



# Alondra Barragan Scholarship Fund

## **PURPOSE:**

Looms For Lupus is a non-profit organization that provides advocacy, awareness, and support to those living with lupus and overlapping conditions. We are proud to announce the launch of The Alondra Barragan Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund will be awarded to one or more students every year, and recipients will receive a minimum award of \$500 made payable to the educational institution at which they are enrolled.

The Alondra Barragan Scholarship Fund is a wonderful initiative by Looms for Lupus to support students with lupus who are pursuing their academic goals. This scholarship fund has been created in honor of Alondra Barragan, a beautiful, intelligent, loving, and caring young lady who had a love and passion for education. Despite her illness, she never let it stop her from pursuing her dreams. She wanted to be a preschool teacher and later realized that she wanted to be a Speech and Language Pathologist.

## **What makes the Alondra Barragan Scholarship Fund Winner?**

If you live in California and are attending any college or university while living with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), you are eligible. Being able to pursue your education despite the daily struggles that you face while living with lupus is commendable. Living with an autoimmune condition like Lupus can be challenging and your willingness to share your story will raise awareness about lupus and help others.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Each applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Diagnosed with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- Live in California
- Full-time or part-time student working towards an undergraduate or first-year graduate degree.
- Enrolled at their college or university for the upcoming FALL semester after scholarship is awarded.
- Have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Willing to share their story with others.

\*The Scholarship Committee has the right to disqualify a student at any point during the winner selection process. Applicants that do not meet ALL eligibility requirements will not be reviewed. Applicants who do not complete the entire application procedure by the April 15th deadline will be disqualified.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Candidates **MUST** submit:

- Completed Application Checklist AND Application Form.
- Letter from a physician verifying a diagnosis of SLE or medical record note indicating Diagnosis.
- Copy of a transcript or grade report of the last semester attended.
- An essay of approximately 500 words, typewritten and double-spaced on “Pursuing my goals while living with Lupus.”
- Photo of yourself (only headshots or selfies will be accepted)
- All application documents must be organized and numbered. (i.e., 1 of 10; 2 of 10, etc.).
- All applicants must send their application and enclosed documents to two locations, we must receive both submissions:

1) Hard copy mailed to the following address and postmarked by deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>

Looms For Lupus  
**Alondra Barragan Scholarship Fund Committee**  
4230 Maine Avenue #906  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

2) Electronic copy emailed to [estela.mata@looms4lupus.org](mailto:estela.mata@looms4lupus.org)



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Please <b>print</b> your answers.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) _____
4.	Email address: _____
5.	Date of Birth:    Month                      Day                      Year
6.	School currently attending: _____  I will be attending the following School in the Fall of 2024: _____
7.	My current GPA is _____.
8.	I was diagnosed with Lupus (SLE) at the age of: _____
9.	Personal Essay approximately 500 words on a separate document- Topic: <b><i>“Pursuing my goals while living with Lupus”</i></b>
10.	I have attached the following documents with my application: _____ Completed Application _____ Letter from a physician verifying a diagnosis of SLE or medical record note indicating Diagnosis. _____ Copy of a transcript or grade report of the last semester attended. _____ An essay of approximately 500 words, typewritten and double-spaced on “Pursuing my goals while living with Lupus.” _____ Photo of yourself (only headshots or selfies will be accepted)

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the application and submit all documents via email and mail postmarked by April 15, 2024.  
For more information, please visit [Looms For Lupus](#).**