



VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ~ VCCF ~ SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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NOTE: This is only a partial index listing of VCCF scholarship opportunities grouped by required major. Several of the VCCF opportunities do not have a required major.

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Community and Folk Art Scholarship (Art Teacher)
Delta Kappa Gamma Recruitment Grant (Teaching)
Dr. Peter David Rogalsky Scholarship (Teacher)
Finck Family Charitable Scholarship Fund (Education/Teaching)
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Science Matters Scholarship (Pursuing Degree to Become a Teacher with a focus on science)

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

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Gary W. Chism Memorial Scholarship (Medical Research)
William and Cynthia Fairburn Memorial Scholarship (Physical or Natural Science)
George Tillquist Engineering Scholarship (Engineering)
Parker M. and Virginia Howell Scholarship (Engineering)
Jan Heyne Memorial Scholarship (Physical or Natural Science)
SAME Engineer/Architect Scholarship (Engineering or Architecture)
Semtech Scholarship Fund (Business, Chemistry, Engineering, Mathematics, or Physics)
Margaret A. Tompkins Oxnard Monday Club Scholarship (Physical or Natural Science)
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Kent Weigel Math Scholarship (Mathematics or Physical or Natural Science)



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25TH Anniversary Scholarship

College Major: Any at Graduate-Level

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who are pursuing graduate-level studies (Master's level program or higher) at an accredited non-profit public or private college or university in the United States. Applicants must intend to return to (or remain in) Ventura County to work following completion of graduate-level studies. Demonstration of financial need is not required but a preference for applicants who demonstrate it will be given during the selection process. Applicants must be enrolled in graduate program when receiving award in the fall. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Required essay topic: Discuss how you plan to help build community in Ventura County following completion of your studies.

Average award: \$1,000

¡Adelante! Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating Latina or Latino high school senior from any Ventura County high school who will enroll in an accredited community college, 4-year college or university, or trade school. Applicants must indicate their ethnicity on the scholarship application. Preference will be given in the selection process to applicants who are the first member of their immediate family to attend college. **Preference will also be given in the selection process to students who have been awarded the scholarship in previous years.**

Special Requirements: New applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA (2.75 for re-applicants) and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$2,500

¡Adelante! II Scholarship

College Major: Any at Graduate level

Student Profile: Graduates of any high school in Ventura County who intend to enroll or are enrolled in a Master's degree program. Priority in the selection process will be given to students who have previously received an ¡Adelante! Scholarship for undergraduate studies. Preference in the selection process will be given to applicants who are the first in their family to attend college. Recipients may reapply for up to 3 years if all other eligibility requirements are met.

Special Requirements: Applicants must have a 2.75 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$10,000

Armando and Lourdes Lopez Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Ventura County graduating high school senior who will enroll at California State University, Channel Islands - CSUCI (no other colleges or universities) with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Special Requirements: Student must demonstrate financial need and be the minor child of a farm worker. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Average award: \$1,000

Berenice Barnard Music Specialist Scholarship

College Major: Music Education (teaching music) or Music Performance

Student Profile: Students who live in the city of Ojai or San Buenaventura and are enrolling at an accredited 4-year college or university, to further their career as a music teacher or performance in music. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest and involvement in music. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: While not required to apply, demonstration financial need will be considered in the selection process.

Average award: \$1,450



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James C. Basile Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Ventura County resident who has graduated from or will graduate this year from any high school in Ventura County and is enrolled or will enroll in a **public 4-year college or university, or community college in the state of California** as a candidate for an undergraduate degree. Preference in the selection process will be given to students who live in the cities of Moorpark or Simi Valley who are graduating or have graduated from high schools in either of those cities as well as to students who (a) have had one or both parents or guardian killed or disabled while engaged in services in law enforcement or as a fire fighter or (b) are physically or visually impaired or are otherwise disabled. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate financial need and have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.

Average award: \$4,000 (community college) - \$7,500 (4-year college/university)

Berenice Barnard Music Education Scholarship

College Major: Music

Student Profile: Students who live in the city of Ojai or San Buenaventura who have attended a Ventura or Ojai area high school or college. Applicants must be enrolling full-time at an accredited community college or 4-year college or university. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirement: Applicants must have a demonstrated interest and involvement in music and write an essay about continuing their music education.

Average award: \$700.00

Bob and Evie Florence Memorial Scholarship Fund

College Major: Music (instrumental performing, composing or music theory)

Student Profile: graduating high school senior from Ventura County or Los Angeles County who intend to enroll or are enrolled in a public or private 4 year college or university or graduate school. Student must have a demonstrate interest and involvement in music.

Special Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate financial need. In an essay of 750 words or less, student must discuss how the award will help the student continue his/her education and explain why he/she wants to continue an education in music.

Average award: \$1000.00

Bob Benedetto Memorial Scholarship Fund for Social Workers

College Major: Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) or Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW)

Student Profile: College undergraduate from Ventura County enrolled in a BSW degree program at an accredited 4-year college or university, or college graduate or college senior from Ventura County who is enrolled as a candidate for a Master's level in Social Work (an MSW) at an accredited college or university.

Special Requirements: Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Essay must explain your reasons for wanting to pursue a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Social Work and discuss what your plans are once you finish your studies.

Average award: \$1,000

Sin Fronteras/ No Borders Scholarship Fund

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Ventura County residents, who are graduating high school seniors or graduated from a public school in south Oxnard, and who will enroll or are enrolled at an accredited community college, or a vocational, trade or technical school, or a public or private 4-year college or university. Preference in the selection process will be given to students who are immigrants and/ or the child of an immigrant parent, and bilingual/ bicultural students. Preference in the selection process will also be given to prior recipients provided they continue to meet the other criteria.

Special Requirements: Students must have a minimum 2.8 GPA and they must demonstrate financial need. Essay must explain the students' interest and experience and how bilingualism/biculturalism has impacted the applicant's life.



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Frances and Richard Bohn Music Scholarship

College Major: Music (Performance, Composition, Education to be a music teacher)

Student Profile: Ventura County resident who has graduated or will be graduating this year who are enrolled or will enroll at any accredited college, university, or art institute in the United States. Preference in the selection process will be given to applicants who demonstrate leadership with fellow music students through encouragement, tutoring, and other supportive activities.

Special Requirements: Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Essay must discuss why the student wants to continue to study music and share their future plans.

Average award: \$1,200

Dr. Ralph B. Busch Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

College Major: Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)

Student Profile: Awarded to college seniors or college graduated who previously graduated from a public or private high school in Ventura County and will enroll/are enrolled as a candidate for a medical degree at an accredited college or university in the United States. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$5,000

Michael Gordon Burgos Memorial Scholarship Fund

College Major: Any (preference in the selection process to students intending to pursue study in any of the healing arts)

Student Profile: Current residents of the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Somis, or Ventura with a minimum of 3 years residency in Ventura County who are graduating from a high school in one of the listed cities this year or who have graduated from a high school in one of the above listed cities within the past 5 years. **Students must be enrolling in (or currently enrolled in) a nonprofit institution of higher learning within Ventura County.** Preference in the selection process will be given to students who demonstrate an interest in environmental protection/preservation, to students who show participation in local volunteer health and/or human benefit programs, and to students who have shown an interest in or participated in basketball or tennis. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Required Essay Topic: Explain what you will do to make our community a better place to live.

Average award: \$500

Calavo Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating high school seniors, high school graduates, or holders of graduate equivalency degrees with a good academic record, school and community participation, enrolled or enrolling in an accredited college or university, pursuing an undergraduate degree. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirement: Applicant must be a resident of one of Calavo's 12 districts pursuing undergraduate studies at an accredited 4-year college or university and **be related by blood or marriage to an active member of Calavo Growers of California.** Applicants must provide the name of the Calavo member and identify the relationship with the application.

Average award: \$650

David G. Casavan Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Engineering, Physical Science or Mathematics a

Student Profile: Graduating high school seniors in Ventura County, who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a Ventura County Community College or California College University, trade or vocational school for a degree in Engineering, Physical Science, or Mathematics.

Special Requirement: Students must have a minimum 2.8 GPA.

Average award: \$700



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Gary W. Chism Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Business or Medical Research (note: In this case, pursuing medical research is **not pre-med**)

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who are graduating seniors from any Ventura County high school and enrolling full-time in an accredited 4-year college or university OR Ventura County residents who are attending any Ventura County community college and transferring in the fall to an accredited 4-year college or university. Applicants must show demonstrated interest and involvement in business or medical research as evidenced in activities and essay.

Special Requirement: Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Average award: \$1,000

Community and Folk Art Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Art (education, teaching or artist)

Student Profile: Resident of Ventura County who is a graduating senior from any Ventura County high school and enrolling fulltime at an accredited 4-year college or university to major in art.

Special Requirements: Student must demonstrate interest and involvement in the arts.

Average award: \$500

Bethany Anne Cody Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Resident of the city of Ventura who is a graduating senior from Ventura High School (located in the city of Ventura, CA) with a minimum 3.0 GPA who will enroll fulltime pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited 4-year college or university. **Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.**

Average award: \$1,000

Destino Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who are Latino or Latina high school seniors graduating from high schools in Ventura County, or Latino or Latina community college students, or Latino or Latina college freshmen, sophomores, or juniors who previously graduated from high school in Ventura County and **who are enrolled in or plan to enroll full-time at an accredited California college**, with a priority for those enrolled/enrolling at CSU Channel Islands, Moorpark College, Oxnard College, or Ventura College. Preference in the selection process will be given to students who are the first generation in their family to attend college. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need. **Required Essay Topic:** Discuss who or what inspired you to pursue a college education and explain how your education will help you give back to the community through promoting education, health and wellness, literacy, or other key Destino goals.

Average award: \$2,500

Michael A. DiRaimondo Foundation Scholarship

Major: Pursuing Paramedic Training Certification to become a Paramedic

Student Profile: Southern California residents (with a preference in the selection process for Ventura County residents) who have an Emergency Medical Training (EMT) Certificate and who will enroll or are currently enrolled as a candidate for a Paramedic Training Certificate at an accredited Southern California paramedic training institution, college or university in the counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, or San Diego. Applicants must demonstrate a sincere passion for the paramedic profession and dedication to helping people as a Paramedic. We suggest candidates do an online search of Michael A. DiRaimondo of Simi Valley for a better understanding of the spirit of this scholarship, which was established to honor the memory of Michael and to encourage students with his qualities who are entering the Paramedic field.

Special Requirement: Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

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Delta Kappa Gamma Recruitment Grant Scholarship

College Major: Liberal Studies or another subject to become a teacher

Student Profile: Female residents of Ventura County who are currently enrolled in a community or four-year college/university as a sophomore (rising junior), junior (rising senior), or senior (rising graduate level), or graduate student enrolling/enrolled in a credential program. A current sophomore at a community college must be transferring to an accredited 4-year college/university to be eligible. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and full-time status as a student in college when receiving award in the fall. While not required to apply, financial need of the applicant will be considered during the selection process. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Student must be pursuing a career in teaching.

Required Essay Topic: In 500-700 words, please tell us why you want to become a teacher

Average award: \$1,000

David Dodge Memorial Scholarship

Major/Area of Study: International Relations, Global Studies, and/or International Cooperation

Student Profile: Graduating high school senior in Ventura County enrolling at an accredited community college, or 4-year college or university.

Special Requirements: Student must demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$1,000

Brad Donley Memorial Scholarship

Major: Mathematics or Physical or Natural Science

Student Profile: Graduating senior from any Ventura County high school who demonstrates community involvement, leadership, and/or work history. Applicant must be enrolling in an accredited community college or public or private 4-year college or university. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be a resident of Ventura County.

Average award: \$500

Dr. Richard A. Grossman College Scholarship Fund

Major: Any

Student Profile: Awarded to children of current full-time employees in good standing of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or GED recipients enrolling at a community college, an accredited public or private 4-year college or university, or an accredited career/technical education institution. Preference in the selection process will be given to applicants who were prior recipients of the Dr. Richard A. Grossman College Scholarship. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Average award: \$2,500

William and Cynthia Fairburn Memorial Scholarship

Major/Area of Study: Majors in the categories of Liberal Arts, or Humanities

Student Profile: Residents of Ventura County who are graduating high school seniors from any Ventura County high school and who are enrolling full-time at an accredited U.S. 4-year public or private college or university (no community colleges) in pursuit of an undergraduate degree in the areas of liberal arts or humanities. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years. **NOTE: applicants who select "undecided" or "undeclared" or "not listed" as their major will not be eligible for consideration for this scholarship.** Applicants who do not list the names of the colleges and universities to which they are applying on the application will not be eligible for consideration for this scholarship. **NOTE:** If you will be enrolling in community college, do not apply for this scholarship. VCCF cannot pay this award to a 2-year college; it can only be paid to a 4-year college/university.

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Ventura County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship

Major/Area of Study: Agriculture or Ag-Related (such as Agricultural Business)

Student Profile: Graduating high school senior in Ventura County enrolling at an accredited 4-year college or university.

Special Requirement: Applicant must be the minor child of a Farm Bureau of Ventura County member or the minor child of an employee of a Farm Bureau of Ventura County member. Applicant must be a Ventura County resident. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Average award: \$1,000

Finch Family Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Applicant must be the minor child (age 24 or under) of an employee or contractor working for Finch Ranches or be a resident of the town of Piru. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or have previously graduated from a Ventura County high school, and enrolled or enrolling at an accredited 4-year college or university, community college, or trade school. Applicant must have a minimum 3.2 GPA (2.0 for reapplicants). If the applicant is related to an employee or contractor of Finch Ranches, a signed and dated reference letter stating the affiliation **must be included** with the student's application. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirement: Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$7,000

Finck Family Charitable Fund Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Education (Teacher) or Health-Related or Social Services

Student Profile: Awarded to community college students or high school seniors eligible for graduation from high schools in Ventura County. Applicants must intend to enroll as a candidate for a degree in a helping profession in education, health or social services or for a degree in a helping profession from a certified technical or vocational school. Student must have a 3.0 GPA minimum and demonstrate financial need.

Average Award: \$600

Brian Patrick Gialketsis Memorial Scholarship Fund

College Major/Area of Study: Any

Student Profile: Ventura County Residents who are graduating high school seniors who will enroll or are enrolled at an accredited community college; vocational, trade, and technical school; or a public or private 4-year college or university

Special Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate their experience in working for equitable access to a healthy environment.

Applicants are required to write an essay in response to the following prompt: Brian Patrick Gialketsis was a passionate environmental justice advocate who fought hard for equitable access to a healthy environment and the ideals of intersectional environmentalism. Please tell us about your involvement in bettering the environment to ensure equitable access for all. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Preference in the selection process will be given to LGBTQ applicants and applicants of color

Average award: \$1,000

Charles K. and Ola I. Gose Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Government, Civics, Political Science, Economics, Education (Teaching)

Student Profile: Ventura County resident who is a graduating senior from Channel Islands High School (located in Oxnard, CA) or a graduating senior from any Ventura County high school who lives in the city of Camarillo, CA, and will enroll fulltime at an accredited 4-year college or university.

Special Requirements: Student must have a minimum 3.5 GPA, show success in courses, and involvement in government, civics and/or teaching. Applicant essay must address a political, governmental or community topic.

Average award: \$1,000



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Gould Family Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who are currently enrolled in a college in Ventura County (Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura community colleges, CSU Channel Islands, California Lutheran University, and Thomas Aquinas College) who will continue their education at any college/university in the next academic year. There will be a preference in the selection process for applicants who demonstrate civic engagement through community volunteerism and/or internships. There will be a preference in the selection process for applicants who are majoring in environmental/earth/natural science, conservation.

Special Requirements: Applicants will write an essay in response to this prompt: Tell us about your role in community activism and/or interest in the environment – what prompted your volunteer activities, what have you been doing to make a difference in your community, or why you are interested in the environment and conservation. If you have held an internship, please discuss briefly what you have learned and what you will take with you as you continue your education.

Average award: \$1,000

George Tillquist Engineering Scholarship

College Major: Engineering

Student Profile: Ventura County resident who previously graduated from a Ventura County high school and has completed two years of college (rising junior). Applicants will either be currently enrolled as sophomores at any California college or university or be transferring from a California community college as an incoming junior to a 4-year California college or university. A preference in the selection process will be given to applicants majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Special Requirements: Applicant essay must explain why the student is pursuing a degree in Engineering. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$500

Roy A. Gustafson Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Law School (Juris Doctor)

Student Profile: Applicants must have previously graduated from any public or private Ventura County high school, be currently attending an accredited law school in the state of California, and eligible to continue at that same California law school next year.

Special Requirement: Student must demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$10,000

Harvest Academy Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Applicants must have graduated from or will graduate this year from any high school in Ventura County or in the cities of Santa Maria or Salinas/Watsonville and are enrolling fulltime in an accredited trade school, community college, college or university or graduate program OR students who are enrolled at Los Angeles Pierce College. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Special Requirement: Student must be a graduate of the Harvest Academy and provide a copy of their certificate of graduation with their VCCF scholarship application.

Average award: \$1,500

Vicky Howard Community Service Award

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Resident of Simi Valley or Moorpark for a minimum of 18 continuous months prior to application deadline, is a senior graduating from a Simi Valley or Moorpark area high school with a minimum 3.0 GPA, and will enroll full-time as a candidate for an undergraduate degree at an accredited 4-year college or university.

Special Requirement: Student must show significant community service within the Simi Valley or Moorpark area.

Average award: \$500



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Parker M. and Virginia Howell Scholarship

College Major: Engineering or Creative Writing

Student Profile: Resident of the city of Ventura who is a graduating senior from a high school in the city of Ventura enrolling at an accredited community college or 4-year college or university OR who is an enrolled Ventura College student who will continue at Ventura College or transfer to another accredited community college or 4-year college or university.

Special Requirements: Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$600

Patricia Improta Memorial Nursing Scholarship

College Major: Nursing (Pursuing A.D.N. at Moorpark College or Ventura College or a B.S.N. at CSUCI)

Student Profile: Resident of Ventura County who is enrolled in a nonprofit Ventura County institution of higher learning majoring in nursing to become a Registered Nurse (R.N.)

Special Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$1,000

Jan Heyne Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Any, but preference during the selection process will be given to students who are majoring in the arts, humanities, or physical or natural science

Student Profile: Graduating high school seniors from high schools in Ventura County enrolling full-time in a 4-year accredited college or university, or Ventura County community college students who are transferring to a 4-year accredited college or university for an undergraduate degree. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Required essay topic: Please tell us about your college objectives and what you hope to achieve after completing your degree?

Average award: \$5,000

Joyce M. Kennedy, Ph.D. Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating senior, high school graduates, or holders of graduate equivalency degrees from any Ventura County high school who will enroll full-time at California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI) OR a student from Ventura County who is currently enrolled full-time at CSUCI pursuing an undergraduate degree. Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Students may reapply for consideration in successive years.

Average award: \$1,500

Vivian Klemz Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Art (performing, visual, fine, creative language arts such as creative writing)

Student Profile: Sophomore or above student enrolled full-time in an accredited 4-year college, university, or art institution as a candidate for an **undergraduate degree** in the arts (performing arts, fine arts, visual arts, or creative language arts) **OR** student who is enrolled in a **graduate-level** arts program leading to a graduate-level degree in the arts. Applicants must be from Ventura County and have graduated from a public or private high school in Ventura County. Financial need is not required but will be considered in the selection process. Preference will be given to female applicants in the selection process.

Average award: \$1,500



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Paul W. Lawrason, Jr. Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Resident of the city of Moorpark continuously for the past 24 months prior to applying, graduating from a high school in the city of Moorpark, and enrolling full-time in an accredited community college or 4-year college or university or trade or vocational school.

Special Requirements: Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have demonstrated good citizenship and the initiative to succeed as evidenced by their school and community activities.

Average award: \$500

Limoneira Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Residents of Santa Paula or Oxnard who have graduated from or will graduate this year from any high school in Ventura County. Students must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a 2-year college, vocational/trade school or 4-year college or university; or currently enrolled in a 2-year college and continuing or transferring to a 4-year college; or currently enrolled in a 4-year college or university.

Special Requirements: Applicants or their parent or legal guardian must be employed in the agriculture business in Santa Paula or Oxnard. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applicants must answer the essay question “Please explain the impact of agriculture in the pursuit of your education”

Average award: \$1,000, \$500 (vocational/trade school)

College Can Help Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Pursuing certification at a Ventura County community college or career/technical institution in Ventura County

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who are graduating high school seniors or GED recipients enrolling at a Ventura County community college or career/technical education institution in Ventura County. Preference given in selection process to applicants who demonstrate diligence (setting/reaching goals, overcoming barriers). Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$2,000

John and Agnes McFarlane Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Pursuing degree or certification preparatory to an occupation related to a life of public service (includes majors in administration of justice, civics, early childhood education, elementary or secondary education (teaching), global studies, government, healthcare, international cooperation, international relations, journalism, nursing, physician assistant, political science, public administration, public health, public policy, and social work) **at a California college/university (no out-of-state institutions).**

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who have graduated from or will graduate this year from any high school in Ventura County, are enrolled or will be enrolling in an accredited California community college or 4-year California college or university to pursue an **undergraduate degree in the state of California** or Ventura County residents who have graduated from or will graduate this year from any Ventura County high school and who are enrolled or enrolling in a career and technical training institute in the state of California pursuing career training and certification. Applicants must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirement: Applicants must write an essay in response to this prompt: Discuss how your education will help you pursue a life of public service and explain how your life and values exemplify a sincere concern for the welfare of mankind

Average award: \$2,500 (community college/ career technical institute) - \$5,000 (4-year college/university)



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VCCCDRA Sponsored Don B. Medley Scholarship Fund

College Major/Area of Study: Computer Studies such as computer information systems, computer networking, or computer science

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who have graduated or are graduating high school seniors who will enroll or are enrolled at a Ventura County Community College. Students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA unweighted.

Special Requirements: Applicants must write a 500-700 word essay explaining their interest experience, and goals in computer studies. Preference in selection process will go to students who demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$1100

Merfeld Family Foundation Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating high school seniors from high schools in the United States intending to enroll full-time at an accredited community college or 4-year college or university OR students who are currently enrolled in a community college or 4-year public or private college or university as a candidate for an undergraduate degree. Students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years. Preference for students from state of Iowa and southern California counties.

Special Requirements: **Students must be from a family where a parent was diagnosed with ALS while the applicant was/is in high school or in college.** Applicants must include documentation of parent diagnosis consisting of a signed and dated (within 6 months of application deadline) letter on letterhead from an ALS Center or ALS Clinic. Demonstration of financial need is not required but will be considered during the selection process.

Average award: \$2,500

Margaret A. Tompkins Oxnard Monday Club Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Female resident of Oxnard, California who is graduating from an Oxnard area high school and will enroll full-time in an accredited community college or 4-year college or university OR female resident of Oxnard who previously graduated from an Oxnard area high school and is currently enrolled full-time in an accredited community college or 4-year college or university pursuing an undergraduate degree. Preference in the selection process will be given to applicants majoring in business or science.

Special Requirement: Minimum 3.5 GPA

Average award: \$1,000

Pacific Coast Business Times Scholarship

College Major: Business

Student Profile: Latina/o residents of Ventura County who have graduated from or who will graduate this year from any high school in Ventura County and who are enrolled or will enroll in an accredited community college or 4-year college/university in the state of California, pursuing an undergraduate degree. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Special Requirement: Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. And answer the following essay question: In 500 - 700 words, please tell us what prompted your interest in studying business and what you hope to achieve after graduation?

Average award: \$1,000

Ken Packard Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Female student-athletes who are graduating from a Ventura County high school with a minimum 3.0 GPA and will enroll in an accredited 4-year college/university. There will be a preference in the selection process for applicants who have demonstrated a strong work ethic.

Special Requirement: Applicants must have participated on one of their high school's sports teams.

Average award: \$500



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Rosellen Dee Pearsall Nurse Scholarship

College Major: Nursing at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing

Student Profile: Female sophomore and above students who are currently enrolled and continuing next year in the University of Kentucky College of Nursing professional program. Students must be citizens of the United States. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years. There is a preference for financial need (in the selection process) but it is not required to apply.

Special Requirement: **Required essay topic:** Discuss the individual who stands out as your nursing role model and tell us what prompted you to pursue a nursing career.

Average award: \$5,000

Laura Duval Toomey Saticoy Poinsettia Club Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating high school senior or community college student from Camarillo, Fillmore, Santa Paula, Saticoy, Somis, or Ventura who will enroll as a candidate for a degree at an accredited college or university. A strong preference in the selection process will be given to applicants who demonstrate a relationship to the Saticoy Poinsettia Club. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration.

Special Requirement: Applicant must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Average award: \$1,500

Michael Poole Memorial Scholarship Fund

College Major/Area of Study: Computer Science or Electrical, Mechanical, Aerospace Engineering

Student Profile: Ventura County Residents who are graduating high school seniors who will enroll or are enrolled at an accredited public or private 4-year college or university. Students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Special Requirements: Applicants must write a 500-700 word essay explaining the student's interest and experience and goals in computer science or engineering.

Average award: \$1,000

William P. Reiman Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Agriculture

Student Profile: Ventura County resident who is a graduating senior from any Ventura County high school enrolling full-time at an accredited 4-year college or university to study agriculture OR a Ventura County community college student who is transferring to an accredited 4-year college or university to study agriculture. Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Average award: \$1,000

Stephen Devron Resnik Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Camarillo residents who are graduating from a high school in Ventura County (excludes home-schooled students) who will enroll full-time at an accredited community college or four-year college or university. Preference in the selection process will be given to volleyball players and to students of good character who have demonstrated a passion for helping others.

Special Requirement: **Required essay topic:** Share the direct experiences you have had helping others or discuss how your schoolwork and/or participation in school athletics has shaped your expectations of what is a successful life.

Average award: \$1,000

Dr. Peter David Rogalsky Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Teaching with a preference for those majoring in Elementary Education

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who have graduated from any high school in Ventura County and are enrolled or will enroll in an accredited public California 4-year college or university (UC or CSU).

Special Requirement: Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$750



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SAGE Scholarship

College Major: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who have graduated from a Ventura County High School and are enrolled or will enroll in an accredited 4-year college/university or accredited community college. Applicants must demonstrate dedication to civic engagement, social initiatives, and/or community service. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required, and prior recipients may reapply. 7 out of the 10 SAGE Scholarship recipients must be awarded to a member of either Black/African American, Hispanic, Native American, or Pacific Islander ethnic group.

Required essay topic: “Tell us about your role in community activism or community service- what prompted your volunteer activities, what have you been doing to make a difference in your community?”

Average award: \$2,500

SAME Engineer/Architect Scholarship

ESTABLISHED BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME), OXNARD-VENTURA POST

College Major: Engineering or Architecture

Student Profile: Graduating high school senior, community college freshman or sophomore, or university freshman, sophomore, or junior who is a Ventura County resident who is or will be attending an accredited four-year college or university as a candidate for an undergraduate degree in Engineering or Architecture.

Special Requirements: Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years. Two letters of recommendation should attest to the student’s scientific capabilities.

Required essay topic: In 500 - 700 words, explain why you are pursuing a degree in Architecture or Engineering and tell us what you hope to achieve when you complete your studies.

Average award: \$750

Saticoy Lemon Association Employee Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Ventura County resident who is the minor child or legal ward of an employee of Saticoy Lemon Association and who is graduating from any Ventura County high school to enroll at an accredited community college or four-year college or university to pursue an undergraduate degree OR a Saticoy Lemon Association employee who has received a GED and will enroll at an accredited community college or four-year college or university to pursue an undergraduate degree.

Special Requirements: Applicant must state the name and relationship of the person and Saticoy Lemon Association on the application form and demonstrate financial need. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Average award: \$1,100

Charles J. and Kay Schuler Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Nursing, Medical or Education (Teacher)

Student Profile: High school seniors eligible for graduation, high school graduates, GED recipients, or current college students at any level, in Ventura County or from Los Angeles High School intending to enroll, or currently enrolled at an accredited community college, four-year college or university as a candidate for undergraduate degree in the nursing, medical, or educational field.

Special Requirement: Applicant must be the single parent of a minor child or minor children. There is a preference for students with financial need, but it is not required to apply.

Average award: \$1,500



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Science Matters Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Pursuing a career in teaching (liberal studies with a strong interest in science education) at the elementary or high school level OR majoring in chemistry, physics, biology, or geology to become a science teacher

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who are graduating from or have graduated from a Ventura County high school and will enroll/are enrolled full-time at an accredited 4-year college or university in pursuit of a degree to become a teacher at the elementary or high school level with a focus on science education OR those planning to major in Chemistry, Physics, Biology, or Geology to become a science teacher. Prior recipients may reapply for consideration throughout baccalaureate and teaching credential program.

Special Requirements: Students must have a minimum 3.2 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$1,500

Required essay topic: Please tell us about your interest in science education and explain who or what inspired you to pursue a teaching career with a focus on science education.

Second Century Legacy Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Ventura County resident who is graduating from a high school in Moorpark Unified School District (Community High School, Moorpark High School, or The High School at Moorpark College) who will enroll at an accredited college or university as a full-time candidate for an undergraduate degree.

Special Requirement: Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Average award: \$500

Ray Libero Sepulveda/Ray Garcia Latino Town Hall Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Resident of Ventura County who is a graduating senior from Fillmore High School, Oxnard High School, or Santa Paula High School

Special Requirements: Student must demonstrate financial need and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Student must be intending to enroll in a vocational or trade school, an accredited community college, or accredited 4-year college or university. A priority for children of farmworkers will be given in the selection process. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Average award: \$2,000

Salik Omar Shah Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating senior from any high school in Oxnard or Camarillo (or graduating from Viewpoint School in Calabasas) who will enroll full-time at an accredited 4-year college or university. Prior recipients may reapply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$1,000

Cheryl Shearer Scholarship

College Major: English, Math or Science

Student Profile: Female returning to higher education after a gap of at least 2 years. Graduate of a Ventura County high school or GED recipient with a minimum GPA of a 3.0 (unweighted), who is enrolling in an accredited community college or four-year college or university with a major in English, Math, or Science. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

NOTE: Required essay topic: In 500 - 750 words, discuss your decision to return to school, what you hope to achieve with your degree or certificate, and tell us why your education is important to your future success.

Special Requirements: Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$1,500



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Supervisor Jim Dougherty Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating seniors from high schools in Moorpark or Simi Valley who will enroll at one of the Ventura County community colleges OR first year Ventura County community college students who previously graduated from a Moorpark or Simi Valley high school. Preference in the selection process will be given to AB540 students.

Special Requirement: Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Prior recipients may reapply for consideration in successive years.

Average award: \$2,000

Milton McKeveatt Teague Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Agriculture

Student Profile: Graduating Ventura County high school senior, graduate or GED holder enrolled or enrolling at an accredited 4-year college or university, trade or business school. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Applicant must have been a Ventura County resident for at least three consecutive years prior to the application deadline, with activities showing student's school and community involvement.

Average award: \$2000

Required essay topic: In 500 - 700 words, please tell us why you are pursuing a career in agriculture.

TEACH Scholarship Fund

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating high school seniors or high school graduates (or GED recipients) who are or have been in formal foster care, as verified by a third party, and either currently reside in Ventura County or did reside in Ventura County while in foster care or whose foster care dependency originated in Ventura County. Awards are only for current and former foster youth who will attend or are attending an accredited community college, trade or technical school, or accredited 4-year college or university. There are additional opportunities for eligible applicants to this fund including the TEACH Opportunity Fund Scholarship for students who meet all criteria but may be 25 years or older, pursuing undergraduate or graduate level studies. TEACH Scholarship awards are not renewable but prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirement: Awards are only for current and emancipated foster youth who are or have been in foster care or a group home in Ventura County.

Average award: \$800-\$5,000

Eleanor Tillquist Scholarship

College Major: Medical Field

Student Profile: Residents of the city of Ventura who are currently enrolled in a Ventura College or California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI) medical program and continuing there in the fall OR residents of the city of Ventura who are transferring from Ventura College or CSUCI to a medical program at a public 4-year college or university in California. Preference in the selection process will be given to female applicants. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Special Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate financial need and show significant community service.

Average Award: \$1000

Leo and Rita Vanoni Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Agriculture or a related area of study under the Agriculture major

Student Profile: Awarded to a Ventura County resident graduating from any Ventura County high school enrolling full-time at an accredited 4-year college/university to study agriculture or to a Ventura County community college student transferring who will be transferring in the fall to an accredited 4-year college/university to study agriculture. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have a demonstrated interest and involvement in agriculture. Prior recipients may reapply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Student must demonstrate financial need, demonstrate an interest in agriculture, and applicant's activities must reflect community service and involvement.

Required essay topic: In 500 - 700 words, please tell us why you are pursuing a career in agriculture.

Average award: \$1,000



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Ventura County Agricultural Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating senior from any Ventura County high school enrolling in an accredited 4-year college or university OR a Ventura County community college student transferring to an accredited 4-year college or university who is the dependent child (age 24 or under) of an agricultural worker employed in Ventura County. Students must include name of parent, parent employer, and location of work with application. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, demonstrate financial need, and be the minor child of a Ventura County agricultural employee.

Average award: \$700

Ventura County Medical Education Fund (Forgivable Loan for Nursing Students)

College Major: Nursing (Pursuing Degree: A.D.N., B.S.N., or M.S.N.) The award is a loan that will be forgiven provided recipient works as a nurse for a minimum of 2 years in Ventura County following graduation.

Student Profile: Currently enrolled in a 2-year nursing program for an Associate's Degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) in Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, or Los Angeles County OR be a resident of Ventura County and enrolled in a 4-year nursing program for a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree or enrolled for a Master's of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree at an accredited college or university in Southern California. Preference is given in the selection process to prior recipients.

Special Requirements: Applicants must intend to practice a minimum of 2 years in Ventura County upon completion of studies (include statement in essay) and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Average Award: \$3,500

Ventura County Career and Technical Education Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Certificate Program/Career Preparation (not for those pursuing an associate's degree)

Student Profile: Graduating Ventura County high school seniors OR graduates of any Ventura County high school OR applicants with at least 5 continuous years of residency in Ventura County, who are currently enrolled or will enroll in the fall in a career/technical program located in Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, or Los Angeles County, or in a Certificate Program (not in an associate's degree program) at a community college in any of these 3 counties. Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years.

Special Requirements: Student must demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$1,500

Katherine M. Wakelee Scholarship

College Major: Physical or Natural Science (no social sciences)

Student Profile: Female graduating from any Ventura County high school enrolling in an accredited 4-year college or university OR female Ventura County community college student transferring to an accredited 4-year college or university. Prior recipient may re-apply for consideration for one additional year.

Special Requirements: Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Preference in the selection process will be given to students who are the first member of their family to attend college. Preference in the selection process will be given to students majoring in biology or a related field.

Average award: \$2,000

Jean Weber Memorial Scholarship

College Major: Any

Student Profile: Graduating senior from any high school in Ventura County who has demonstrated leadership in both promoting safe schools and encouraging good citizenship at their high school campus. Applicants must be enrolling in an accredited 4-year college or university. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applicant's school and community activities must demonstrate the student's commitment to both goals of safe schools and encouraging good citizenship.

Special Requirements: Essay must explain and cite examples showing how the student has promoted safe schools and encouraged good citizenship at their high school.

Average award: \$2,000



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Kent Weigel Math Scholarship

College Major: Mathematics or Physical or Natural Science

Student Profile: Graduating senior from any high school in Ventura County who will enroll in an accredited 4-year college or university as a candidate for an undergraduate degree. Though not required, it is hoped applicants have an interest in and affinity for mathematics.

Special Requirement: Student must demonstrate financial need and have a minimum 3.0 GPA

Average award: \$800

Iris and Roger (Spike) Wilkins Scholarship

College Major: Nursing - Pursuing career as a Registered Nurse (R.N.)

Student Profile: Ventura County resident who is a graduating senior from any Ventura County high school who will enroll in a public California community college, public California four-year college or university as a candidate for an Associate's Degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) or Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) OR Ventura County resident who previously graduated from any Ventura County high school and is currently enrolled in a public California community college or public California four-year college or university as a candidate for an A.D.N. or B.S.N. preparatory to becoming a Registered Nurse

Special Requirement: Student must demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$2,000

Edna Wirt Woods and Ruth Nagel Scholarship

ESTABLISHED BY SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF VENTURA

College Major/Area of Study: Health-Related Certification/Degree

Student Profile: Female resident of the city of Ventura who will graduate or has graduated from a high school in the city of Ventura and who will enroll or is enrolled in an accredited community college or 4-year college/university as a candidate for a degree or certification in a health-related field of service, including and without limitations hearing and speech disorders.

Special Requirement: Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Prior recipients may reapply for consideration in successive years.

Average award: \$500

Young Artists Scholarship

College Major: Art (All Artistic Disciplines are Eligible)

Student Profile: Ventura County residents who are graduating high school seniors from any Ventura County high school with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are enrolling at an accredited 4-year college, university, or art institution as a candidate for an undergraduate degree in an arts discipline. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest and involvement in the arts. **Required essay topic: How my art shapes my responsibility to our community.** Prior recipients may re-apply for consideration in successive years. A preference for students with financial need will be given in the selection process but is not required to apply.

Average award: \$1000

Helen Mathilda Yunker Music Scholarship

College Major/Area of Study: Music-Related Studies (Musical Theatre, Music Performance, etc.)

Student Profile: Graduating seniors from high schools in the city of Ventura who will enroll in an accredited 4-year college or university to study music OR currently enrolled Ventura College students who are continuing at VC or are transferring to an accredited 4-year college or university to study music. Prior recipients may re-apply in successive years for consideration.

Special Requirements: Students must demonstrate financial need.

Average award: \$1,500



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