

## **Hesperia Hall Foundation Scholarship Program**

January 1, 2026 – January 1, 2029

1. Hesperia Hall Foundation supports a scholarship program for students whose families live within the community areas served by the Hesperia Hall. San Antonio Valley, Lockwood, and Bryson Hesperia generally define these areas. Priority for awards are for undergraduate college degrees; however, applications are accepted for technical school, graduate school, and teaching credentials (San Antonio School teachers are also welcome to apply for teaching credential scholarships). Additional education or certification that benefits the community may also be considered for an award.
2. There is a specific affiliation with King City High School. Students attending King City High School will submit applications for Hall scholarships per their established school procedures. The King City High School will provide their student applications to the Hesperia Hall Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee for review and award decisions.
3. Scholarships are equally open to qualified local students that are not attending King City High School. The Hall newsletter and web site [www.hesperiahall.org](http://www.hesperiahall.org) contain information on scholarship availability to allow all other local students to apply and compete for scholarships. Application forms for those individuals are available through Hesperia Hall and will be submitted directly to the scholarship selection committee.
4. Applications are due by April 1 each year to be considered for the next academic year. Applications received after the April 1 deadline will be considered only if there is unclaimed scholarship money, and on a case-by-case basis. Scholarships are renewable for continuing students. Renewal applications are intended to ensure the student is reasonably progressing towards graduation or completion of their specific educational program.
5. Awards will be granted based on the number of applicants, amount of collected funds for the scholarship program, and results of the application scoring process. The following scoring system will be used to facilitate and document the selection process. Legal residency in the United States is required, and students will be scored in each of the following categories:
  - a. Residence in Bryson-Hesperia community.
  - b. Hesperia Hall activity participation and volunteer support.
  - c. Attendance at San Antonio School.
  - d. Grade Point Average.
  - e. School and community activities and responsible citizenship (e.g. student government, clubs, sports, school newspaper, 4-H, volunteer work, local jobs, involvement in the community)
  - f. Financial need (e.g. attending junior college, 4-year university, trade school, plus family financial situation)
  - g. Education goals
6. The Hesperia Hall Community, whose members contribute to the Scholarship fund, appreciate getting to know the recipients. We greatly encourage applicants and recipients to attend events and volunteer at our events. Volunteer support to Hesperia Hall may be given preference to those who do not or cannot volunteer at the Hall. Volunteer opportunities include our annual fundraiser in October, The Country Faire, which offers many opportunities to participate. Hall cleanup day on the Saturday before the event offers a list of light maintenance tasks, indoors or outdoors. The food line

at the event on Sunday needs servers. The Country Kitchen needs help selling baked goods. Trash and recycle bins need monitoring. Other opportunities arise during the year. Please contact the Board of Directors to volunteer for a few hours at the Hall, which can count toward Community Service Requirements.

7. Students receiving scholarships will be given letters explaining their award amount and conditions for receipt. King City High School students will receive their letters at the annual school awards ceremonies (normally Apr or May), while all others will receive their letters at the annual Hesperia Hall Scholarship potluck event in July.
8. The Hall treasurer will disburse the funds based on the conditions stipulated in each recipient's letter. Generally, students will provide proof of registration and list of classes for their first semester or quarter, and will provide proof of registration, list of classes, and previous grades for all subsequent semesters or quarters. A general rule is that a college student takes at least 10 units to receive the full amount of the award. Waiver of that requirement will be allowed on a case-by-case basis. Funds will be dispersed once or twice a year as determined by the Selection Committee based on the award amount and the recipient's specific circumstances. Funds can be used for tuition, books, or living expenses. The Hall treasurer will notify the committee if a change in the disbursement decision is requested or warranted. A final report will be generated and verified by the college or technical school on the recipient's educational performance over the length of the scholarship period. This final report will be kept in the student's scholarship file. Each student earning a Hall scholarship will have a file that is kept for a minimum of 6 years after date of award. Students not collecting their funds during the awarded academic year must reapply for a new scholarship if they return to school in subsequent years.
9. The board of directors appoints the scholarship selection committee, which serves for three calendar years. This committee is comprised of five volunteers. There must be a total of three members for a given selection session. No committee member will vote in a session with a conflict of interest (e.g. application from family member). This committee will be responsible for reviewing all applications at least once a year and making selections for recipients and the amount for each award. The chairman can call the committee into session to review compelling student applications that arrive outside the normal April review period.
10. Hesperia Hall Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee for the period January 1, 2026 until January 1, 2029 is as follows:
  - a. Chairman- Ed Buntz, 2527 Smith Road, Bradley, CA 93426, 805-472-2070
  - b. Member- Janice Smith-Ramseier, 52120 Smith Road, Bradley, CA 93426, 805-472-2268
  - c. Member- John Kunsemiller, 76801 Bryson-Hesperia Road, Bradley, CA 93426
  - d. Member- Beth Winters, 76473 Bryson-Hesperia Road, Bradley, CA 93426, 831-235-7555
  - e. Member- Jeannie Thompson, 76076 Bryson-Hesperia Road, Bradley, CA 93426, 760-996-3121
11. The scholarship committee will prepare minutes for all meetings, which will be available for public review. The Hall treasurer will maintain financial records available for public review and in compliance with 501(c)(3) requirements.