



**The Orestimba Scholarship Community Association**

## **2026 Scholarship Application General Information**



### **Purpose**

*TOSCA scholarships provide opportunities for continued education through academic excellence. Individual scholarships range from \$250 to \$5,000 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 2016 or later who plans to enroll as a full-time student in the fall of 2026 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 their college transcript.*
- College students in their sophomore year and higher must have a cumulative GPA not less than 2.8 as stated on their 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.*
- 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 2026-2027 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](http://www.toscascholarships.org)) for fillable pdf file available for download.

**No handwritten documents will be allowed except for signatures, and no two-sided documents - single sided only. Please be as specific and thorough as possible when completing all application forms.**

**The usage of A-I generated text in any of the required documents is strictly forbidden. If detected, it will result in the disqualification of the submitted application.**

**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 or email address. Do not 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 career you wish to have after college or trade school graduation. You must include your social security number and document title as shown in the packet if you do not use the provided form. **(For OHS Seniors Only)**

**Activities** - This is in resume format - not an essay. **OHS Seniors** - describe your activities during your high school years. Your resume must 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. Please label each activity clearly.

You must include your social security number and document title as shown on all pages in the packet if you do not use the provided form.

**TOSCA Essay - (For OHS Seniors Only)** An essay, not to exceed one page, single spaced, and typed on one of three following topics: 1 - Describe your reasons for wanting to attend one of the specific schools that you are applying to. Who or what factored into your decision? 2 - Discuss a book that you would call a "great book." What makes the book great in your view? 3 - If you had 10 minutes and the attention of a million people, what would your TED Talk be about and why?

You must include your social security number and document title as shown on all pages in the packet if you do not use the provided form.

**Essay Challenge - (For College Students Only)** An essay, not to exceed one page, single spaced, and typed on one of three following topics: 1 - Imagine that you could have one

superpower. What would it be and how would you use it? What would be your kryptonite? 2 - Cite a famous quote that describes a lot about you and explain why you connect with it. 3 - How has your own background influenced the types of problems you want to solve, the people you want to work with, and the impact you hope your work can have?

You must include your social security number and document title and topic as shown on all pages in the packet if you do not use the provided form.

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

**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 also 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

Completed 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 13, 2026**, 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 application packet are not included, you will not be considered for any scholarships; there will be no exceptions and your application will be denied.**

## What Happens After You Apply

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

Recipients of scholarship awards will be notified as soon as possible after April 15, 2026.

OHS recipients are required to attend the TOSCA Awards Presentation Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Yolo Middle School. Post graduates will be notified by mail and/or email and are not required to attend the ceremony.

Certain restrictions could apply should a student change course of study, category of school or not be considered a full-time student. 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](mailto:info@toscascholarships.org), or visit our website at [www.toscascholarships.org](http://www.toscascholarships.org).**



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## 2026 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 are attached and conform to TOSCA guideline and requirements for submission.*

**TO BE CONSIDERED FOR JUDGING OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, DOCUMENTS MUST BE COMPLETE, COMPUTER GENERATED (NO HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENTS OTHER THAN SIGNATURES) AND SUBMITTED VIA POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF MARCH 13, 2026. ONE PACKET NO EXCEPTIONS, NO TWO-SIDED COPIES AND NO A-I GENERATED TEXT.**

I (and my parent/guardian - for OHS Seniors Only) certify and understand:	Parent Initials	Student Initials
<b>The Verification of Completion Form</b> (This document) Must be signed, dated, used as a checklist and submitted with your packet.		
<b>Personal Information Form</b> - Must be completed and submitted with your packet.		
<b>Academic Information Sheet</b> - Must be completed and submitted with your packet.		
<b>Educational and Career Goals</b> - (For graduating high school senior students only.) Statement about your goals, aspirations, and plans for the future. Must include your social security number.		
<b>Activities</b> - A <b>resume</b> listing of accomplishments, school activities (including athletics), awards, community and/or church involvement, club and service activities, and, if applicable, employment/work experience. Must include your social security number.		
<b>TOSCA Essay</b> - (For graduating high school senior students only. No A-I text.) An essay, not to exceed one page, single spaced, and typed on one of three provided topics. Must include your social security number.		
<b>Essay Challenge</b> - (For college students only. No A-I text.) An essay, not to exceed one page, single spaced, and typed on one of three provided topics. Must include your social security number.		
<b>Applicant Questions</b> - (For college students only. No A-I text.) Three provided specific questions that will help the judges better understand your personality and character as a student. Must include your social security number.		
<b>Academic Transcripts</b> - <b>Must be Official academic transcripts (embossed, sealed or certified).</b> Computer generated class schedules will not be accepted		

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 authorize the use of my photo and the investigation of all matters that TOSCA deems relevant to my application including all statements made in this application. I give my voluntary consent for TOSCA to use the information from my scholarship application, as well as my academic records, for fundraising and reporting purposes.

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. I also understand that certain restrictions could apply should I change my course of study and/or type of school and my scholarship payment may be reduced. I understand that receipt of a TOSCA scholarship award may or may not affect other scholarship funding or state and/or federal grant funding. I understand that the usage of A-I generated text in any of the required documents is strictly forbidden and understand that if it is detected by the judging committee, it will result in the disqualification of my application.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2026 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*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Mailing Address (Street or POB)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Cell Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Names

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) Phone #

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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:**    ☐ 2 yr.    ☐ 4 yr.

**Post-Graduate:**    ☐ 2 yr.    ☐ 4 yr.    ☐ Grad





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## 2026 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 2026: (Check one of the boxes below)

- ☐ 2026 High School Graduate entering 2-Year Voc/Tech School
- ☐ 2026 High School Graduate entering 2 Year Academic School
- ☐ 2026 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

List schools that you applied to attend:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

Check items that apply to you for the Fall 2026 scholarship awarding year:

**ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES**

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

**COLLEGE GRADE LEVEL IN FALL 2026**

- ☐ Freshman
- ☐ Sophomore
- ☐ Junior
- ☐ Senior
- ☐ Graduate
- ☐ Credential Program

**MARITAL STATUS**

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Single Parent
- ☐ Head of Household
- ☐ # Dep. Children \_\_\_\_\_

**CA RESIDENT**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted?

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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

**GENDER**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Decline to State

**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

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*Social Security Number*

**2026 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
OHS GRADUATE EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS**

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*Social Security Number*

**2026 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
ACTIVITIES**

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*Social Security Number*

**2026 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
OHS GRADUATE TOSCA ESSAY**

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_



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*Social Security Number*

**2026 TOSCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
POST GRADUATE ESSAY CHALLENGE**

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

1. *What personality trait in people raises a red flag with you and why?*

2. *What is the first impression that you want to give people and why?*

3. *What was the one most important thing you learned from your parents?*