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The Roberta and Matthew Jenkins Scholarship

The Roberta and Matthew Jenkins Scholarship was created for the express purpose of supporting Black students who face economic challenges in their pursuit of a college degree. The intersectionality of race, systemic and structural inequality, and inter-generational poverty have definite and lingering consequences on these students' aspirations and life trajectories. The consequences of these inequities are most evident in their post-secondary pursuits and achievement. The intent of this funding is to provide academic scholarships, academic support, and comprehensive resources to Black students residing in the Greater Long Beach area, who have applied to, been accepted into, or are currently attending California State University, Long Beach.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have already applied to, been accepted into, or currently attending California State University, Long Beach.
- Applicants must reside in the Greater Long Beach area
- Preference will be for high school seniors. However, current college students and community college graduates will also be considered.
- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or equivalent, a previous graduate from a public or private high school, or possess a General Educational Development (GED) certification
- Prior to award notification, finalists for consideration will be invited for an in-person panel interview to further gauge student's talents and character.

Award Information

- Scholarships will be awarded to support full tuition, books, room, and board.
- The scholarship term is four years with the ability to renew for a fifth year.
- If awarded, scholarship payments will be disbursed in equal payments each Fall semester directly to the student's school, upon submission of proof of enrollment and the most up-to-date transcript by the applicant. Students must continue to remain in good standing to receive subsequent scholarship disbursements.

Deadline to apply is March 19, 2026

To apply and learn more about LBCF scholarships visit www.longbeachcf.org/scholarships

Questions?
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