

Natural Disaster Support Scholarship

*Natural disasters are regular occurrences for Carmel Unified students, especially those who live in the Big Sur, Palo Colorado, and Cachagua areas. **Fires, mudslides, damaged roads, and other related crises affect the lives of students and their families.** The community recognizes these hardships. This scholarship will be worth **\$500** and may be applied to any accredited post-secondary institution (four-year university, community college, or trade school).*

Deadline: April 9, 2026

Eligibility Requirements

- Students whose K-12 education or families were **impacted by natural disasters.**

Preferences (not mandatory)

- **First-generation student** — a student whose parents did not complete a four-year college or university degree.
- **Resident of Big Sur, Palo Colorado, or Cachagua.**

Steps

1. Write an original essay of at least 200 words. **Do not use AI.** If any AI use is detected, your submission will not be considered. Include: >> How natural disasters most affected your K-12 schooling and/or your family's life and/or employment

>> Examples of significant difficulties and your work ethic and commitment to overcome challenges during natural disasters or other times

2. Email the essay to wbans@carmelunified.org by April 9, 2026.

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