



SANTA MARIA KIWANIS FOR KIDS, INC. 2026 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Mail completed applications to:

Kiwanis Scholarship Program, Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria, P.O. Box 85, Santa Maria, CA 93456

Applications, including a copy of transcripts, must be postmarked no later than March 6, 2026.

Any application postmarked after this date WILL NOT be considered

Student's Personal Information

Please check if student is a current member of Key Club or has a parent/guardian that is a Kiwanian.

Officer position(s) held: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Phone Number: ____ () _____ Other Number: ____ () _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Weighted GPA for grades 10-12: _____

College/School Planning to Attend: _____

Current High School: _____

Autobiography:

Please prepare an autobiographical essay of no more than **500 words** which includes the following topics:

- Qualifications specific to the scholarship(s) for which you are applying
- Community involvement including Kiwanis Key Club
- What are your future educational and career goals? Why?

Checklist for application packets:

I have reviewed my application and confirmed the following items are included.

No two- sided pages. Do not send a resumé. Do NOT staple pages. (paperclip OK)

Completed application signed by student and parent/ guardian

A copy of high school transcripts

An essay (maximum 500 words)

Include one letter of recommendation (required):

Name _____ Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please indicate which scholarships you are applying for by writing the number that precedes the scholarship description in the boxes below. You may apply for up to five.

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All scholarship award recipients will be notified with the details to receive your award.

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Please read scholarship descriptions carefully and select **NO MORE than FIVE**.
Awardees will receive a maximum of one scholarship

1. Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria Past Presidents' Scholarship (GPA min 3.0). A \$1,500 Scholarship is awarded to a college, junior college, or vocational bound student. In the great tradition of Kiwanis service, applicants who sacrifice personal time for the betterment of the greater good will be given special consideration, as will students who have held a leadership position in a student organization. Criteria may also include academic achievement.

2. Kiwanis for Kids Fred Homann Fine Arts Scholarship (GPA min 3.0): A \$1,500 Fine Arts Scholarship being offered by Kiwanis for Kids in honor of Fred Homann to music and fine arts students. This scholarship may be used at any accredited college, junior college, or vocational college. A foundation goal is to culturally enrich our community. Awardee will pursue a career in fine or performing arts.

3. Kiwanis for Kids Scholarships (GPA min 3.0): A \$1,500 Scholarship being offered by Kiwanis for Kids. This scholarship may be used at any accredited college or junior college. Applicants should have completed a minimum of 100 hours of community service during their high school years.

4. Kiwanis for Kids Scholarship in Honor of Roland Miller, D.C. (GPA min 3.0): A \$1500 scholarship is offered to a student with exemplary community service and who prioritizes working with people in their future career. Dr. Miller worked as a chiropractor for many years. He enjoys working with horses and in the rodeo community. Dr. Roland Miller is a Past President, Past Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria and is a much respected and loved member of our Club.

5. Kiwanis for Kids Key Club Scholarship (GPA min 3.0): A \$2,000 scholarship is offered to a student who has been an active member of Key Club a minimum of three years including their senior year. Emphasis will be placed on community service and leadership education.

6. Aktion Club of Santa Maria Scholarship (GPA min 2.0): A \$1,000 scholarship award will be presented to a student with a minimum 2.0 average GPA and a physical or mental disability or someone pursuing a career that will benefit people with disabilities. The Aktion Club of Santa Maria is a service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria. Members of the Aktion Club are adults with various types of disabilities who work together to strengthen and improve our community. Qualified applicants must plan to attend any level of college, vocational training, or trade school after high school graduation.

7. SMHS Galvez Family Memorial Scholarship (GPA min 3.0): In memory of the Galvez family members, Garrett, James, and Valeriano who played sports at SMHS, two \$1,500 scholarships are being offered to 2026 SMHS graduates who played sports and/or were involved in extra curricular activities. Scholarships may be used in any accredited college or junior college. Ideal candidates will state in an essay the sport or school activity he/she participated in and the impact it had on him/her. Describe their community service over their high school years and the career they will be pursuing.

8. McInerney Family Scholarship (GPA min 3.0): (Three \$1,500 Scholarships) A \$1,500 scholarship is offered to (3) college or junior college bound high school students who have also graduated from **Arellanes Junior High School**. Sponsored by Bill and Tiffany Fife McInerney. Criteria for award includes academic achievement (GPA, awards), community service, and difficult economic circumstances. Please specify in essay that you attended Arellanes Jr. High.

9. Moats Family Scholarship (GPA min 3.0): (Two \$1,000 Scholarships) A \$1,000 scholarship is offered to (2) college or junior college bound student who is pursuing a path into the medical field. Sponsored by Dr. Michael and Susan Moats. Award criteria include academic achievement (GPA, awards), community service, & difficult economic circumstances.

10. Kiwanis STEM Scholarship, sponsored by the Healy and Prezkop families (GPA min 3.0): A \$1500 scholarship is offered to a student bound for a 2 year or 4 year college. Preference will be given to a student who intends to pursue a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM). Criteria include academic achievement in related fields and an emphasis on community service.

11. Felipe and Virginia Guzman Memorial Scholarship: (GPA min 3.0): Sponsored by Elaine C. Guzman. This \$1,000 scholarship is being awarded to a high school student who will be attending either Jr. College or a 4-year State or University College program. This student will exhibit academic success, be a first generation college student for their family and have an economic need. Preference will be given to students who have actively participated in K-Kids, Builder's Club or Key Club.

12. Art Guzman Memorial Scholarship: (GPA min 3.0): This \$1,000 scholarship is being awarded to a high school student who embodies a record of having demonstrated a willingness to be helpful via community volunteer involvement, with an emphasis in youth and community recreation. Someone looking to enter a professional career that focuses on serving the community and has a strong academic record, with participation in High School extra-curricular activities, such as student government, social clubs and sports.

13. Bob and Jane Dixon Memorial Scholarship: (GPA min 3.0): This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a college or junior college bound student. Criteria for this scholarship is based on their community service, economic need and academic achievement. This scholarship is in memory of long-time Kiwanian Bob Dixon, whose service to Kiwanis and the community is still felt today.

14. Santa Maria High School Class of 1970 Scholarship: (GPA min 3.0): The Santa Maria High School Class of 1970 will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$1,970 to a graduating student who meets the following requirements. The recipient of the scholarship must: 1. be a graduating student from **Santa Maria High School** in Santa Maria, California; 2. plan to attend a California public college or university (community college, California State University or University of California.); 3. have at least two years of participation in extracurricular school activities, e.g. school clubs, student government, sports, band or choral music, cheerleading, etc; 4. have a financial need for assistance and 5. complete and submit the Kiwanis scholarship application by the established deadline.

15. Alex and Julie Posada Scholarship (GPA min 3.0): A \$1,000 scholarship is offered to a student who has experienced a hardship growing up and persevered with college as their future goal.

16. The Maynard & Rosamund Silva Family Aquatics Scholarship (GPA min 3.0): \$1,000 scholarship is offered to a college or junior college bound student. To be eligible, the student must have participated in aquatics sports (water polo and/or swimming-diving) at a Santa Maria area high school. Award criteria include academic achievement (GPA, awards), team leadership, and community involvement. Include one letter of recommendation from aquatics coach (required). In autobiography include Aquatics team leadership and its importance to your high school experience.

17. The Cardenas Garcia Legacy Scholarship (GPA min 2.5): A \$750 scholarship is offered to a first-generation student in their immediate family planning to attend college or a trade school. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to volunteering and community service. In their essay they should address the obstacles they have overcome as first-generation higher education students and how these experiences have shaped their goals.

18. Coastal Valley Cyber Kiwanis Technical/Trade Certification Scholarship (GPA no min, High School Diploma required): A \$1000 scholarship is offered to a student who plans to go to a trade school certification program after graduating high school. This scholarship will not be awarded to a student going to a four-year college. Submit one-page essay identifying certificate you will receive when completed and why you need the scholarship. What are your long-term career dreams? Describe your community activities.

19. Golden State Water Technical/Trade Degree or Certification Scholarship (GPA min 2.5): A \$1,000 scholarship is offered to a student who will be pursuing a technical or trades degree or certification from an accredited college or program. The award is for a student not planning on continuing to a four year college. Rather the recipient's goal would be pursuing a career in his or her chosen technical field, vocation, or trade. Examples include nursing, welding, auto repair, public safety, culinary arts, early childhood education, etc.

20. Technical/Trade Degree or Certification Scholarship (GPA min 2.5): A \$1,000 scholarship is offered to a student who will be pursuing a technical or trades degree or certification from an accredited college or program. The award is for a student not planning on continuing to a four year college. Rather the recipient's goal would be pursuit of a career in his or her chosen technical field, vocation, or trade. Examples include nursing, welding, auto repair, public safety, culinary arts, early childhood education, etc.

21. Central City Culinary Scholarship (GPA 3.0): A \$1,000 Scholarship for a high school graduate enrolled in a culinary institution. Essay should include experiences, why you want to pursue culinary arts. Bonus points will be given if you want to return to the Santa Maria area to start your career. What influences can you share and what motivated you towards culinary arts.