The **Late Bloomers Scholarship** was established by Shirley Bloom in 2014, who believed that education is a powerful tool which breaks down barriers and opens doors of opportunity. The purpose of **Late Bloomers Scholarship** is to help women, 25 years or older, who are re-entering college, with financial help to obtain an education that will in turn offer them the chance to secure employment, personal independence, and self-sufficiency.

The primary goal of the **Late Bloomers Scholarship** is to help women who have the greatest financial challenges to continue to move forward in their education and gain skills that will result in employment and self-sufficiency. Many achieve self-sufficiency at California State University Fullerton by earning a credential, a four-year degree or higher education in their chosen field. This scholarship is restricted to students attending California State University Fullerton.

The amount of the **Late Bloomers Scholarship** per student is $2,500 per scholarship. Disbursement is divided up into two payments of $1,250 per successful completion of academic units and with documentation as required in the application. The Scholarship may be renewable with the applicant reapplying per funding cycle. **Applications are due by May 8, 2018** and are to be submitted to:

**YWCA of North Orange County**  
ATTN: Late Bloomers Scholarship Fund  
215 E. Commonwealth Avenue, Suite E  
Fullerton, CA 92832  
E-mail: dmassethjones@ywcanoc.org

**California State University Fullerton**  
ATTN: Late Bloomers Scholarship Fund  
800 State College Blvd. UH205-92831  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
E-mail: ceforgues@fullerton.edu

**Criteria: To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, the applicant must:**

- Be a woman, 25 years or older, re-entering college and who can demonstrate a critical need for financial assistance. Priority is given to women who have had more than a four year break in their education, or has gone back to school after a layoff, or a change of career or due to a change in family dynamics. A letter of support from a professor, academic advisor or employer that speaks to the applicant’s personal qualities is required.

- Exhibit a strong desire and the ability to complete a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree. Priority will be given to students whose responses to the questions on the application meet the criteria and completion of a brief essay explaining their current circumstances and their future goals.

- Be currently enrolled with a minimum of 9 academic units for an undergraduate student or 6 academic units for a graduate student in a program of study at California State University Fullerton.

- Have completed 30 units of college level work with a 3.0 grade point average based on a college transcript. Cumulative GPA and academic history is considered, but recent academic work that demonstrates the student’s current ability and motivation will take precedence.

- Be enrolled in the Fall 2018 semester with at least 9 units of academic study.

- The second installment of the $1,250 scholarship will be disbursed in December. At that time you must provide a progress report on achievements gained in the funded first cycle including unofficial transcripts documenting a 3.0 GPA, how the grant was utilized and a descriptive of Internship experience, and/or other indicators that demonstrate progress towards the academic goals.

The mission of the YWCA of North Orange County is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. We accomplish our mission by addressing the changing needs of women. Through strategic partnerships, we equip individuals to achieve and maintain social, physical, financial, intellectual and spiritual well-being.
Your application packet will include:

- A cover letter introducing yourself that includes or describes your current field of interest or career choice.
- A completed Late Bloomers Scholarship Fund Application Form. Use additional pages, if necessary.
- Unofficial transcripts that include your name and ID for California State University Fullerton, including your current class schedule and unofficial transcripts documenting 30 units of college level work with a 3.0 GPA.
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member, advisor or your employer.

Return completed application information to:

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  Or
- California State University Fullerton, WoMen’s and Adult Reentry Center: UH 205 Email to: ceforgues@fullerton.edu

Due by May 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., No Exceptions

Name: ____________________________ Birth Date ____/___/____

First             Middle             Last

Address: __________________________________________

Address            Street            City            Apt/Suite#            Zip

Phone: (____)___________________ E-Mail: __________________________________________

Campus CWID Number: __________________________

Anticipated Graduation Date: ____________________ Cumulative GPA: ____________________

Degree Seeking: __________________________ Units Completed: ____________________

I, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true, correct and complete. The YWCA of North Orange County has the right to verify all information provided. Providing misinformation may result in mandatory repayment of the scholarship award.

______________________________________________     __________________
Signature           Date
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Please tell us about yourself by responding to the following questions.
(Use additional pages, if necessary)

1. Describe or explain your educational and career goals.

2. Describe or explain your biggest challenge in attending college.

3. Describe or explain ways your family, friends, or work, support your decision to attend college.

4. Describe or explain how you manage your home responsibilities, job, schoolwork and other family activities.

5. Describe or explain what you consider your personal strengths.
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6. Describe your campus and/or community involvement.

1. If you receive the Late Bloomers Scholarship, please explain in detail how this award money will help you to fund your education. Please include any other information that impacts your financial situation.

2. Please include any other information that is important to know about your application for this scholarship.

3. Have you received financial aid, scholarships, or awards in the past two (2) years? (Check one)
   ____YES   ____NO

4. If yes, please list the names of the scholarships, awards, and financial aid that you have received, amount of each award, and date(s) they were awarded?

I hereby authorize California State University, Fullerton to release information contained in or submitted in support of this application and in my education records (such as my major, transcript, GPA, number of credits enrolled in/completed, academic standing, and other similar information) to scholarship donors, members of the scholarship selection committee, and other appropriate parties in connection with the scholarship for which I am applying.

Signature

Date