



Programa de Ayuda Estudiantil

The Lake Chapala Society AC

The Lake Chapala Society (LCS) in Ajijic has the objective of contributing to the enrichment of the community through relevant programs and services, and since 1994 has been administering a Student Aid Program providing financial assistance to promising Lakeside students of limited financial means seeking post high school education.

The financial support, which at no time constitutes a scholarship, can be used for registration fees, tuition, school books, materials related to the performance of their academic activity, transportation, etc.

If the candidate maintains his / her regular university student status according to our rules and policies, s/he will be eligible to receive financial support throughout their academic career, except for recurring full or delayed periods. (This does not include any required social service or professional practice).

Requirements

1. Graduated or about to graduate from a preparatory school Lakeside (including the municipalities of Chapala, Jocotepec, Ixtlahuacán, Poncitlán Tuxcueca, Tizapán el Alto, Ocotlán and Jamay), with a grade-point average of at least 8.5;
2. Must have applied to a Mexican public university or technical college;
3. If s/he was not accepted by a public institution and intends to attend a Mexican private school, then s/he must demonstrate that s/he completed the application process to the public university and obtained at least 85% of the points required;
4. If s/he intends to attend a Mexican private school and #2 above does not apply, then s/he must demonstrate that the chosen career does not exist in a Mexican public school;
5. Submit copies of:
 - Birth certificate.
 - Proof of address.
 - CURP
 - Letter of reasons for which he / she wants to receive the financial support.
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 - Certificate of preparatory school that shows a grade-point average of at least 8.5.
 - Kardex of grades from your university of the last period studied with a grade-point average of at least 8.5.
 - Document that accredits the acceptance in the public university in case he / she has not started to attend.
 - Curriculum vitae on a single sheet that includes work activities (if any), academic trajectory (achievements), social activities (community support and / or recreation).
 - Proof of family income.



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Process:

1. Download the application from:
<http://lakechapalasociety.com/weebly/student-aid-program.php>
2. Fill it out completely and present it at the LCS Service office at Calle 16 de Septiembre #16 - A, Ajijic, Jalisco from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or email it to: apoyoeco@lakechapalasociety.com;
3. The Student Aid Committee shall evaluate each applicant;
4. Expect a notification by email from the Student Aid Committee and follow any additional instructions required;
5. If the necessary funds to cover the support are available, the Student Aid Committee will set a date and time for an interview at your address. It is required that you be accompanied by a parent or guardian;
6. The Student Aid Committee will send a team to ask some questions and meet you. The purpose of the interview is to assess your financial need;
7. After the home interview, you will be sent an email announcing the status of the application and if you have been accepted into the program;
8. If accepted, an appointment will be scheduled with you to complete the process.

In case you have been selected to receive financial aid, you will have the following obligations:

1. Have or open a bank account with Bancomer, such as “Libretón Básico”, and provide the Committee with information that allows the LCS to make electronic money transfers to the respective account.
2. Register and attend the classes of each academic period in which the aid is received. Classes must be appropriate for the career the student has chosen. A student may change the chosen career / degree once at the end of the first academic period. Financial aid will be terminated if the student changes careers after that time.
3. Maintain a grade-point average of at least 8.5 or higher. If the average falls below 8.5, the student must meet with the Student Aid Committee to discuss any problems. If the student does not increase the grade-point average in the following semester / quarter, the Student Aid Committee may suspend financial assistance.
4. Report the grades of each academic period to the Committee without delay to apoyoeco@lakechapalasociety.com. If the grades are posted on the website, students will be required to give the Committee the access code for review. If the university does not allow access to the webpage, the student must e-mail the Student Aid Committee a complete report card each academic period. To ensure the timely deposit of financial support at the beginning of each academic period, the student may submit "preliminary" grades for the current period, and then submit final grades as soon as possible.
5. Report any significant changes, such as changes of address, telephone number, or e-mail address, to the Student Aid Committee without delay.

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6. In case of cessation / abandonment of studies, the student must inform the Student Aid Committee of the circumstances without delay. Failure to provide this information as soon as possible, or the submission of false information, will result in the immediate termination of financial support.
7. Volunteer 10 hours a year at an LCS fundraising event, workshop, course, meeting, conference, that the Education Direction determines. Student participation may include: pre-event set-up, serving food, post-event clean up.

Questions, comments or concerns please contact (376) 766-4685 from Monday to Friday from 09:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Notes:

- If LCS has no funding available, students will not be interviewed, but will be put on a waiting list. When funds are available to add new students to the program, the Student Aid Committee will contact the students on the list for an interview.
- There is a cap on the number of students accepted per cycle that depends directly on the availability of the funds.
- The LCS cannot provide economic support to all applicants; Priority will be given to those who have participated in LCS programs (eg, Children's Art Program, English as a Second Language classes, etc.), LCS employees or their family members.
- The Committee reserves the right to deny, suspend or terminate any student's support if s/he discloses false information to the Committee, drops out of school, stops attending classes, fails to submit their qualifications in a timely manner, commits a crime, or carries out actions that go against the values that the LCS promotes.
- Every applicant is allowed to seek for other scholarships and financial aid at any private or public institution.