



High School Senior Scholarship
2026 Application Fact Sheet

The Cal Coast Cares Foundation awards scholarships to deserving graduating high school seniors in San Diego or Riverside counties to pursue accredited degrees.

Award Amount: Up to \$2,000

Grant Application Period: January 27 - March 20, 2026

Eligibility

- Student or Parent/Guardian must be a Cal Coast Credit Union member. You can become a member by opening a free checking or savings account.
- Reside and attend High School in San Diego or Riverside county.
- A weighted cumulative high school grade point average (GPA), or equivalent, of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) units at an accredited college or university for the Fall Semester.
- Cal Coast Credit Union employees and their family members, and Cal Coast volunteer officials are not eligible for scholarship awards.

Application Requirements

- Applications must be completed and submitted online via DocuSign by **March 20, 2026**, at 5 p.m. PST. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Attached High School Transcript
- Attach Personal Essay (250-500 words)
- Provide One (1) Letter of Recommendation
- Provide School Official (Registrar or Counselor) Information
- Parent/Guardian Information and Signature (Age 17 and under)

Information Requested on Application

- Aspirational Career Goals
- School Activities
- Community Involvement
- Work/Internship Experience

Essay Topic: Tell us about an experience where you demonstrated resilience while using your time and talents to help an individual, a group, or your community.

2026 Scholarship Funding Timeline

- Application Deadline: March 20th
- Award Notification: Early May

Evaluation Process: The award will be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee appointed by the Cal Coast Cares Foundation Board. We strive to have a fair and equitable process.

Contact Information: For questions, please contact Penney Newell, Foundation Manager at pnewell@calcoastcu.org.