



**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS  
AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Leigh O. Cortez Educational Leader Scholarship Fund**

The Leigh O. Cortez Educational Leadership Scholarship Fund is a memorial fund in honor of Ms. Cortez who was an elementary teacher in both the Carlsbad and Encinitas School Districts. She was passionate about the importance of providing quality early learning and elementary education. Her legacy is realized through this scholarship intended to help further develop the skills of elementary educators.

**Scholarship Amount:     **\$2,000****

**Scholarship Criteria**

1. Scholarship will be awarded to a teacher currently teaching in the Carlsbad Unified School District or Encinitas Union School District who wishes to pursue graduate work in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education or a related field.
2. Scholarship is based on merit and financial need.
3. Candidate with community service experience preferred.

Selection will be made without regard for race, color, national origin, age or gender of the candidate. No members of the families of the Scholarship Committee, or employees of the Foundation, shall be eligible for any scholarship.

**Application Instructions:**

\_\_\_\_ Review selection criteria and confirm eligibility.

\_\_\_\_ Submit completed application online at: <https://coastalfoundation.org/scholarship-application/2020-leigh-o-cortez-educational-leader-scholarship/>

\_\_\_\_ Teacher must submit a letter of recommendation from current or former principal or district administrator to: [scholarships@coastalfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@coastalfoundation.org)

\_\_\_\_ **Applications must be received by June 1st, 2023.**

**Scholarship Awards:**

Scholarship awards will be made prior to registration for the 2023 fall term.

All scholarships will be paid directly to the university once verification of acceptance has been received by CCF.

The Foundation will not be under obligation to distribute funds if no suitable candidates are found in a given period of time.

**Questions:**

Email: [scholarships@coastalfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@coastalfoundation.org) or call (760) 942-9245 or visit the scholarship page on the CCF website at: <https://coastalfoundation.org/scholarships/>