

# **CHS REDHAWK**

## **SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN**

**\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Students please read scholarship applications completely before you begin. Make sure you have all of your supporting documents, and that you meet eligibility requirements. When asking for a letter of recommendation, please include a resume, or list of extracurricular activities, and let your recommender know of your educational plans and career/occupational goals. Keep organized, pay attention to deadlines, and make copies of your applications. Check with Ms. Proctor or Mr. Ryan if you have questions regarding any scholarship application. Good Luck!

### **More Scholarship Information:**

[Colusa High School Counseling Page Scholarship Information](#)

### **UTILIZE THESE WEBSITES TO LOOK UP SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- <https://sacregecf.academicworks.com/opportunities>
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx?curPage=1&studyLevelfilter=High%20School>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/california-scholarships>
- <https://www.sallie.com/>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- <https://scholarships360.org/about/>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-grade-level/high-school-scholarships/scholarships-for-high-school-seniors>

## Scholarship Application: Do's & Don'ts

### **DO'S - What You *Should* Do**

- Start early and get organized
- **Read all instructions carefully**
- Personalize every application
- Write a strong, original essay
- **Proofread & check for errors**
- **Apply widely, even for small awards**

### **DON'TS - Mistakes to *Avoid***

- **Don't pay to apply or provide sensitive info!**
  - **Do NOT give out credit card information, or Social Security Numbers!**
- Don't wait until the last minute
- Don't use generic essays without editing
- Don't submit incomplete applications
- Don't get discouraged if you don't win at first

### **Quick Tips!**

Professional email, save copies, check spam, request recommendations early

# **What are Local Scholarships?**

## **What Are Local Scholarships?**

Local scholarships are awards offered by organizations within your immediate community, such as local businesses, civic groups, religious institutions, and schools. They often target residents of a specific city, county, or school district and typically offer smaller award amounts compared to national scholarships.

### **Key Traits:**

- Smaller applicant pools, which boosts your chances of winning.
- Lower award amounts, generally ranging from \$500 to \$5,000
- Often one-time awards, rather than renewable multi-year grants

### **Why Local Scholarships Matter**

- Higher Winning Chances

Since the competition is limited to your local area or school, odds are significantly better than national scholarships.

- Every Dollar Helps

Even small awards add up and reduce your overall college expenses. Don't disregard those \$250 or \$500 scholarships!

### **Application Best Practices:**

Start early - many local scholarships have fall or spring deadlines

Tailor your materials - customize each essay and application to reflect the sponsor's values and mission

Showcase community involvement - highlight volunteer work, local leadership, or any stories that reflect your local impact

Proofread carefully - spelling and grammatical errors can hurt your chances

Follow instructions exactly - missed details or formats can lead to disqualification

Keep track of deadlines - use a calendar or spreadsheet to stay organized

Seek feedback - ask teachers or mentors to review your essays and application packages.

## **Local Scholarships Available:**

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**NEW! 2025-26 Sutter-Yuba REALTORS® Scholarship NEW!**

**Due Date: DUE TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY APRIL 13, 2026**

In the interest of higher education and achievement of vocational goals for the young people of our community, the Sutter-Yuba Association of REALTORS® provides annual scholarships to deserving and competent students with a GPA of 3.0. It is the intent of the Sutter-Yuba Association of REALTORS® that these scholarships provide both encouragement and financial assistance for deserving students seeking higher education.

- Scholarships will be shared between Sutter County, Yuba County and Colusa County.
- Paid upon proof of registration in a vocational school, college, or university. If the recipient fails to enroll, or otherwise becomes ineligible by December 31st of that year, the Scholarship award will terminate.
- The Scholarship Chairperson, selected by the Sutter-Yuba Association of REALTORS® President, shall select a committee. That Scholarship Committee, presided over by the Chairperson, shall proceed in accordance with regular rules of order in selection of the award winners. This will occur by majority vote.
- Responsibility for the prompt administration of the funds will rest with the CEO of the Sutter-Yuba Association of REALTORS®, Mailing Address: 1558 Starr Drive, Yuba City, CA 95993.

If for any reason the recipient fails to enroll or otherwise becomes ineligible, the Scholarship Committee is empowered to terminate scholarship awards. To be eligible the student must carry at least twelve units in their college work or the equivalent in a vocational school. In the event the initial recipient becomes ineligible, the Committee shall award the Scholarship to an alternate recipient.

### **Scholarship Selection Procedures:**

Criteria of Selection: The following criteria will be deemed of utmost importance in the selection of the scholarship recipient:

1. A senior student in a high school in Sutter, Yuba or Colusa County, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. Be accepted by or be eligible for enrollment in the college, university, or vocational school of the applicant's choice.
3. Indicate (on basis of past achievements) the determination and ability to succeed in the institution of the applicant's choice.
4. Provide evidence of outstanding citizenship and normal emotional maturity.
5. Provide an application which includes complete information pertinent to the above conditions.
6. Students must submit the completed application package including a copy of transcripts and reference letters to the school's records office no later than prior to the due date. The Student should check with their counselor/school official if there are questions about their due date.

**SCHOOL DUE DATE: APRIL 13, 2026 TO COUNSELING OFFICE.**

7. All completed packets must be turned in to the Counseling Office.

**Scholarship Application Information Sheet:**

A student making application for this Scholarship should proceed as follows:

1. Obtain application form and information sheet from Ryan Copeland in the Counseling Office.
2. Provide a transcript of grades of seven semesters of high school work, including testing results. Include an unweighted cumulative grade point average.
3. Obtain at least two letters, at least one of which is from a teacher, counselor, or other school official, testifying to the student's eligibility for this award, on the basis of conditions indicated above. **These letters are to be sealed in envelopes and are to be delivered by mail or otherwise directly from the writer to the student's appropriate counselor.** Please do not have the writer send your letter to SYAOR to attach to your application as it should be attached by the applicant and then turned in by the school's timeframe.
4. Require that a SCHOOL OFFICIAL mail or otherwise deliver the application form, letters of reference, and transcript of grades to the Sutter-Yuba Association of REALTORS®. The application and all pertinent paperwork must be in the possession of the Association by a certain date only available to your school official. Be sure to follow the dates above at #6 of the Criteria of Selection.

Students/Participants are to turn in their application package (including the attachments, if any) to their school counselor or school official. Be sure to ask questions and proceed as instructed by your counselor/official.

Turn in the completed packet to the counselor/official who will bring it to SYAOR by the specified date and time. Plan accordingly to comply with your school's set deadline. (Refer to page two #6 of the Scholarship Selection Procedures to find your schools due date to counselor/official).

[Click here for more information, and for the application](#)

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### **Daniel Alexander Laine Memorial Scholarship**

**Due Date: March 31, 2026**

Daniel Alexander Laine was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, and uncle. He excelled in other areas, like Carpentry and Fire fighting after high school. This scholarship is dedicated to him and to help others who may not do well in school, but have other talents.

1. Open to seniors who attend Orland or Colusa High School.
2. Applicants must submit 2 letters of recommendation and a letter stating why they feel they deserve to receive this scholarship. Also, submit a copy of the current transcript with this application.
3. To receive this scholarship, the student must plan to attend a vocational school or fire academy. Please provide acceptance of enrollment, as funds will be paid directly to the school/academy.
4. Send completed application and submit it to:

Melissa Michalk  
90 Guilford Circle  
Orland CA 95963  
OR

Email: [memichalk@gmail.com](mailto:memichalk@gmail.com)

- Please attach a brief one page essay about your reasons for enrolling in a vocational school or academy, and why you deserve to receive this scholarship.
- Please attach a copy of your transcript to this application.
- Please attach 2 letters of recommendation to this application.

**Application is Due By March 31, 2026**

**Click here for the application or pick up a copy in the Counseling Office!:**

 **Daniel Alexander Laine Memorial Scholarship Application.pdf**

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**David Fleming Memorial Scholarship**

**Application Deadline:**

**Friday, April 17, 2026 at 5 p.m.**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

To be eligible for consideration for an award the applicant must:

- Be pursuing an education and/or training in welding or trade school careers related to agriculture
- Be a graduating senior
- Be graduating from a high school in Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Tehama or Plumas counties
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

**Must Provide:**

- Essay: one essay of no more than 500 words:
- Tell us about someone you admire and look up to and how they have been an influence on your life.
- Why have you chosen to study in your selected field, and what are your academic and career goals?
- Tell us about a personal achievement that makes you proud.
- Why are you a good candidate to receive this award?
- Two letters of recommendation: One must be from a teacher or coach, and the other must be from a community member or employer.
- Unofficial high school transcripts

**Scholarship Rules and Information:**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this scholarship, contact Client Services at [clientservices@nvcf.org](mailto:clientservices@nvcf.org).

**[Click here for more information, and to apply.](#)**

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**NVCF Leadership Scholarship**

**Application Deadline**

**Friday, April 17, 2026 at 5 p.m.**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for consideration for an award the applicant must:

- Be graduating from a high school in Butte, Colusa, Tehama or Glenn counties
- Be enrolled in an accredited college or university

### **Must Provide**

High Schools Transcripts

Essay: Please attach two essays of no more than 500 words.

For the first essay, please answer the following question: What makes a good leader? How will you exhibit these qualities in your chosen field?

For the second essay, please choose one of the following prompts.

Describe a time that you encountered a challenge in a leadership capacity and how that challenge was addressed.

- What is the best advice you have ever received?
- How will you apply it as you pursue your goals?
- What is one misconception people often have about leadership?
- Describe a leader who inspires you. How can you apply their leadership style in your own pursuits

### **Scholarship Rules and Information**

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### **Paulsen Family Scholarship Fund**

**Award:** \$1,500 to \$4,500

**Due Date:** March 13, 2026

The Paulsen Family Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance for agricultural students in Colusa and Sutter counties who are pursuing a higher education in the field of agriculture.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- High school senior who is graduating or has graduated from a Colusa or Sutter county high school, or be a student attending a two-year or four-year college or university who has graduated from a high school in Colusa or Sutter counties
- Be planning to major in some area of agriculture, agribusiness, veterinary medicine, forestry, wildlife management, or natural resources at a college or university with a well-recognized agricultural program
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate financial need
- Full time enrollment (12 units or more) at a college or university in the upcoming academic year

Renewal Award may be received up to three (3) years. Awardee must reapply to be considered for a renewal award.

### **Donors:**

[Regnar & Beverly Paulsen](#)

**Supplemental Questions**

1. Essay: Please provide an essay describing yourself and your career goals
2. Are you a graduating senior from a Colusa or Sutter county high school, or a student at a two year college or four year college who has graduated from a high school in Colusa or Sutter counties
3. Letter of Recommendation: Please provide two current letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to the applicant
4. Second letter of recommendation

**Click here for more information, and to apply:**

[Paulsen Family Scholarship Fund](#)

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**Keep Scrolling for National Scholarships!**





# What are National Scholarships?

## What Are National Scholarships?

**National scholarships** are awards funded and offered at a countrywide level, typically by governments, foundations, corporations, or other organizations to support students pursuing secondary or higher education. These awards often focus on:

- **Merit**, including academic excellence, leadership, artistic talent, or STEM achievements.
- **Financial need**, supporting students who face economic hardship.
- **Specific backgrounds or goals**, such as underrepresented groups, public service, or environmental advocacy.

## What sets them apart:

- **Scope & competition**: Open to students nationwide, with substantial funding amounts.
- **Prestige & opportunities**: Many include networking, mentorship, or professional development alongside financial aid.

## How to Navigate Them Strategically

### 1. Start early

Deadlines like October–December for many programs mean early prep is key to success.

### 2. Understand eligibility criteria

Need-based vs. merit-based vs. group-specific awards. Know what fits your profile!

### 3. Apply broadly

Some scholarships are highly selective; maximize chances by stacking multiple Applications.

### 4. Complete essential forms

Many need-based scholarships require transcripts, recommendations, and essays.

### 5. Be alert to scam tactics

Legitimate scholarships **NEVER** charge application fees.

# **New National Scholarships Added**

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## **ASNE Scholarship Program**

**Awards Available:** 11

**Amount:** \$4,000

**Deadline:** February 10, 2026

### **Scholarship Description**

The American Society of Naval Engineers began its scholarship program in 1979 in order to promote the profession of naval engineering and to encourage college students to enter the field. Since the inception of the Scholarship Program, ASNE has since awarded hundreds of scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing an education and career in naval engineering.

Though rooted in tradition, a constant push for more power and efficiency, the application and development of cutting-edge technology, modern warfare and issues related to national security have aided the evolution of naval engineering. Today, naval engineering includes most engineering disciplines as they are applied to a naval specialty and has become a challenging and rewarding career field in high demand. Each year, rising junior and senior undergraduate and graduate students nationwide can receive a merit (academic record, work history, and professional interest in naval engineering) based scholarship valued to to \$4,000 per academic year.

**Click Here to Apply:**

**[ASNE Scholarship Program](#)**

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## **Shared Energy Future Foundation STEM Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,500

**Awards Available:** 15

**Deadline:** February 13, 2026

### **Scholarship Description**

The Shared Energy Future Foundation now offers a range of scholarships to help the next generation of Western States students succeed and innovate in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), as well as other disciplines related to energy. This year, we've allocated

\$20,000 in scholarship awards. Applicants must be incoming, first-year students with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Fifteen \$1,500 scholarships available
- Supports students pursuing careers in STEM fields
- Focus on majors such as Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- High school senior with a GPA of 3.0 or above
- Demonstrated interest in a STEM career
- Demonstrated financial need
- Planned full-time attendance at an accredited U.S. two- or four-year college or university
  - Applicant must be located in CA, AZ, NV, OR, or WA
- Enrollment in specified STEM majors

### **Application Process**

1. Prepare one letter of recommendation from a teacher and one from a counselor
2. Write a personal statement that tells a little about yourself, your career and educational goals and objectives and demonstrate your interest and commitment to a STEM field in your statement. Statement requirement: No more than two pages (single sided), double spaced, and 12-point Times New Roman font.
3. Submit your application, including all required documentation and letters of recommendation, by the specified deadline

Shared Energy Future Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, military status, or any other restricting classification in its selection of scholarship recipients.

**Click Here to Apply:**

[Shared Energy Future Foundation STEM Scholarship](#)

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### **Robert Mack Scholarships**

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

**Awards Available:** 3

**Award Deadline:** Feb 15, 2026

Students pursuing undergraduate, graduate or vocational courses of study in the field of healthcare engineering may complete our application, along with the associated documentation, and mail (originals) to The Robert Mack Scholarship Foundation.

**Eligibility:**

Any person pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or vocational courses of study in the field of healthcare engineering.

**Submittal Requirements: (Please type or print legibly)**

- Grade transcripts from the most recent school (GPA). Grades should be from the ninth grade through the first semester (or first two quarters of the twelfth grade, or the most current for persons enrolled in courses of study beyond the twelfth grade.
- Community Service must be detailed. Use a separate sheet if necessary.
- Essays, brief in nature, are required of all applicants. Essays should be entitled, "What does education mean to me?" What are my goals in the field of healthcare engineering? The essay should be clearly organized to define your goals and be grammatically correct.
- Letters of Reference, a minimum of three required, one of which must be related to your school activities. A principal, teacher, coach, or counselor is acceptable. The other two letters of reference must be from people who can speak to the applicant's character. If employed, one must be from a supervisor.

**School/Field of Study:**

The selection of a field of study must be related to healthcare engineering. Fields of study may include (but not limited to) Mechanical, Electrical, or Structural Engineering, Plant Operations, Facility Management, Project Management, Architecture, HVAC, and Biomedical Engineering.

Choice of school, including vocational school, community college, state university, or university is at the student's option.

**How to Apply:**

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

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**Textile Merchandising Scholarship**

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

**Awards Available:** 1

**Award Deadline:** Feb 28, 2026

AATCC Foundation Textile Merchandising Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship intended for undergraduate students of textile merchandising and related topics.

#### **Eligibility**

- Rising freshmen or undergraduate students
- College or university in the United States
- Pursuing courses or programs in textile merchandising, management, or retail
- Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) 3.0/4.0
- US citizen or permanent resident (Green Card)

Scholarship recipients may reapply for a second year of scholarship support.

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Demonstrated scholastic progress towards the intended degree
- Financial need.
- Demonstrated work experience and history.

#### **Apply**

Applications will close February 28, 2026. Applicants will be notified by early summer.

#### **Applications must include:**

- Resume or letter of work experience (including internships)
- Personal statement, freely expressing your feelings, aspirations, financial need and concerns with particular emphasis on your intended career following graduation if decided
- Copy of your most recent transcripts

#### **How to Apply:**

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

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### **PG&E ERG & ENG Scholarships**

**Awards Available:** Varies

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Deadline:** February 28, 2026

#### **Scholarship Description**

PG&E Community and Cause-Based Scholarships are designed for students committed to specific communities or causes. They provide an essential bridge of connection to our diverse customers And funded by donations raised by members of these groups and coworkers at PG&E.

#### **Scholarship Details**

- Funded by donations from PG&E employee groups and coworkers
- Designed to support students connected to specific communities or causes

- No gender or race requirements

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- High school senior or graduate
- GED recipient
- Current undergraduate or postsecondary undergraduate student
- Non-traditional student or veteran returning to school
- Resident of PG&E's service territory
- Planning full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university in the fall term

### **Application Process**

1. Review the list of available PG&E community and cause-based scholarships
2. Confirm eligibility for one or more scholarship opportunities
3. Complete the online scholarship application
4. Submit all required academic and personal information
5. Apply for multiple scholarships if eligible
6. Submit the completed application by February 28th

Scholarships are open to all students and have no gender or race requirements. Students are encouraged to apply for more than one or all eligible scholarships.

**Click Here to Apply:**

**[PG&E ERG & ENG Scholarships](#)**

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### **AWS Donald F Hastings Scholarship**

**Awards Available:** Varies

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Deadline:** March 01, 2026

### **Scholarship Description:**

The Donald F. Hastings Scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student pursuing a minimum four-year bachelor's degree in welding engineering (WE) or welding engineering technology (WET); however, priority will be given to welding engineering (WE) students. The award will be presented to individuals nationwide. Applicants do not have to be a member of the American Welding Society. The number of awards given by the provider will vary, and the dollar amounts range from \$2,500-\$10,000+.

All applicants must: Be a minimum of eighteen years of age; Have a minimum high school diploma; Have a minimum 2.5 overall grade point average; Be enrolled full or part time; Demonstrate financial need; Submit all required application information; Be a citizen of the United States and plan to attend an academic institution located within the United States. Priority will be given to those individuals residing or attending school in the states of Ohio and California. (A resident is defined as having lived in the specific area for a minimum of one year.) Applicants may reapply; however, persons who have received this award may reapply and may be granted the award for a maximum of four years.

**Click Here to Apply:**

**[AWS Donald F Hastings Scholarship](#)**

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#### **Clair A. Hill Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$5,000

**Awards Available:** 1

**Deadline:** March 01, 2026

#### **Scholarship Description:**

ACWA is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. Our more than 460 public agency members collectively are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms and businesses in California. For more than a century, our mission has been clear: To provide comprehensive leadership, advocacy and resources for California public water agencies to ensure a high quality and reliable water supply in an environmentally sustainable and fiscally responsible manner. Each year through the ACWA Scholarship Program, ACWA awards scholarships to qualified undergraduate students.

The ACWA offers the Clair A. Hill Scholarship to a qualified undergraduate student. Eligible applicants must: be California residents attending an accredited public or private California college at the start of the academic year covered by the scholarship; be pursuing an undergraduate degree in a water resources-related field related to engineering, agricultural and/or urban water supply, environmental studies, or public administration; commit to full-time enrollment (12 semester units or 16 quarter units) for the entire academic year; and be at least a junior.

**Click Here to Apply:**

**[Clair A. Hill Scholarship](#)**

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#### **Matsuo Bridge Company Ltd. of Japan Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Awards Available:** Varies

**Deadline:** March 01, 2026

### **Scholarship Description**

Matsuo Bridge Company, Ltd. of Japan is one of Japan's leading fabricators of steel for bridges, buildings and other structures. Matsuo Bridge boasts numerous signature projects throughout Japan, including the world's longest suspension bridge. The purpose of their scholarship is to provide financial assistance to an individual interested in pursuing a career in civil engineering, welding engineering, or welding engineering technology. The number of awards given by the provider will vary, and the dollar amounts range from \$2,500-\$10,000+.

The Matsuo Bridge Company, Ltd. of Japan Scholarship will be awarded to a college junior or senior, or a graduate student pursuing a degree in civil engineering, welding engineering, welding engineering technology, or related discipline. Eligible applicants must have a high school diploma, have a 3.0 GPA, and be enrolled in a school in the United States. The award will be available to students nationwide; however, priority will be given to individuals residing in the states of California, Texas, Oregon or Washington.

**Click Here to Apply:**

[Matsuo Bridge Company Ltd. of Japan Scholarship](#)

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### **Carroylin and Robert Threlkel Scholarship Fund**

**Award:** \$1,000 to \$5,000

**Deadline:** March 03, 2026

The Carroylin and Robert Threlkel Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to women pursuing a business related degree.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Female student pursuing a business related undergraduate degree at an accredited college university or community college in California
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate financial need through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application. "Need is based on the Student Aid Index (SAI) scores from the FAFSA or The California Dream Act Application.
- Full-time enrollment in 12 units or more

#### **Supplemental Questions**

1. Essay: Please provide a one page essay on the following topic: why are you going into business and what are your career goals
2. Letter of Recommendation: Please provide two letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to the applicant (one letter should be from a teacher)
3. Second letter of recommendation
4. Are you a female student?



Click Here to Apply:  
[Carroylin and Robert Threlkel Scholarship Fund](#)

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**Keep Scrolling for Scholarships on the Previous Bulletin!**



## **Scholarships on previous bulletin**

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### **Words Create Worlds Scholarship**

**Scholarship Value:** \$2,500

**Awards Available:** 1

**Award Deadline:** Feb 5, 2026

This scholarship was established to honor Ryan Stripling, an English teacher in Bentonville, Arkansas who passed away from cancer in 2019. Ryan was a fierce believer in young writers and always encouraged them with his motto, “Words create worlds.”

The CREATIVE.INSPIRED.HAPPY online writing community is honored to continue Ryan’s legacy by awarding a scholarship to a high school senior who is a promising young writer. This scholarship is open to students pursuing any major, as long as they are interested in continuing to write throughout college. Students must currently be attending a high school within the United States and plan to attend a college or university within the United States.

To apply, tell us what you love about writing and how you plan to continue writing while in college.

**How to Apply:**

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

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### **Scholarships for Military Children**

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

**Awards Available:** 500

**Award Deadline:** Feb 11, 2026

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created to recognize military families' contributions to the fighting force's readiness and to celebrate the commissary's role in the military family community.

The application period for the 2026-2027 academic year will open on December 10, 2025 and close on February 11, 2026. Recipients will be notified of their status by mail on or about May 15, 2026. Due to the volume of applications, non-recipients are not notified.

The Scholarships for Military Children Program is designed to award scholarships annually at each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency worldwide, with funding provided through generous contributions.

For the 2026 2027 academic year, 500 scholarships valued at \$2,000 each will be awarded. At least one recipient will be selected at every commissary location where qualified applications are

received. Additional awards are allocated on a prorated basis, meaning commissaries with larger applicant pools may have more than one recipient.

### **Who Can Apply?**

The Scholarships for Military Children program is open to unmarried military dependent children under the age 23 who possess a valid Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. In addition, a student's parent(s)/sponsor(s) must be one of the following: active duty, reserve/guard, deceased, or retired from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force.

- Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree or a community/junior college designed to allow for a direct transfer into a four-year program.
- High school applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis).
- College applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. College freshmen must submit a first-semester college transcript.
- Applicants or sponsors do not need to live at an installation with a commissary; simply select the commissary where you shop or the one nearest to you.

### **How Do I Apply?**

The Scholarships for Military Children Program requires that the student complete the application themselves and attest to this when submitting it.

1. Please create an account that you can return to later.
2. Complete all tabs of the form - green checkmark indicates completion.
3. Write a short 500-word essay - The essay topic will be announced when the scholarship opens.
4. Submit transcripts
5. High school applicants - transcript indicating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)
6. College applicants - transcript indicating a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)
7. You must validate your eligibility as a military dependent by entering the benefits number found on the reverse of the Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. If you qualify

for an ID card but do not have one, immediately schedule a visit to a military personnel office with the proper documentation.

**How to Apply:**

**[Go To Scholarship Application](#)**

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**Horatio Alger Association Scholarships**

**Scholarship Value:** \$25,000

**Awards Available:** 105

**Award Deadline:** February 15, 2026

Horatio Alger Association is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit organization that honors outstanding individuals who personify the American Dream. Thanks to their generosity, the Association provides need-based scholarships and services to promising young people who are persevering through adversity.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be enrolled full time as a **high school junior** in the United States
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States immediately after high school graduation (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- Demonstrate financial need (\$100,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
- Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
- Be a United States citizen

**Click here the link below to apply, for more information, or for more available HAADA**

**Scholarships:**

**<https://horatioalger.org/scholarships/>**

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**Breaking New Ground Scholarship**

**Scholarship Value:** \$1,500

**Awards Available:** 1

**Award Deadline: Feb 18, 2026**

At Kisner Law, we believe in the power of education and taking control of your future, no matter where you start. This is especially true for students who are the first in their families to pursue a college degree. Kisner Law is proud to support college students who are forging bold paths toward a brighter future.

Our biannual Breaking New Ground Scholarship awards \$1,500 each semester to a first-generation college student who exemplifies academic excellence, demonstrates a strong work ethic, and shares a passion for business, transportation, or liberal arts and sciences. If you're ready to break new ground—in your family, your field of study, and your future, we invite you to apply.

### **Applicant Qualifications**

**Before applying, students should make sure they meet the following qualifications. An applicant must:**

Be a first-generation college student

Have a proven record of maintaining a job while in high school

Be committed to pursuing a degree at a two- or four-year college or university

Be at least 17 years of age

Be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.

This scholarship is intended to award students who demonstrate excellence in the classroom, community, and on their campus. Applicants should be interested in pursuing a career in business, transportation, or liberal arts and sciences.

### **How to Apply:**

**[Go To Scholarship Application](#)**

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### **Race to End the Stigma Scholarship Program**

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

**Awards Available:** 1 or multiple recipients

**Award Deadline:** Sun, Mar 1st 2026, 11:59 pm EST.

The Race to End the Stigma Scholarship was created by the Carlos Vieira Foundation to start the conversation about mental health. The \$1,000 Race to End the Stigma Scholarship is granted annually to graduating high school seniors who are interested in mental health awareness or who are willing to share their story about mental health in an effort to end the stigma.

The “Race to End the Stigma” campaign was created to not only change the way people perceive those who are living with mental illness, but also how those who are affected perceive themselves. At the Carlos Vieira Foundation, we strive to support the mental health community through education, fundraising and facilitating resources.

### **How?**

- By starting the conversation and educating the public about mental health and individuals living with mental health
- challenges.
- By holding fundraisers and donating to organizations that provide resources and education for mental health awareness, research, and support.
- By providing speakers in schools to discuss mental health awareness and foster early detection
- By supporting programs, like the Crisis Intervention Training Program, which train those whose jobs entail frequent
- Interaction with the public on how to recognize the symptoms of a person with mental illness.

**GPA Requirement:** 3.0 or higher

**Must be a resident of one of the following counties(Max 1,000 words):**

Yuba, Yolo, Tuolumne, Tulare, Tehama, Sutter, Stanislaus, Shasta, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Placer, Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Kings, Kern, Glenn, Fresno, El Dorado, Colusa, Butte.

**Personal essay required, using ONE of the following prompts:**

1. Share how your personal experience with mental health has shifted your perspective on mental health stigma and the ways it affects individuals and communities.
2. Have you ever taken steps towards reducing the stigma surrounding mental health issues? If so, how? Please share your experience.
3. Do you plan to major in or seek a career in a subject related to the mental health field? If so, please share your plan, goals, and reasoning.

**Requirements:** Transcript

**Click here for more information and to apply:**

[Race to End the Stigma Scholarship](#)

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### **Sons of Italy Western Foundation Scholarships**

**Scholarship Value:** \$5,000

**Awards Available:** 3

**Award Deadline:** Mar 1, 2026

The Sons of Italy Western Foundation announces the availability of scholarships for graduating seniors from the Class of 2026

**Scholarships are available in the following categories:**

- Academic Awards for graduating high school seniors

- Italian Language Study Grants in Italy for graduating high school seniors for the summer of 2026
- Career Education for graduating high school seniors pursuing a career in a skilled field

In Addition to the Italian Study Grant, the Western Foundation scholarships awards range from \$500 to \$5000

### **Requirements**

The requirements for applying for a Scholarship or Student Grant are as follows:

- Applicant MUST BE wholly or partially of Italian descent
- Applicant MUST BE enrolled in an accredited College, University or Community College or Trade School in the Fall of 2026

### **How to Apply:**

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

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### **AIA Central Valley/John Ellis Architectural Scholarship**

**Award:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** March 13, 2026

The AIA Central Valley/John Ellis Architectural Scholarship was established in 2018 by the American Institute of Architects, Central Valley Chapter, in recognition of Mr. Ellis's significant service to the profession of architecture, through his support and involvement with the Chapter and as a professor of architecture at Cosumnes River College spanning 34 years. This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a major in architecture.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Be a high school senior, undergraduate college student, graduate student or an adult re-entry student
- Must be majoring in architecture at a Community College or Four-Year College/University in the fall
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Have attended or currently attending a school in the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo and Yuba
- Full time enrollment in 12 units or more is required during the academic year
- Preference will go to students attending a Community College

Scholarship may be used for the cost of attendance at your school and educational expenses. Renewal awards are available for a maximum of two years. Applicants must reapply for a renewal award.

**Click here to apply, and for more information:**

**Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California Scholarships**

Amount: \$500.00

**2026 Deadline: March 15 (postmarked)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Applications will be received at the office of the Chairperson of the State Scholarship Committee between January 1st and March 15th of the year of application. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15th. Submit applications to the following address:

**Jacqueline Austin**

State Scholarship Chairperson

472 Paradise View Drive

Vista, CA 92083

Phone: (760) 390-4094

E-mail: [cabrillo.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cabrillo.scholarship@gmail.com)

**Submit Application With:**

- Transcript
- One letter of recommendation

Application must be fully completed, or the applicant will be disqualified. Applications will not be accepted or considered if the required documents are not attached and the following requirements are not met:

- 1. Applicants must be of Portuguese descent and be a USA citizen or permanent resident.
- 2. Applicants must have maintained a minimum 3.50 Total Weighted Grade Point Average for Grades 9 -12 and be a graduating Senior of a California high school. (An official High School Transcript must accompany the application)
- 3. Applicant meets all entrance requirements of the accredited community college, college, trade school or university the applicant plans to attend.
- 4. Applicants must have participated in at least three(3) extra-curricular activities while in high school.
- 5. Applicants must present one(1) letter of recommendation from an individual who will vouch for the applicant's academic standing, character, personality, and extra-curricular



activities. The letter of recommendation must be from the Principal, Dean, Counselor, or Teacher of the high school currently attending.

- 6. Applicants must complete the Application for an Undergraduate Scholarship, including the essay.

Awards are made on a competitive basis, with consideration being given to the following categories: GPA, Leadership, Extra Curricular Activities, Work (Paid or Volunteer), Promise, and Membership in Cabrillo Civic Clubs. The intent of the donors of this fund is to assist students of Portuguese descent who have a desire to secure a higher education.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each will be awarded to Scholarship Recipients upon Verification of Enrollment in an accredited community college, college, trade school, or university.

Each applicant will be notified by June 30th of the status of their application. Additionally, those applicants who are awarded a scholarship will receive award instructions for collecting the scholarship.

**Click the link below for more information, and to apply:**

<https://cabrillocivicclubs.org/scholarship>

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**End of Scholarship Bulletin!**

**Check every other week for a new bulletin!**

**Next Bulletin on 02/11/2026!**

**Remember to visit the counseling office, or call/email Ryan Copeland if you have any questions, or need help with an application.**

**Thank you!**

**Ryan Copeland**

**Career Center Technician**

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