DIABLO VALLEY GIVING PARTNERS

FOSTER /KINSHIP YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards ranging from $1,000 to $6,000

WHO MAY APPLY?

1. **Current or former Dependent/Ward of the court in the Foster Care program of:**
   a. **Contra Costa County and living in that County or elsewhere.**
   b. **Another county and living in Contra Costa County.**

2. **Current or former youth in the Kinship program of:**
   a. **Contra Costa County and living in that County or elsewhere.**
   b. **Another county and living in Contra Costa County.**

3. **Current or former Dependent/Ward of the court in the Foster Care or Kinship program who is:**
   a. **Enrolling in or attending an accredited four-year college, community college or Career Technical Education Program.**
   b. **Transferring to an accredited four-year college or university.**

WHO MAY NOT APPLY?

- **Applicant must not be a:**
  - **Diablo Valley Giving Partners member or relative**
  - **Volunteens member**
  - **Employee of Diablo Valley giving Partners.**
  - **Applicant to a post-graduate degree.**

APPLICATIONS AND ALL ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE ON OR BEFORE

Friday, March 19, 2027

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GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Diablo Valley Giving Partners provides funding for scholarships to help cover tuition, books and supplies. Scholarships will be awarded in two equal payments:

1. **First half on proof of registration for at least 9 units in the first term/quarter**
2. **Second half on proof of registration for at least 9 units in the second term/quarter and a transcript showing at least a 2.0 GPA in the first term/quarter.**

To be considered applications must include the following:

1. A fully completed application found on our public website and submitted through our portal: https://diablovalleygivingpartners.org

2. An official transcript of grades, with the official seal of the school, and signature of the registrar or other designated school official. A transcript copy, displaying the seal and signature, will also be accepted. **Transcripts must be uploaded by the deadline through our portal:** https://diablovalleygivingpartners.org

3. A personal statement from the applicant. This statement should supplement the application describing in detail the need for the scholarship. Tell us about yourself and meaningful experiences, or people who have influenced you and your life. Be specific about your family situation, special circumstances, work experience, school activities, community involvement, academic goals, etc. **Personal statements must be uploaded by the deadline through our portal:** https://diablovalleygivingpartners.org

4. TWO letters of recommendation. **(These are to be submitted in sealed envelopes and mailed or hand delivered to our office by the deadline.)**

    a. One from an advisor or faculty member associated with the college/school, written on official school letterhead.

    b. One from a member of the community, an employer, coach, or CASA volunteer advocate,describing applicant's special circumstances, participation in community, school, church, or other activities.

5. Ward of the Court verification document. **(Upload to our portal** https://diablovalleygivingpartners.org **or mail with your letters of recommendation by the deadline)**

Foster/Kinship Scholarship Coordinators
Diablo Valley Giving Partners
2711 Buena Vista Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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Criteria for receiving the scholarship

- Scholarships Team members will evaluate all submitted documentation including personal circumstances, academic record, educational and career goals, recommendations, financial need, school/community activities and job experience.

- Scholarships Team members will interview all semi-finalists. At that time applicants must fully disclose all other scholarships, grants, financial aid, tuition waivers etc. for which they have applied for or received.

- Scholarships Team members will select recipients based on evaluation of all applications and personal interviews.

Criteria for retaining the scholarship

- Maintain student status of 9 credits or more and complete the school term forwhich the scholarship is paid.

- Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA or equivalent during the term for which scholarship is paid.

Semi-Finalists will be notified of interview times by April 10, 2027.

You must be available for interviews held in Walnut Creek on either April 16 or April 17, 2027.

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INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please retain copies of all materials submitted for your records. Applications and other material will not be returned.

All scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2027