

TOSCA

The Orestimba Scholarship Community Association

2024 Scholarship Application General Information



Purpose

TOSCA scholarships provide opportunities for continued education through academic excellence. Individual scholarships range from \$250 to \$4,000 per academic year.

Scholarships are based on a combination of academic achievement and involvement within the community and school. Volunteer work and employment are also considered.

Scholarships Available

Scholarships are funded by private donations made to TOSCA.

The awarding of individual scholarships and the amount awarded is at the sole discretion of the TOSCA Awards Committee with the approval of the TOSCA Board of Directors.

The number of scholarships and their dollar amounts will depend on the monies available, the number of applicants, and their demonstrated achievement.

Graduate School and Credential Program awards are based on the above criteria in addition to the number of units/credits in which the applicant is enrolled.

Receipt of a TOSCA scholarship award may or may not affect other scholarship funding or state and/or federal grant funding.

Who May Apply

Any graduate from a high school in the Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District in the year of 2014 or later who plans to enroll as a full-time student in the fall of 2024 may apply. Full-time enrollment is considered to be 12 units or more for an undergraduate student. Graduate school students must be considered a full-time student as per the requirements of their school if enrolled with less than 12 units.

Students must also be accepted and/or admitted to an accredited school in the United States.

Eligibility

- Graduating high school seniors applying for an academic scholarship to a four-year college (BA/BS degree) must have a GPA not less than 3.0. GPA used for awarding shall be the Un-weighted Academic GPA as verified and calculated by the student's Official Transcript.
- Graduating high school seniors applying for an academic scholarship to a two-year community college, or a vocational scholarship at a vocational/technical institution or community college, must have a cumulative Un-weighted Academic GPA of 2.5 as verified and calculated by the student's Official Transcript.
- College students who are freshmen at the time of application must have a cumulative GPA not less than 2.5 as stated on your college transcript.
- College students in their sophomore year and higher must have a cumulative GPA not less than 2.8 as stated on your college transcript.
- All college students submitting applications must have graduated from a Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District high school not more than ten years prior to the current scholarship award period.
- Students pursuing a BA/BS degree will be eligible for a TOSCA award in no more than five school years within the overall ten year eligibility period.
- An additional two years of TOSCA eligibility will be available to students enrolled in graduate degree and/or credential programs, three years for law school and four years for medical school.
- The maximum of three years will apply to community college and vocational/technical school students.

Application Process

Students applying for TOSCA scholarships for the academic year 2024-2025 must complete the following Scholarship Application, which consists of three pre-printed main documents: The Verification of Completion Form, The Personal Information Form and The Student Academic Information Sheet. These three forms must be completed in their entirety. The entire application, which consists of the above three main documents as well as the supplemental documents listed below, **must be computer generated** – see TOSCA website (www.toscascholarships.org) for fillable pdf file available for download. **No handwritten documents will be allowed, except for signatures.**

The awards committee will review the applications on an anonymous basis. For this reason, use **ONLY** your Social Security number and headings as stated on the supplemental documents. Do not use your name, address, phone, email address or make personal reference to yourself or any family members on any of these supplemental documents.

Educational and Career Goals - Write a statement describing your career and educational goals, and how you intend to reach those goals. Describe the qualities you have developed that will help you succeed in obtaining your goals and what type of job you wish to have after college or trade school graduation. Must include your social security number and title as shown in packet if you do not use the provided form. **(For OHS Seniors Only)**

Activities - This is in resume format - not essay. **OHS Seniors** - describe your activities during your high school years. This should include any student government positions, organizations, clubs, sports, hobbies, employment or volunteer time. You should indicate how many years you participated, any offices held and the nature of your involvement in the activities. **College applicants** - please include activities and employment while in college only. Please label each activity clearly. Must include your social security number and title as shown in packet if you do not use the provided form.

TOSCA Essay - Think about the person you are right now. The person you are...and will become...has been shaped by a variety of factors. Choose a person, a group or an event that has greatly influenced you, your development and your goals. Explain how this person, group or event has influenced you. Must include your social security number and title as shown in packet if you do not use the provided form. **(For OHS Seniors Only)**

Essay Challenge - An essay, not to exceed one page, single spaced, and typed on the following topic: Imagine you were just awarded a research grant for a project of your choice. What are you researching and why? Must include your social security number and title as shown in packet if you do not use the provided form. **(For College Students Only)**

Applicant Questions - Three questions that will help the judges better understand your personality and character as a student. Must include your social security number and title as shown in packet if you do not use the provided form. **(For College Students Only)**

Please be as specific and thorough as possible when completing the previously detailed and all application forms.

Academic Transcripts - An official copy (embossed, sealed or certified) of the student's academic transcript from all applicable institutions must be submitted. **If applying for graduate or credential program studies, please include your undergraduate transcript(s).**

This document may contain the student's name and school identification number. Do not alter the official transcript in any way. Request your transcript in a timely manner as this process could take several days/weeks.

Application Deadline

Complete scholarship application packets (including all supporting documents and transcripts) must be postmarked by an official postal service office (not school store or mail house) no later than **March 15, 2024** to be considered for a scholarship award. Scholarship packets must be mailed to:

TOSCA, P. O. Box 18, Newman, CA 95360.

Additional postage will apply and postal tracking is recommended. You will be notified by mail if your application is **NOT** accepted for judging.

If all items required for your scholarship packet are not included with your application packet, you will not be considered for any scholarships.

There will be no exceptions.

What Happens After You Apply

The TOSCA administration forwards all scholarship applications to the Awards Selection Committee for its consideration.

Recipients of scholarship awards will be notified as soon as possible after April 15, 2024.

Recipients will be invited to attend the TOSCA Awards Presentation Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. All scholarship winners will be the guests of TOSCA at an awards presentation. If you are unable to attend the presentation, you **MUST** have a representative present to accept your award.

To receive scholarship payments as awarded, a student must be enrolled in a post-secondary program, be in attendance for the fall semester and be considered a full-time student as previously outlined. Failure to do so will result in a loss of the awarded scholarship. All scholarship award monies will be paid directly to the school of attendance, not to individuals. For scholarships of \$500 or more, the payments will be made in two equal increments at the beginning of the first and second semesters. Certain restrictions could apply should a student change course of study and/or category of school. All students will be required to abide by the TOSCA Scholarship Payment Guidelines.

For further information concerning the application process, please call Susan Mattos at (209) 243-8118, email info@toscascholarships.org, or visit our website at www.toscascholarships.org



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2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
VERIFICATION OF APPLICATION COMPLETION

Note: This VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION FORM, which must be signed and initialed, also serves as a "checklist" to confirm that the main application forms and all other supplemental documentation (items 1 thru 5 below) are attached and conform to TOSCA guideline and requirements for submission.

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED VIA POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF MARCH 15, 2024 AS ONE PACKET TO BE CONSIDERED FOR JUDGING OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Table with 3 columns: Description, Parent Initials, Student Initials. Rows include: The Verification of Completion Form, Personal Information Form, Academic Information Sheet, Educational and Career Goals, Activities, TOSCA Essay, Essay Challenge, Applicant Questions, Academic Transcripts.

I certify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate. I give "The Orestimba Scholarship Community Association" (TOSCA) permission to release this information to the TOSCA Scholarship Awards Committee and to any subcommittees formed by the Scholarship Awards Committee that are deemed necessary for the purposes of scholarship selection and award of payment.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by TOSCA concerning awarding and payment of scholarships as set forth by their TOSCA Scholarship Payment Guidelines. I understand that should I not enroll as a full-time student I will forfeit my scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____



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2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

This information is for TOSCA administration and not part of the anonymous application that is presented to the judging committee

Form fields for Social Security Number, Last Name, First Name, Official Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code, Applicant's Email Address, Applicant's Cell Phone #, Home Phone #, Parent's Full Names, Parent's Phone #

PLEASE NOTE: It is your (the student's) responsibility to inform TOSCA of any changes to contact information

Form fields for College/Institute I am planning on attending this fall, College Major/Certificate Program/Credential, Concentration

DO NOT COMPLETE FOR TOSCA APPLICATION COMMITTEE USAGE ONLY. VERIFIED GPA: GRAD YEAR: CLASSIFICATION: OHS Graduating Senior: Post-Graduate:



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2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
STUDENT ACADEMIC INFORMATION SHEET

Social Security Number

College Major/Certificate Program/Credential

Concentration

College/Institute I am planning to attend this fall

Status in fall of 2024: (Check one of the boxes below)

- 2024 High School Graduate entering 2-Year Voc/Tech School
2024 High School Graduate entering 2 Year Academic School
2024 High School Graduate entering 4 Year Academic School
Continuing Community College/Vocational-Technical
Continuing Community College/2 Year Academic
Transfer from Community College to 4 Year Academic
Continuing College/University for 4 Year Academic
College/University Graduate/Credential Student

Students please complete information below:

Date of Entrance to College, University, Community College and/or Voc/Tech School:

Month: Year:

Date of Graduation from High School within NCLUSD:

Year:

List schools that you applied to attend:

- 1.
2.
3.

Have you been accepted?

- Yes No
Yes No
Yes No

List High School(s) or College(s) attended - list most recent first

- 1. 3.
2. 4.

Check items that apply to you for the Fall 2024 scholarship awarding year:

ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES

- Vocational/Technical
Associate's Degree
Bachelor's Degree
Master's Degree
Credential
Other:

COLLEGE GRADE LEVEL IN FALL 2024

- Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior
Graduate
Credential Program

MARITAL STATUS

- Single
Married
Separated
Single Parent
Head of Household
Dep. Children

CA RESIDENT

- Yes
No

The following questions are informational for donor required scholarship matching and your answers are optional:

GENDER

- Male
Female

HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY FAMILY MEMBER SERVE IN THE MILITARY?

- No
Yes
Relationship:

ARE YOU CURRENTLY OR EVER HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF INTERACT OR ROTARY?

- No
Yes

Social Security Number

**2024 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS**

Social Security Number

**2024 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ACTIVITIES**

Social Security Number

**2024 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
TOSCA ESSAY**

Social Security Number

**2024 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ESSAY CHALLENGE**

Social Security Number

**2024 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
APPLICANT QUESTIONS**

1. *What gives meaning to your life?*
2. *What strength or quality do you have that most people might not see or recognize?*
3. *What is the greatest compliment you have ever been given? Why was it meaningful to you?*