

LA SIERRA SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

FOR STUDENTS WHO BEGIN AS FRESHMEN

GUIDE

2023-2024

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY: MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

		Cum. GPA	Scholarship
Renewable Merit Award	A renewable award for undergraduate students who first enroll at La Sierra as first-time freshmen. Amounts adjusted annually based on GPA information. Students eligible for the National Merit Award or the La Sierra Achievement Award will get the higher of the two. Not available for off-campus or reduced-tuition programs. First-time freshmen or international students without GPA information (i.e. GED, CHSPE) will be awarded at the 2.75 GPA level.	3.75-4.00 3.50-3.74 3.25-3.49 2.75-3.24 2.00-2.74	\$10,200 \$8,200 \$7,100 \$6,100 \$3,100
Presidential Scholar	One high-achieving incoming freshman will receive this renewable award annually. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 and outstanding citizenship demonstrated through missions, voluntarism, and leadership are required.		\$15,000
National Merit Award	Awarded to students named as a finalist, semi-finalist, or commended national merit scholar. Renewable up to 4 years based on satisfactory academic progress. Students who drop below 12 units for more than one quarter will be withdrawn from the program. Students will get the higher of the National Merit, La Sierra Freshmen Merit Award, or La Sierra Academic Achievement Award Scholarship, not more than one.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Finalist: 100% of tuition and standard fees > Semi-Finalist: 50% of tuition and standard fees > Commended: 33% of tuition
La Sierra Academic Achievement Award	One-year award for first-year students who demonstrate superior scholastic ability through a nationally established testing process, but do not qualify for a National Merit Award. Students who score at or above 1270 on the SAT or 29 on the ACT will qualify for this award their first year. Students will get the higher of the National Merit, La Sierra Freshmen Merit Award, or La Sierra Academic Achievement Award Scholarship, not both.		\$10,200
Music Performance Scholarship	Students are selected by the Music Department to audition for this scholarship.		\$500 to \$3,600
Sports Scholarship	Athletics Department recommends students for scholarship, who must participate on their designated sports team.		Varies
Student Missionary/Task Force Scholarship	One-time award given to students who have given 9 to 12 months of mission service prior to their enrollment or re-enrollment at the university. An adjusted amount is awarded for shorter terms of service.		Up to \$2,000

99% OF NEW LA SIERRA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (2020-21)

\$18,738 AVERAGE GRANT AID AWARDED FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (2020-21)

40+ TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

- > **BEST REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES, WEST**
U.S. News & World Report, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, & 2021
- > **TOP PERFORMER: SOCIAL MOBILITY**
U.S. News & World Report, 2021

HELPFUL TOOLS

- > **LA SIERRA FINANCIAL ESTIMATOR**
lasierra.edu/sfs/calculators
- > **TUITION & COSTS SHEET**
lasierra.edu/tuition-and-costs
- > **FAFSA TUTORIAL**
lasierra.edu/sfs/scholarships

CHANGE YOUR WORLD



ALEJANDRINA CALVILLO
HEALTH SCIENCE:
BIO-HEALTH SCIENCE

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A great education is expensive, but with all the amazing scholarships and grants La Sierra has, I was able to obtain the education I needed. La Sierra cared about me, as it does all their students. I could not have achieved as much as I did without continued support!

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LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY: GRANTS, AWARDS, DISCOUNTS, AND MATCHING PROGRAMS

La Sierra Need Grant	A need-based award for undergraduate students. <i>Must have an official Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) per the FAFSA to qualify.</i> Not available for off-campus or reduced-tuition programs.	\$1,000 if EFC is between \$0 and \$12,000																					
Seventh-day Adventist Membership Award	Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or non-Adventist students who graduate from an Adventist academy receive a tuition discount. This award does not apply to reduced-tuition programs.	\$2,250 annually/ Up to a total of \$9,000 over 4 years																					
Family Discount	Discount available when two or more members of a student's immediate family (from the same household), living at home or in the residence halls, are enrolled in a paying, non-tuition-discounted program. Coordinated with each student's financial aid package and prorated for less than full-time enrollment.	\$300 discount per quarter for each paying family member enrolled full-time																					
Commitment Scholarship	Available to students who meet the financial clearance deadlines. The scholarship is calculated on charges minus all financial aid, including loans. Students in already discounted or off-campus programs are not eligible.	> 5% scholarship for students who pay for the year in advance. > 2% scholarship for students who pay for the quarter in advance.																					
Church Matching Scholarship	Renewable scholarship matching contribution from a student's congregation or conference. Available to students who have unmet need after all other student aid has been awarded and may help reduce loans. Contribution check must be accompanied by signed contract stating funds were processed in accordance with IRS regulations. Educational Allowance recipients are not eligible. Matching funds not available for reduced-tuition or off-campus programs.	Up to \$1,000																					
Adventist Summer Camp Earnings Match	The university will match students' certified Adventist Camp earnings for summer prior to Fall enrollment; applied to Fall term accounts. Matching funds not available for reduced-tuition or off-campus programs. Any exceptions must be approved in writing by the V.P. or Associate V.P. of Enrollment Services.	> Pacific Union: 100% up to \$2,000 > Non-Pacific Union: 50% up to \$1,500																					
Literature Evangelist Earnings Match	The university will match students' certified Adventist literature evangelist earnings for summer prior to their Fall enrollment; applied to Fall term accounts. Literature evangelist earnings made during the school year are entitled to be matched as well. Matching funds not available for reduced-tuition or off-campus programs. Any exceptions must be approved in writing by the V.P. of Enrollment Services.	100% up to \$3,000 for the summer. 100% up to an additional \$3,000 during school year.																					
La Sierra/NAD 100% Free Tuition Partnership	This scholarship is to cover any gap between a student's tuition and general fee, and what is awarded from Cal Grant, institutional aid, and NAD tuition subsidy. It is available to students in a degree program, on the main campus, who live in a residence hall, and whose NAD tuition subsidy is paid directly from the conference or academy at the rate of 70% of La Sierra's tuition.	Varies																					
Commitment Loan to Scholarship Program	This loan will be converted to a scholarship upon a student's graduation from La Sierra with their first bachelor degree. Only available to students who begin at La Sierra as first-time freshmen and whose primary degree program is declared as a bachelor degree offered by La Sierra University. Not available for off-campus programs, except Criminal Justice, or Digital Learning or reduced tuition programs such as EADP and ESL/ELC. See the promissory note for repayment requirements and other terms and conditions.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>GPA/EFC</td> <td>2.75–3.24</td> <td>3.25–4.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">EFC: 0 to 12,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sophomore</td> <td>\$1,000</td> <td>\$2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior/Senior</td> <td>\$1,500</td> <td>\$5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">EFC: 12,001+ /No EFC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sophomore</td> <td>\$1,000</td> <td>\$1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior/Senior</td> <td>\$1,500</td> <td>\$3,000</td> </tr> </table>	GPA/EFC	2.75–3.24	3.25–4.0	EFC: 0 to 12,000			Sophomore	\$1,000	\$2,000	Junior/Senior	\$1,500	\$5,000	EFC: 12,001+ /No EFC			Sophomore	\$1,000	\$1,000	Junior/Senior	\$1,500	\$3,000
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FEDERAL AND STATE: NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Federal Pell Grant	Awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree.	Up to \$6,895 per year
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	Granted to undergraduate, degree-seeking students with exceptional financial need.	Up to \$1,500
California State Grants	Cal Grant A and B are available to California residents who meet the GPA, financial need, and deadline requirements. Cal Grant range is subject to change by action of the California State Legislature.	Range: up to \$9,220 per year
Federal Direct Loan Program	Provides loans to student and parent borrowers directly through the U.S. Department of Education rather than through a bank or other lender.	Varies
Federal Work Study	Part-time employment offering eligible students the opportunity for work to be arranged around class schedules. Must be enrolled full-time to be eligible for this program.	Varies

> APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Step 1: Fill out the FAFSA

- Apply: studentaid.gov
- La Sierra Code: **001215**

Step 2: California Residents

- Submit Cal Grant Application
- Application Deadline: March 2
- More information: calgrants.org

> CONTACT INFORMATION

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Disclosure of La Sierra University's religious exemption pursuant to Cal. Ed. Code 66271 can be found at: <https://lasierra.edu/about/#c4949>. Title IX Contact Information: titelx@lasierra.edu; 951-785-2849. 2021-06



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