The Historical Society of Monterey Park  
Post Office Box 272  
Monterey Park, California 91754

Laura Scudder Scholarship/Award Application Criteria

Laura Scudder was a renaissance woman. She operated one of the largest woman-owned businesses in the western United States with multiple factories and fleets of trucks. She introduced innovative packaging methods (i.e., wax paper bags) and new manufacturing techniques. Her early background as a trained nurse helped her to be mindful of producing food products that were healthy and safe. She ran her business with compassion for her employees. She made sure that she kept her employees working through the difficult Depression years. She was aware of adversity and did what she could to help others.

While raising her growing family and handling her demanding business schedule, she studied and successfully passed the California Bar Exams in 1918. This was before she had the right to vote. She was a remarkable woman who had a passion to succeed and who believed that happiness came from giving.

Description of Scholarship/Award:

The Historical Society of Monterey Park is honoring the memory of Laura Scudder, a Monterey Park entrepreneur of potato chip fame, by awarding two (2) $3,000 scholarships/awards to students who are pursuing their education in an institution of higher learning and are currently enrolled in the field of nursing, culinary arts or business. In keeping with the spirit of Laura Scudder, her grandson John Scudder, requires the recipients to attend an accredited community college/culinary school located in the San Gabriel Valley.

Education Qualifications:

1) Must have completed a minimum of one (1) year of basic education courses necessary for completion of his/her chosen field at a community college/culinary school located in the San Gabriel Valley and must have maintained or exceeded the equivalent of a "C" average. (Copy of Official Transcripts from applicant’s current college must be provided with this application.)

2) Must be a citizen of the United States.

3) Application must be accompanied by three (3) letters of recommendation from non-family members such as teachers, counselors; ministers, employers or friends. One letter must be from a current instructor of the applicant.

Method of Selection:

The Laura Scudder Scholarship Committee of the Historical Society of Monterey Park will act as judges and, based on the submitted applications, conduct interviews, decide the winners and notify each finalist. If selected, each finalist will be required to attend the Laura Scudder Scholarship reception in person to receive the scholarship award.

Notice:

Scholarship applications must be complete with all requested documents mailed under one cover and received by mail on or before the deadline date of Friday, February 27, 2015. No exceptions. Finalists will be notified of the time and date of the presentation of the awards. Please address all applications and mail to Marion Sumimoto, 1840 S. Orange Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Laura Scudder Scholarship Committee  
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(College Students Must Provide Copies of Official Transcripts from Your College(s) with Application.)

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John Scudder created the Laura Scudder Scholarship to honor the legacy of his grandmother. This scholarship represents “beautiful hopes and is attached to a very personal story”. In 400 words or less, please write your reasons for applying for this scholarship award.
(Please attach a separate sheet of paper.)

This application must be received by mail on or before Friday, February 27, 2015
Please address all applications and mail to
Marion Sumimoto
1840 S. Orange Avenue
Monterey Park CA 91755

I declare that I am a U.S. Citizen and the information provided is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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