DIABLO VALLEY GIVING PARTNERS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARD RANGE:

$2,000-$5,000

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

- **Either a current full-time Community College student who is transferring in Fall 2027 as a junior to a four-year college or university**

OR

- **A former Community College student who graduated within the last year and is currently attending or transferring to a four-year college as a junior in Fall 2027**
- **Resident of Contra Costa County, California**
- **Financial need**
- **Minimum GPA of 3.0**
- **Complete application <u>received on or before</u> March 19, 2027**
- **Must not be: a member of this organization, a relative of a member *of* this organization, nor an employee of Diablo Valley Giving Partners**

DEADLINE: Friday, MARCH 19, 2027

To obtain a Community College application, contact your Scholarship Office or log onto: https://diablovalleygivingpartners.org/ Select: Community College Application

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

Diablo Valley Giving Partners is offering scholarships to full-time students who meet the criteria described above. Scholarships will be awarded in two equal payments, half for the first term and half for the second term.

All information on the application, and submitted in support of the application, will be treated as confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside the selection committee.

In order to be considered, application must contain the following:

- A fully completed application form found on our public website and submitted through our portal. https://diablovalleygivingpartners.org/
- An **official transcript** of grades. The transcript must contain the seal of the school and signature of the registrar or other designated school official. Copies displaying the seal and signature will be accepted. **Transcripts must be uploaded by the deadline.**
- **A copy of your FASFA/CADAA Submission summary.**
- A **personal statement** from the applicant. This statement should supplement your application. *Tell us about yourself. The best essays do not repeat information already available on the application but tell us of meaningful experiences, events or people that influenced you, and are written in your own voice. Include any examples of growth and maturation and how the qualities you described in the essay have prepared you to succeed at college.* ***500 word limit***

- **TWO letters of recommendation**: These are to be **mailed in** to our office.

  (1) **One** from an individual associated with the college e.g. faculty member, advisor, etc.
  (2) **One** from an individual **NOT** associated with the college *e.g.* employer, coach, community member, church leader, etc.,

  To be considered, letters of recommendation must:
  - ***include the contact information of the author***
  - ***be submitted in a sealed envelope with the signature of the author over the sealed point of the flap.***

Mail or hand deliver your letters of recommendation to:

Chairman, Community College Scholarships
Diablo Valley Giving Partners
2711 Buena Vista Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Letters of recommendation must be RECEIVED no later than 5pm on MARCH 19, 2027

Evaluation Considerations and Procedures

- Application

  Scholarships Committee members will evaluate all submitted documentation, including academic accomplishments, financial need, community involvement, job and school activities, special considerations, recommendations, and the content, quality and clarity of the personal statement.

- Personal interviews

  All semi-finalists will be interviewed by the Scholarships Committee. At that time, applicants must fully disclose all other financial aid, including scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, etc., for which they have applied or received. Nondisclosure could result in forfeiture.

Evaluation of all applications and selection of recipients will be done by members of Diablo Valley Giving Partners' Scholarships Committee.
All information provided by the applicant will remain confidential.

Semi-Finalists will be notified of interviews by April 16, 2027.
You must be available for interviews on either April 21 or 24, 2027.

Conditions for Retaining the Scholarship

- Must maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA during the period of this scholarship.
- Must maintain full-time student status during the period of this scholarship, completing a minimum of 12 units each term.

Failure to maintain the minimum GPA or required units will result in forfeiture of the second-term payment.