

2025-2026 LAWA Scholarship: Gap Year Application

First Name *

Last Name *

Mobile Phone *

Email *

Street *

City *

County *

Zip *

Date of Birth *

Gender: *

What is your country of birth? *

High School name: *

Higher education institution that you plan to attend in the Fall of 2025: *

Would you be enrolled as a full time or part time student based on your credit hours? *

What is your area of study? (Major(s) and Minor(s)) *

Is English predominantly spoken at home? *

Do you identify as Latino/a? *

What ethnicity do you identify as? *

What is your grandparents' country of birth? (Please write down the countries for all 4 grandparents) *

Parent #1 country of birth: *

Highest degree/ level of education obtained by your Parent #1: *

Parent #1 occupation: *

Parent #2 country of birth: *

Highest degree/ level of education obtained by your Parent #2: *

Parent #2 occupation *

Are you a first-generation student seeking post-secondary education? *

How many people live in your household? List each person living in your household, include their name, and relationship to you. Please include yourself: *

How many children under the age of 18 are currently living in your household including yourself? *

Are you eligible to apply for the FAFSA? *

Will you receive/ have you applied to grants and scholarships? If so please list them here. *

Are you currently employed? *

If employed, please provide the number of hours of work per week:

If employed, please provide name, address and phone # of employer:

Have you attended a LAWA High School Series? *

If you attended a LAWA High School Series, please list the name of the workshop you attended:

Are you an applicant planning on majoring in a STEM field? *

School Involvement- Please list school extracurricular activities in which you have participated in this year (activity/ year/ leadership position, if applicable): *

Volunteer Involvement - Please list community or religious groups and activities in which you have served as a non-paid volunteer this past year. *

Total number of community service/involvement hours in 2024-2025: *

Has a family member received a LAWA scholarship? *

Choose one ▼

If you answered yes in the previous question, please list their name/s.

If I am selected to receive a LAWA scholarship, I agree to volunteer 3 hours and attend a minimum of 2 College Hacks workshops a year. *

Choose one ▼

If I am selected to receive a LAWA scholarship, I agree to attend the LAWA Scholarship Award Ceremony on the morning of June 7th, 2025? *

Choose one ▼

Personal Essay *

Choose File No file chosen

School Transcript *

Choose File No file chosen

Verified household yearly income: *

- Select a Value - ▼

Proof of Income Documents (Accepted documents are: Tax Statements, W2s from Parents, Employer Letter) *

Choose File No file chosen

Acceptance letter from College/University *

Choose File No file chosen

Attach Additional Document (Only one document can be attached here)

Choose File No file chosen

NOTE: Letters of Recommendations MUST be sent from recommenders to scholarships@lawanc.org

How did you hear about us? *

Choose one ▼

How easy was it to fill up this application? (1 being easy - 5 being difficult) *

Please choose one ▼

NOTE: If you have not been officially accepted yet, please upload a Word Document stating which schools you have applied to or are planning to apply. In order to receive funds, you must be accepted to a college/university by May 2025.

I acknowledge that the information provided in my application is, complete and accurate. I understand that any false statements on this application will disqualify me from receiving a LAWA Scholarship.

All the information provided is subject to verification. LAWA has the right to make all final decisions regarding the granting of all scholarship awards.

I acknowledge that Letters of Recommendations must be sent to scholarships@lawanc.org by my recommenders and will notify them where to submit their Letter of Recommendation and deadline due date.

Acknowledgment *

- Select a Value -

Submit

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS & PERSONAL ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Total of 2 letters (more information below).

Must send one letter of recommendation from either a teacher, or an administrator.

The following must be included in the letter of recommendation from either a teacher or administrator.

- a) Relationship to the applicant
- b) How long has the recommender known the applicant
- c) Description of the student's academic achievements and merit for a LAWA scholarship
- d) Description of how the recommender believes this gap year was beneficial to the student
- e) Teacher's, professor's, counselor's or advisor's name, title, email address, phone number, signature, and date

A student's community involvement after-school, in clubs, sports, working, or volunteering at church, as a tutor, babysitter, translator, etc. is very important. One letter not from a teacher or administrator for a total of two letters of recommendation. The following must be included in the letter of recommendation about student's volunteer or community-related activities (not from a teacher or administrator).

The following must be included in the letter of recommendation from an adult who knows the student's after-school involvement (not from teacher or counselor)

- a) Relationship to the applicant
- b) Volunteer or community related activities and examples of applicant's demonstration of leadership
- c) Reference's name, title, email address, phone number, signature, and date

PERSONAL ESSAY:

Must send a personal essay (typed, Times New Roman, double spaced, must not exceed 2 pages) discussing the following:

- a) Career aspirations
- b) Community involvement and personal or academic interests
- c) Academic achievements
- d) Reasons for applying for the scholarship
- e) Share with us why you took a gap year and how you plan to use this to help your future education
- f) Any obstacles overcome during school years (if applicable)