

DA VINCI SCHOOLS

Policy and Procedures

AVIATION PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Da Vinci Schools (“Da Vinci”) has developed a Career Technical Education (“CTE”) Aviation Pathway and LifeLaunch Program to equip students with the technical skills, knowledge, and training they need to succeed in high-demand careers in aviation. The purpose of this policy is to establish the procedures for Da Vinci to award scholarships for flight training to students currently attending Da Vinci and participating in the Aviation Pathway or LifeLaunch Program.

I. Purpose and Amount of Scholarships

Da Vinci has been awarded a CTE Incentive Grant from the California Department of Education which can fund each High School student participating in the Aviation Pathway. Students will be awarded scholarships as amounts to cover a portion of their flight training expenses; the amount of scholarships that will be awarded under this policy for this grant shall not exceed \$2,475 per pupil. Da Vinci has also been awarded a Life Launch Grant from Silicon Schools Fund which can fund each Life Launch student participating in the Aviation Program. Students will be awarded scholarships as amounts to cover a portion of their flight training expenses; the amount of scholarships that will be awarded under this policy for this grant shall not exceed \$3,802 per pupil. The scholarships may be issued by check made payable directly to the recipients or to individuals or entities designated by the recipients to receive their scholarship funds. The scholarships may only be used to pay for students’ flight training.

II. Candidate Requirements and Selection

The scholarship awards are based on the process described in this policy.

a. Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, candidates must meet the following requirements at the time the scholarship is issued:

- i. Be a student currently enrolled in a charter school operated by Da Vinci;
- ii. Be an accepted participant in the Aviation Pathway;
- iii. Be an accepted participant in a flight training program; and
- iv. Complete any other requirements as directed by the Executive Director of LifeLaunch or the Principal of Da Vinci Connect High School.

b. Non-Discrimination

California law prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Penal Code section 422.55, including immigration status. All candidates must complete the same application form. All scholarship

materials (e.g., application form or advertisement) must include notice of Da Vinci's nondiscriminatory policy, such as the following:

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Da Vinci Schools admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. Da Vinci Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

c. Selection Criteria

The scholarship recipients will be selected by the Executive Director of LifeLaunch and/or the Principal of Da Vinci Connect High School based on the criteria established herein.

Scholarships may not be awarded to the children or relatives of any officer or director of, or any donor or major contributor to, Da Vinci or any of its schools, or to the children or relatives of the Executive Director of LifeLaunch or the Principal of Da Vinci Connect High School.

Recordkeeping

Da Vinci shall retain the following records for at least three years and make them available to the IRS upon request:

- d. Records of the scholarships awarded, including:
 - i. Name and address of each recipient;
 - ii. Purpose and amount of each award;
 - iii. Manner of selecting the scholarship recipients;
 - iv. Any relationship to any officers, directors, donors, or individuals selecting the scholarship recipients; and
 - v. Records demonstrating the scholarships were not awarded on a racially discriminatory basis (e.g., the composition of the recipients).
- e. Copies of all brochures, applications, and other advertisements for the scholarship program; and
- f. Copies of all materials used to solicit contributions to fund the scholarship program.

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