southeast region as possible. It is through the generosity of the Vernon business community, service and civic organizations, and individuals that we can elevate the scholarship program to new heights, benefitting youth in the Vernon Area who are striving to reach for the stars.

The VCF Scholarship is available to student applicants who are committed to investing in their education for a brighter future. The Program focuses on 12th grade students enrolling in a post-secondary educational institution (vocational, community college, or university) with full-time status who either attend high school or reside in the Vernon Area (which includes the cities of Vernon, Maywood, Bell, Huntington Park, Commerce, the area within the City of Los Angeles known as Boyle Heights, and the unincorporated area known as East Los Angeles). Since 2019, the VCF has helped many students achieve their dream of a college education. Many of our students are the first in their families to attend college and with each graduate, a ripple effect is felt throughout our community and new possibilities are created.

Together, let's make this the biggest and best year ever for the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Scholarship Program! Helping Vernon Area youth in their educational pursuits is a wonderful way for us to support our community at-large. All contributions are greatly appreciated!

	Acknowledged on the City's website and social media platforms along with this year's scholarship recipients	Acknowledged with your name or name of your business and your donation added to the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Donor Wall to be displayed at Vernon City Hall	A top scholarship award will be named after you or your company or organization
Donation of \$20,000 or more	●	●	●
Donation of \$10,000 or more	●	●	
Donation up to \$5,000	●		

You may send your tax-deductible donation by April 30, 2023 (any amount is welcome). Please see below for payment options.

Please email your remittance to [payments@cityofvernon.org](mailto:payments@cityofvernon.org) with "Vernon CommUNITY Fund Scholarship Program Donation" referenced in the subject line and use the following banking

information to send an electronic payment (ACH preferred):

Bank Name: East West Bank  
Routing Number: 322070381  
Account Name: Operating Account  
Account Number: 8003092007

Or, if more convenient, you may mail a donation to the following physical address:

Vernon City Hall  
4305 Santa Fe Ave.  
Vernon, CA 90058  
Attn: VCF Scholarship Program, Diana Figueroa

For tax purposes, our non-profit tax ID number is 95-6000808. If you have any remittance questions, you may contact the City of Vernon Finance Department at (323) 583-8811, extension 242.

We invite you to visit [vernoncommunityfund.org](http://vernoncommunityfund.org) for more information on VCF history, grant application processes, eligibility, and the VCF Grant Committee.

Donate today! Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of many. On behalf of the Vernon COMMUNITY Fund Scholarship Program, thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,



Carlos R. Fandino, Jr.  
City Administrator and Executive Director of the VCF Grant Committee  
City of Vernon