

Need financial assistance to attend college?

Apply for a Scott R. Pritchett Scholarship

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must:

- Reside in the Vina, California area.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be talented and industrious.
- Attend full-time an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational or technical school located in the United States.

Scholarship specifics

- This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time.
- See your guidance counselor for additional information.

**See your guidance counselor for additional information
and to obtain an application.**

Deadline

To be considered for a scholarship, applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted to your guidance counselor by
5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **May 14, 2026.**

S.R. PRITCHETT SCHOLARSHIP

Text regarding award

Applicant must be a resident of Vina, worthy, talented, industrious and in financial need. Applicant must be a member of the current graduating class (or a worthy prior graduate if additional funds are available). The applicant must be attending a 4-year university, community college or an accredited trade school and have at least average grades.

AWARD:

Award amount varies

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION: Use the S. R. PRITCHETT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Available on Los Molinos High School Counseling Center Webpage) ** Please include all required materials **NOTE: Scholarship Application MUST be typed.**

Required Materials (to be included with all applications)

1. Page #1 – Cover sheet that includes the name of the scholarship and your name
2. Page #2 - Completed Application
3. Page #3 - Student resume or profile
4. Page #4 - Personal statement of educational & career goals (300-500 words)
5. Page #5 – New Applications: Attach an unofficial copy of your high school transcripts.
Renewal Applications: Attach an unofficial transcript of your college/university transcripts
6. Page #6 - Attach a letter of recommendation from school personnel
7. Page #7 - Attach a letter of recommendation from someone other than school personnel
8. Page #8 - Attach a completed W-9 (required for recipients & available as a separate document in scholarship folder)
9. Page #9 – Completed signature page stating understanding all terms and conditions of scholarship

**** Note:** Students or parents may include a **sealed explanation** of any special problems or unusual circumstances which make it difficult to contribute towards this student's continuing education.

AWARD SELECTION:

Award recipient will be notified to attend the Vina Elementary School Graduation.

DUE DATE:

Submit the completed application to the Los Molinos Unified District Office on or before **April 15.** (LMUSD, 7851 Hwy 99E, Los Molinos, CA 96055)

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Please refer to the following pages for application, scholarship terms and conditions and signature page

S.R. PRITCHETT SCHOLARSHIP RULES

I. NAME

The scholarship shall be known as the S.R. PRITCHETT SCHOLARSHIP.

II. NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The number of scholarships given at any one time, as well as the monetary amount of each scholarship, shall be determined by the TRUSTEE as it deems advisable in its sole discretion.

III. PURPOSE

It is the hope that this scholarship may be continued annually in perpetuity, serve as a goal for aspiring students of the Vina area throughout their school career and be of material assistance to some students who might otherwise find it impossible to continue their education.

IV. USE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

A. The scholarship may be used upon graduation from high school by students from the Vina area to enable them to pursue their studies or develop their talents in schools, colleges or universities anywhere in the world.

B. Scholarship recipients may defer use of the scholarship for one year.

V. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

A. The student must be worthy, talented, industrious, and needy. Length of residency and time spent at Vina Elementary and Los Molinos High will aid the committee in judging these four criteria.

B. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of the Vina area.

C. To be eligible, a student must be a member of the current year graduating class or a worthy prior graduate (if additional funds are available).

D. The student must be accepted by the school, college or university he or she plans to attend. Such school, college or university must be accredited by the State of California or the state in which it is located.

E. The recipient shall not be determined solely by academic standing but should have at least average grades.

VI. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship application forms may be secured from Los Molinos High School.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Counseling Office on or before April 15th of the year of the graduation in order for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship. Continuing recipients must submit an application with supporting data regarding attendance, grades and units to the Los Molinos High School on or before April 15th of each year.

VII. DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS

A. Sources of information – All available sources of information concerning each applicant will be considered, including school records, personal knowledge concerning applicants, and financial information.

B. Evaluation Criteria

1. Worthiness
2. Talent
3. Industry
4. Need

The ability to benefit by advanced education will receive prime consideration, but all criteria will be considered.

C. Evaluation procedure – The Counselor of the Los Molinos High School shall make available all information concerning each applicant. A meeting of the scholarship committee shall be held during the month of May or June and all new applicants will be asked to attend. Previous applicants need not attend, but must submit papers as prescribed above. All new applicants will be interviewed individually by the committee. The complete records of all applicants will be reviewed followed by a vote by secret ballot of the entire committee to determine the recipients. The committee reserves the right to request any and all new or former applicants to appear for a formal interview.

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

The S.R. Pritchett shall have one committee:

A. The Committee shall be formed to select recipients of the scholarship. The Selection Committee shall consist of the Principal of the Los Molinos High School and/or Superintendent of the Los Molinos Unified School District and two of the trustees from the Vina District who serve as members of the Los Molinos Unified School District Board of Trustees. If trustees have relatives eligible for the scholarship, the following order of selection for the committee shall be followed:

1. An immediate past Vina Trustee of the Los Molinos Unified School District.
2. The Live Oak Trustee of the Los Molinos Unified School District
3. The Vina Elementary principal shall fill the vacancy of the principal of the Los Molinos High School.
4. A teacher from the Vina Elementary School, to be selected by the principal of the Vina Elementary School shall fill the vacancy of the principal of the Los Molinos High School.
5. A citizen from the Vina area selected by the present Vina Trustees.

B. No scholarship shall be granted to relatives (children and grandchildren) of any member of the committee.

C. No unilateral decisions will be made by any committee member.

IX. SCHOLARSHIP TERM AND CONDITIONS

A. Scholarships will be given upon graduation from high school for a term of up to four years and are renewable and reviewable annually providing that the recipient remains in good standing at his/her school, college or university.

B. The amount of the scholarship for each recipient will be determined annually and will be dependent upon the amount of funding available and the number of applicants to be considered.

C. The recipient must carry a normal load (minimum of 12 units)* at all times and must maintain average grades (C or better or 2.0 grade point average or better). Recipients must send official reports to the committee to verify that they are meeting minimum requirements as outlined in this document. It is the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RECIPIENT to secure this verification and submit it to the S.R. Pritchett Scholarship Committee, otherwise payment of funds will not occur. The scholarship is valid only while the recipient remains in good standing at the school of attendance.

D. Probation MAY be granted a WORTHY student upon review of circumstances by the Committee. When a student is in danger of failing or is advised by a counselor to drop a class, they are to contact the District Superintendent of the Los Molinos Unified School District. Possible probation can be arranged for that semester, rather than getting an "F" grade on their record. The committee realizes that sometimes circumstances arise that are beyond a students control. Each situation will be looked at individually.

E. The recipients will be paid in a manner as may be determined by the committee when the scholarship is given, usually immediately following receipt of grade reports or transcripts of credit.

F. Should a recipient fail or quit school, the award may be given to an alternative. However, should injury or illness cause a student to withdraw from school, the award may be held for him or her for a period not to exceed one year. Should the recipient enter the military service, the scholarship will be continued upon entry or re-entry at any school, college or university providing that the recipient enrolls immediately upon receiving a discharge from the service. Also, scholarship recipients may defer use of the scholarship for one year upon approval by the selection committee.

G. Worthy applicants of previous years will be given consideration for additional scholarships if sufficient funds are available.*

X. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

Within the limits imposed by the terms of the Will of S.R. Pritchett and court orders subsequent to his death, the determination of the scholarship recipients shall be made by the S.R. Pritchett Scholarship Committee in accordance with the rules above. The committee recommendation shall be made to the Trustee whose decision shall be final.

* Recipients who attend post secondary training institutions where the 12 units full time load does not apply may submit a verified statement from such institutions indicating that they are full time students.

S.R. Pritchett Scholarship

1. The applicant named below has received a copy of the S. R. Pritchett Scholarship Rules, has read these rules and understands his/her obligations and responsibilities.
2. The applicant understands that it is her/his responsibility to submit an application form for the scholarship annually by April 15th so the scholarship committee knows of her/his plans. Failure to submit the application will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
3. The applicant understands that if she/he fails to use the scholarship in the semester or quarter following receipt or interrupt her/his schooling for other than medical or military service reasons, she/he may forfeit the scholarship unless application for postponement is approved by the selection committee.

Name of Applicant:

Signature of Applicant:

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Applicant:

Date:

Give a short biography, your plans for the future and indicate how this scholarship will help you meet your goals: (Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

What institution do you plan to attend?

Address of financial aid office at institution (the scholarship check will be sent to this address)

Date of proposed entrance:

What is the vocational career or major field of study for which you are preparing?

How long will it take to complete your course of study?

At completion of course, what degree will you receive?

What prompted your interest in this career?

Have you ever been, or do you expect to be the beneficiary of a scholarship or other award(s)?

YES

NO

If yes, give name(s) and amount(s):

NAME

AMOUNT

Have you applied for financial aid for the upcoming school year?

YES

NO

Will you work while attending school?

For what portion of your expenses?

Budget for full academic year of

How many months?

Tuition and Fees (full academic year not monthly)

Books and Supplies

Room and Board

I plan to live: in dorm off campus at home

Travel

Basic living expenses

TOTAL COSTS

I have read the scholarship rules and understand the commitments and obligations I must take upon myself.

Signed

Date

(An applicant may submit letters of recommendation to supply information about his/her character, ability, and financial needs or unusual circumstances. Such letters are optional, but must be attached to this form)

Scott R. Pritchett Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible for the scholarship?

A: Applicants must:

- Reside in the Vina, California area.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be talented and industrious.
- Attend full-time an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational or technical school located in the United States.

Q: How do I apply?

A: You can obtain a paper application by contacting your guidance counselor.

Q: How are applications submitted?

A: Applications, along with any additional required materials, should be submitted to your guidance counselor.

Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?

A: A complete application package includes the following:

- The signed Student Authorization and Acknowledgement Form found in the online application, signed by the scholarship candidate.
- Official transcript with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest fall semester.
- Personal statement/essay:
 - Submit a one-page signed personal statement explaining why the scholarship is important to you. Include your college and career plans.
- A list of academic honors, leadership skills and community service, etc.
- A completed W-8 or W-9 IRS Form, as applicable. This form must be completed by the applicant.
- Pages 1 & 2 of your **2026-2027 FAFSA Submission Summary**, which includes your SAI (Student Aid Index). This is the report you receive after completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Note: Each item should include both the applicant's name and name of the scholarship at the top of the page.

Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?

A: The online application must be completed and transmitted to CSA no later than **May 14, 2026**. Any required supplemental materials that need to be mailed must be mailed to CSA no later than **May 14, 2026** and should be mailed in one package.

Q: What is the amount of the scholarship award?

A: The amount of scholarship awards may vary.

Q: How can scholarship awards be applied?

A: Funds may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies as required by your courses.

Q: What school may I attend?

A: May full-time an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational or technical school located in the United States, provided the institution meets the following requirements:

The institution must be an educational organization that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly conducted. To the extent the institution is involved in the selection of the recipients (if at all), that involvement must comply with the Scholarship Program's policy of awarding scholarships on an objective and non-discriminatory basis as well as the Scholarship Program's Conflict of Interest Policy.

Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?

A: All applicants will be notified in writing by email, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will download a package from their online account that includes a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

Q: Is this scholarship renewable?

A: This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants: Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time. Scholarship recipients are limited to four total years of scholarship award and are expected to have been enrolled consecutive years during that time. Students must reapply for additional scholarship awards. Renewal is not guaranteed and students will be included in the pool of scholarship applicants.

Pritchett Scholarship
Student Authorization and Acknowledgements

A signed copy of this document must be submitted with the application package in order for your application package to be considered complete.

I have read the following terms and agree to be bound by them if I am selected to receive a scholarship from the Pritchett Scholarship Program. If I do not follow these scholarship award agreement terms, I understand it may result in the termination of my award.

1. I understand that I am responsible for timely submission of the application and all required documentation. Applications and supplemental materials received after the deadline may not be considered.
2. I certify that the information contained in this application and all other materials submitted by me for consideration of this scholarship are to the best of my knowledge accurate and true. I also certify that the personal statement is my own work.
3. I consent to electronic delivery of documentation related to my application for this scholarship.
4. I authorize my school to provide the Selection Committee with requested information concerning the status of my enrollment, grades, SAT/ACT scores or any combination of the above.
5. I understand that this is a competitive scholarship program. Scholarships shall be awarded on an objective and non-discriminatory basis, with neither race, creed, color, sex, age, religion, national origin nor disability being considered. The number of recipients and the amount of each scholarship may vary from year to year. Selections are based on information provided in the application and the additional materials received by the deadline. Decisions of the committee are final.
6. I understand that the scholarship grant is subject to my agreement to use the funds for appropriate expenses required for the enrollment or attendance at the institution or in the program during the 2026-2027 academic year. I understand that I must be a full-time student after high school to be eligible for this scholarship. Unless I am enrolled in a course of study by October 1, 2026, I understand that my scholarship will be terminated. Any unused funds will be returned to the Scholarship Program.
7. **Award disclosure authorization:**
 I give Wells Fargo Bank/CSA permission to disclose award information to my high school and/or college for the purpose of publication or announcement at an award ceremony and permission to list my name as a scholarship recipient on the Wells Fargo Bank/CSA website if I am chosen as a recipient.

 I decline to give Wells Fargo Bank/CSA permission to disclose award information to my high school and/or college for the purpose of publication or announcement at an award ceremony and permission to list my name as a scholarship recipient on the Wells Fargo Bank/CSA website if I am chosen as a recipient.
8. Notwithstanding my election of award disclosure authorization above, I understand that my name and school address will be listed as a scholarship recipient on the Return of Private Foundation, Form 990-PF ("Form 990-PF"). In accordance with federal law, the Form 990-PF will be available to the public online and by request.
9. I understand that the Scholarship Program reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if the recipient is found to have made false or misleading statements to obtain the award, diverts scholarship funds from their intended purpose, fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress, engages in misconduct or a violation of the School's Code of Conduct, engages in conduct involving moral turpitude (shocking or corrupt behavior), or engages in conduct that is illegal and results in a criminal conviction. The decision of the Trustee and committee is final.
10. I certify that I am not related to any of the following as a spouse, child, grandchild, great grandchild:
 - a. Current scholarship selection committee members, Wells Fargo employees, CSA employees, and their spouses.
 - b. The donor who funded the Scholarship Program.

I have read the above terms and certify that I am eligible to apply for a scholarship and that I will abide by these terms.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

PRINT NAME _____