



RISING STAR
SCHOLARSHIP

2024 Rising Star Scholarship Program Information

January 31, 2024

APPLICATION DEADLINE: All application materials must be **submitted via email in pdf format by 5pm Monday April 1, 2024, to nvch@nvch.org**. Late applications will not be considered.

Purpose: Provide scholarships up to \$1,000 for continuing education at one of the following:

- Community college
- Undergraduate and graduate degrees
- Vocational and certificate programs
- Adult and continuing education

Award: Distribution of the total \$10,000 scholarship award money is dependent upon the number of qualified applications received and the NVCH Scholarship Committee's scoring criteria. Minimum award: \$500 and scholarships are non-renewable.

Eligibility:

1. Must be listed as a current household member on the resident application at an NVCH property.* (See property listing at bottom of application)
2. NVCH employees and household members who are related, are not eligible for this program.
3. Graduating Senior in high school, or older
4. Prefer 2.5 GPA or higher for high school, college or university students. If GPA is less than 2.5, points will not be awarded in that category.
5. High school applicants must be graduating from high school in May/June 2024
6. Applicant's involvement within the school and community strongly encouraged, points will be awarded
7. Scholarship funds will be distributed when proof of enrollment is provided from the college/university/vocational/technical institution you enroll in Fall 2024. Documentation of enrollment **is due October 1, 2024**. Recognizing that life circumstances can change, if you're not able to submit documentation of enrollment by Oct 1, 2024, a hardship letter explaining reasons why is due instead on Oct 1, 2024.
8. Full scholarship amounts - \$1,000 - will be awarded for full credit loads, 12+ credits. If taking less than 12 credits, scholarship amount will be staggered: 0-5 credits = \$500, 6-11 credits = \$750, 12+ credits = \$1000

Expenses:

These scholarships are designated for costs directly related to your educational pursuits such as tuition, books, school materials, a computer, mileage, parking permits or transit passes to/from school, class-time childcare, etc.

Personal expenses are not allowable scholarship expenses and should not be included (ex: food, rent, utilities, fines/tickets, vehicle repair/purchase, personal electronics (TV's, phones, video game systems, furniture, etc.)

Application: Please send a single email with the following documents saved in a pdf format to: nvch@nvch.org

1. Scholarship application
2. Copy of transcript (high school, college or university applicants)
3. Essay
4. Two (2) letters of recommendations. Letters from family members are not eligible.

Entry Requirements: Essays and recommendation letters **must be typed**, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman or an equivalent font, with numbered pages and one-inch margins.

Letters of Recommendations: Below are some possible themes which may assist your references in crafting their letter. Letters from family members are not allowed.

- Describe your relationship to the applicant. How long have you known the applicant?
- In what ways has the applicant been working towards the educational and professional goals they have expressed during the time that you have known them? What is special about this applicant and their goals?
- In your opinion, how would the applicant benefit from a scholarship award?
- What factors in the applicant's background or experience will most contribute to their success in their chosen field? Comment on areas in which the applicant excels and areas in which they have room to grow.

Any question, please email Marlene@nvch.org .

*NVCH Properties: Arroyo Grande Villas, Courtyard at Oran Court, Lande Way, Magnolia Park Townhomes, Mayacamas Village, Mount Avenue Cottages, Napa Park Homes, Oak Creek Terrace, Oak Leaf Court, Pecan Court Apartments, Schoolhouse Court, Silverado Creek Apartments, Villa de Adobe Apartments, Vista Del Valle, Whistlestop Townhomes, Yount Street Apartments.



NVCH 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All sections of this application must be completed.

First Name:

Last Name:

Mailing Address:

Name of NVCH Property: _____

Name of Resident Services Coordinator: _____

Street: _____ APT # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: ()

Cell: ()

Email Address:

Date of Birth: Month Day Year

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently: *(please check all that apply)*

- A full-time student Unemployed Employed full-time
- A part-time student Other (please describe): Employed part-time

Are you currently attending one of the following? *(check only if one applies)*

- High School 2-Year College 4-Year College
- Graduate School Vocational School Other (please describe)

Grade/School Year _____

GPA _____ *(high school/college/university students please attached current transcript)*

Please provide the name of the vocational school/college/university you are currently attending or plan to attend (include a copy of proof of acceptance or matriculation at the vocational school/college/university).

_____ Name

_____ City

What is the title of the degree/certificate you are currently working towards?

From today's date, how long will it take you to complete your educational goal?

Years

Months

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY: *Please list your most recent place of study first*

School and Location	Area of Concentration	Dates Attended	Degree/Year

WORK, VOLUNTEER OR HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES EXPERIENCE

Position/Title/Role	Organization & Location	Dates	Full-time, part-time, volunteer or student activity

ESSAY PROMPT

In 500 words or less, write an essay in English responding to the following topic:

Describe how your heritage, family, and the community in which you grew up have impacted your desire and motivation to further your education. Additionally, be sure to include what you intend to accomplish with your degree/certification and how you will give back to your community.

A. The following items must be included with this application form in order to establish your eligibility and to be reviewed by the NVCH Scholarship Committee.

B. Circle "YES" or "NO" to confirm you have attached each item as required.

YES	NO	Scholarship Application Form completed in its' entirety <i>(incomplete applications will not be considered)</i>
YES	NO	Copy of transcript <i>(high school, college or university applicants)</i>
YES	NO	Completed and Typed Essay
YES	NO	Two (2) Letters of Recommendation. Letters should be written and signed by educators with significant knowledge of applicant's achievements, character and background.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby understand that if I am chosen as a scholarship winner the money will be used to cover my academics at the post-secondary school of my choice and will be awarded upon proof of enrollment.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's parent/guardian *(for all high school applicants)*

Name: _____ Date: _____