DIABLO VALLEY
GIVING
PARTNERS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP
(Up to $6,000 per student)

Diablo Valley Giving Partners (DVGP) awards need-based scholarships to high-achieving high school seniors. To date, DVGP has provided scholarships to 700 plus students totaling over $3 million. Awarded students can apply for **DVGP's Spotlight Scholarship** in subsequent years.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Graduating high school senior entering an accredited four-year college
- Financial need-based **(FAFSA or CADAA Student Aid Index of $25,000 or less)**
- Focus on academics, community involvement, school activities and employment
- 3.0 minimum grade point average on high school official transcript
- Resident of Contra Costa County, California

Applications are due **Friday, March 19, 2027**, and require:

- Completion of on-line application including uploaded copies of:
  - **Official high school transcript** (Must include the official seal of the school and signed by the registrar or other designated school official as well as 7th semester grades)
  - **Personal statement** highlighting who you are and why you want to attend a four-year college, as well as your aspirations after college (if solidified). You may include your work experience, school activities, and involvement in community service. **No more than 500 words (double spaced).**
  - Copy of **Student Aid Index (SAI) Award** page from student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
    - **Scores of $25,000 or less will be considered**
  - Documentation of **SAT/ACT scores** (if taken)
  - Parent or family member letter demonstrating financial need
- One **high school letter of recommendation** on official school letterhead, signed and dated by counselor or teacher with contact information**
- One **community letter of recommendation** describing services or contributions to the community signed and dated by supervisor on letterhead (if applicable) with contact information**

Each letter of recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the initials of the signer over the sealed point of the flap and submitted with the application in one packet.

High School Application Submission Instructions

- **Complete and submit** on-line application and ensure all required uploaded documents (with required signatures) are included.
- **Mail or drop off two letters of recommendation** to:

High School Scholarship Chairman
Diablo Valley Giving Partners
2711 Buena Vista Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

- All application materials are kept confidential.
- **Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- Online application must be submitted and recommendations received **no later than Friday, March 19, 2027.**

Selection Process: MANDATORY In-Person Interview

Semi-finalists must participate in a **mandatory in-person interview** with members of the Scholarship Committee at the Diablo Valley Giving Partners office in Walnut Creek on **April 14, 15, or 17**. Students unable to attend an interview on one of the scheduled dates will be disqualified.

Note: Applicants who are selected for an interview will be required to submit a follow-up financial disclosure form acknowledging all scholarships, grants, or financial aid they have been awarded. This form will be provided prior to the interviewer and is due 48 hours prior.

Recipient Timing Notification & Funds Distribution

All scholarship recipients will be notified no later than May 1, 2027. Scholarship funds will be distributed in two installments, at the start of each academic term, for use toward tuition, books, and supplies. To remain eligible for the second installment, recipients must:

- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Complete the term following the first payment
- Maintain a GPA of 2.8

Failure to meet the requirements will result in forfeiture of the second installment.