

# Bonita Vista High School

## Scholarship Bulletin 2025-2026

Dear Barons,

My name is Ms. Calderon-Magbuhat and I am the Scholarship Counselor at Bonita Vista High School. I am excited to be working with you. Applying for scholarships is a great opportunity to earn money for college. As you start your search for scholarships, I hope you will find the following attachments helpful

*\*Note: You can click the header below to see the Brag Sheet and the articles).*

[Letter of Recommendation form \(Brag Sheet\)](#) - Many scholarships require you to submit a letter of recommendation. Fill out this form as thoroughly as possible. Send the form to the person(s) you are requesting a letter from. Please allow the recommender at least TWO TO THREE WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE to complete your letter. A little courtesy goes a long way.

[FastWeb Top 12 Tips/Winning a Scholarship Quick Reference](#) - These may be obvious, but they really point to common mistakes to avoid and practical ways you can increase your chances of winning a scholarship.

[Essay Tips](#) - If you're going to take the time to apply to scholarships, invest time in creating a great essay. This piece is critical to winning a scholarship!

Many of the scholarships are for Seniors only, however there are a few that are open to all grade levels. Scholarships are organized according to the due date.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Reynila Calderon-Magbuhat, Scholarship Counselor at: [reynila.calderon-magbuhat@sweetwaterschools.org](mailto:reynila.calderon-magbuhat@sweetwaterschools.org)

Follow us on INSTAGRAM: [https://www.instagram.com/bvh\\_counselors](https://www.instagram.com/bvh_counselors) @bvh\_counselors

Google Classroom Codes [\[for Sweetwater District students only\]](#):

Class of 2026 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NDc5MDgoMzE3NDQo?cjc=peq67xx>

Class of 2027 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTg2NDEoNzA2NDIz?cjc=n56qkjp>

Class of 2028 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjMxOTIxNjYxMjI5?cjc=xzxw6v6>

Class of 2029 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzQoNTEwMTIxNzY5?cjc=264d3gi>

## SEPTEMBER 2025

NAME: **ELKS LODGE TEEN OF THE MONTH SCHOLARSHIP** [Offered every month]

DUE: September 20, 2025 [for the October award]

AMOUNT: \$1,000

CRITERIA: Open to outstanding seniors with good grades, extracurricular activities and/or leadership and/or work experience.

APPLICATION: [Chula Vista Elks Lodge Teen of the Month Scholarship](#)

NAME: **INNOVATION IN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP** [Offered every month]

DUE: September 20, 2025

AMOUNT: \$500

CRITERIA: Must be a high school student with a minimum 3.0 gpa. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. Must have designed an innovative project that makes a difference in the lives of others (this could be a website, series of blogs, an app, fundraising event, etc).

APPLICATION: <https://www.latutors123.com/scholarships/innovation-in-education/>

NAME: **LEARNER MATH LOVER SCHOLARSHIP**

DUE: September 20, 2025

AMOUNT: \$500

CRITERIA: Open to seniors who love math.

APPLICATION: <https://www.learner.com/math-tutoring#scholarship>

NAME: **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF WINE & FOOD (AIWF)**

DUE: September 30, 2025

AMOUNT: \$350-\$3,000

CRITERIA:

- Seniors who plan to pursue culinary arts, enology/viticulture, and beverage studies at an accredited continuing education program.
- The application must be filled out online, along with the statement, resume, and at least two letters of recommendation. The letters of recommendation must be on a letterhead with an original signature.
- Please read the application instructions carefully as there are very specific instructions you must follow.

APPLICATION: <https://aiwfsandiego.org/Programs/Scholarships/>

NAME: **BUILDING BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP**

DUE: September 30, 2025

AMOUNT: \$1,000

CRITERIA: Open to high school juniors, seniors and college students. Must have a 2.5+ GPA.

Must be planning to enroll in a U.S. accredited college, university, or vocational/technical program. Must be active in community service.

APPLICATION: <https://www.parent-volunteer.org/building-bridges-scholarship>

NAME: **COCA COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

DUE: September 30 , 2025 (by 2 pm Pacific Time)

AMOUNT: 150 \$20,000 awards

CRITERIA: Open to high school seniors. Must be U.S. citizens or legal residents. Must plan to attend an accredited college or university in the U.S. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

APPLICATION: <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>

NAME: **DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE SCHOLARSHIP**

DUE: September 30, 2025

AMOUNT: \$1,000

CRITERIA: Open to grades 9-12. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. Essay required.

APPLICATION: <https://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship>

NAME: **PATH TO PRO SCHOLARSHIP BY THE HOME DEPOT**

DUE: September 30 , 2025

AMOUNT: \$2,500

CRITERIA: Open to high school seniors who plan to attend a vocational/trade school.

APPLICATION: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/path-pro-scholarship-programs>

NAME: **PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP**

DUE: September 30, 2025

AMOUNT: \$1,000

CRITERIA: Open to grades 10-12 or college students. Must be U.S. citizen or legal resident. Essay of 250 words required on the prompt, "Reflect on a time that you've paid it forward and how it has affected you and what you've learned from the experience."

APPLICATION:

<https://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/application-pay-it-forward-scholarship>

NAME: **QUESTBRIDGE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH SCHOLARSHIP**

DUE: September 30 , 2025 (by 2 pm Pacific Time)

AMOUNT: full tuition

CRITERIA: Open to high school seniors meeting academic and financial criteria. Must complete the QuestBridge application and essays. Must be U.S. citizen or legal resident.

APPLICATION: [Questbridge National College Match Scholarship](#)

NAME: **SHOUT IT OUT SCHOLARSHIP**

DUE: September 30, 2025

AMOUNT: \$1,500

**CRITERIA:** Open to high school students age 14 and older. Must be a legal U.S. resident. Must submit a short essay in response to the prompt, "If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?" (250 words or less).

**APPLICATION:**

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/shout-it-out-scholarship>

## **OCTOBER 2025**

**NAME: OLIN E. TEAGUE- NATIONAL SPACE CLUB**

**DUE:** October 1, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$4,000

**CRITERIA:** The National Space Club and Foundation, founded in 1957 encourages talented students to pursue careers and leadership positions in the fields of space, rocketry, astronautics, and related technologies

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.smartscholar.com/scholarship/olin-e-teague-scholarship/>

**NAME: AES ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** October 8, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$500

**CRITERIA:** Open to high school seniors. Open to high school students planning to further their education. Must submit an essay of between 500 and 1,000 words to the following question, "When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationship or accomplishments will be important on this journey?"

**APPLICATION:** <https://aesengineers.com/scholarships.php>

**NAME: SPORTS GEAR SWAG \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** October 1, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to high school or college students involved in athletics. Short essay required: "How has being an athlete shaped your education?". U.S. residents only.

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.sportsgearswag.com/scholarship>

**NAME: 2025 JONATHAN "JD" DEGUZMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** October 3, 2025 (12:59 pm)

**AMOUNT:** to be determined

**CRITERIA:** Open to seniors and college students. Must submit a 500 word essay on "What Have You Done to Serve Your Community?" (Please use MLA format). If chosen as a winner, must be able to attend the FALEO-SD Scholarship luncheon on Saturday, October 18th, 2025.

**APPLICATION:** [Jonathan JD DeGuzman Memorial Scholarship](#)

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**NAME: YOUNG ARTS WRITING COMPETITION**

**DUE:** October 8, 2025

**AMOUNT:** up to \$10,000 and invitations to National Young Arts Week

**CRITERIA:** Open to students in grades 10-12\_ ages 15-18) across the U.S. You can submit in categories like poetry, short story, creative nonfiction, and spoken word.

**APPLICATION:** <https://youngarts.org/competition/>

**NAME: NATIONAL RICE MONTH SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** October 15, 2025

**AMOUNT:** 1 \$2,000 award (3rd place); 1 \$3,000 award (2nd place), & 1 \$5,000 award (1st place)

**CRITERIA:** Open to graduating high school seniors who live in one of the six rice growing states in the U.S. (California is included). Must create a video or animation that in three minutes or less, shines a light on this versatile, tasty, home-grown grain. Educate, entertain, and tell us why you think rice is special - to you, to your state, or to the world.

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.reelricecontest.com/>

**NAME: PRETTY PHOTOSHOP ACTIONS SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** October 15, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$500 (2 scholarships will be awarded)

**CRITERIA:** Must be a senior willing to carefully research and compose an essay-style Adobe Photoshop tutorial of at least 800 words, INCLUDING ORIGINAL SCREENSHOTS AND PHOTOS used to illustrate your points on one of the given topics.

**APPLICATION:**

<https://www.lightroompresets.com/pages/pretty-photoshop-actions-scholarship-program>

**NAME: SUSTAINABILITY ESSAY CONTEST**

**DUE:** October 15, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$250 - 1,500, three scholarship awards

**CRITERIA:** Must be a high school senior, Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution, Must have a B/3.0 GPA average, Must write an essay on sustainable solutions in the construction industry

APPLICATION: <https://asti.com/aecscholarship/>

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APPLICATION: <https://www.latutors123.com/scholarships/innovation-in-education/>

NAME: **CHICK FIL-A COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

DUE: October 28, 2025 (by 1 pm Pacific Time)

AMOUNT: 12 \$25,000 awards

CRITERIA: Open to seniors who are U.S. residents. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Must be involved in community service, extracurricular activities and/or a leadership role in the twelve (12) months prior to application deadline (for example, volunteering for non-profits, helping others less fortunate, tutoring/mentoring, etc). Must be willing to participate in Chick-Fil-A's Scholars Program ( a one-year experience of mentoring, activities, and professional development), if selected. Please note: Chick Fil-A team members are NOT eligible to apply.

APPLICATION: <https://apply.scholarsapply.org/cfacommunityscholars/>

NAME: **NCWIT ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING (AiC) HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS**

DUE: October 28, 2025 (8:59 pm Pacific Time)

AMOUNT: to be determined + internship opportunities

CRITERIA: Open to grades 9-12 who identify as women, genderqueer and non-binary. Must have a passion for technology and computing. Must be between the ages of 13-18 and attend a school in the U.S. or Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands or on a U.S. overseas military base. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; must have a social security number.

APPLICATION: <https://www.aspirations.org/award-programs/aic-high-school-award>

NAME: **BEYOND SCHOOL WALLS SCHOLARSHIP**

DUE: October 31, 2025

AMOUNT: \$1,000



**CRITERIA:** Open to grades 9-12. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident and plan to attend or enter an accredited U.S. college or university. Must submit a short essay on the given prompt.

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.endcyberbullying.net/scholarship-beyond-school-walls>

**NAME:** **FORTNITE SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** October 31, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to grades 9-12. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. Write a short essay (250 words or less) about your opinion on how Fortnite can be a positive influence within your education and career development.

**APPLICATION:** <https://accessscholarships.com/fortnite-scholarship/>

**NAME:** **JUSTIN TANNENHAUS LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** October 31, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$250 up to \$1,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to high achieving 12th grade soccer players in San Diego. Must be low-income and a strong academic record.

**APPLICATION:** [Info here](#) / [Apply here](#)

**NAME:** **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST**

**DUE:** October 31, 2025

**AMOUNT:** ranges from \$1,000 to \$30,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to US high school students or dependents of U.S. military/civilian personnel in overseas schools. The Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Applicants will be judged on patriotism, content, delivery, and originality.

**Information & Application:**

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

**NAME:** **ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** October 31, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$2,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to grades 9 - 12. Must be a legal U.S. resident. Must submit an online response to the question: "Imagine that your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you'd hide and the top-five things you'd bring to stay alive." (250 words or less).

**APPLICATION:**

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship>

## NOVEMBER 2025

**NAME: LUMIERE SCHOLARS ESSAY AWARD**

**DUE:** November 2, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$500 & up plus publication opportunities

**CRITERIA:** Open international to high school students. Must submit a formal academic essay in one of three categories: STEM, humanities, or social sciences.

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.lumiere-education.com/lumiere-scholars-essay-award>

**NAME: REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH**

**DUE:** November 6, 2025

**AMOUNT:** up to \$250,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to high school seniors who are interested in STEM. Must submit original research in a critically important scientific field of study. The Nation's Oldest and Most Prestigious Science and Mathematics Competition: Started in 1942 as the Westinghouse Science Talent Search, the Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS) recognizes and empowers our nation's most promising young scientists who are developing ideas that could solve society's most urgent challenges. Each year, nearly 1,900 students enter the Regeneron STS, submitting original research in critically important scientific fields of study. Unique among high school competitions, the Regeneron STS focuses on identifying, inspiring, and engaging the most promising scientists among the nation's high school seniors.

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts/>

**NAME: ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION - MOST VALUABLE STUDENT**

**DUE:** November 12, 2025 (11:59 pm Pacific Time)

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000 - \$7,500 a year

**CRITERIA:** Open to seniors planning to attend a 4-year university full time in the U.S.. Must be U.S. citizens. Must have outstanding grades and be service-minded. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applicants do NOT need to be related to a member of the Elks.

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

**NAME: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** November 14, 2025 [for the December award]

**AMOUNT:** \$5,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to high-achieving students who meet the two qualifications: 1) have a medical record of disability and 2) must be an enrolled student in high school or college in the U.S.

**APPLICATION:** <https://plattalaw.com/students-with-disabilities-scholarship/>



**NAME: JAMES ALAN COX FOUNDATION FOR STUDENT JOURNALISTS**

**DUE:** November 15, 2025

**AMOUNT:** DSLR Camera for High School Student winners; 5 awards to be given

**CRITERIA:** Open to high school students have completed at least one photography or related art class. Must submit five(5) digital images for still photography submissions. Must be a U.S. citizen. Please see link below for more details.

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.jamesalancoxfoundation.org/apply/>

**NAME: MARYKNOLL ESSAY CONTEST**

**DUE:** November 17, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to grades 6-12. Must be currently enrolled in a Catholic school, or a religious education program, or a youth ministry program. Essay required (500-700 words). Must share a personal story about a time when hope played an important role in your life. Describe the situation, how you felt and what gave you hope during that time. Explain how this experience impacted you and what you learned about the importance of hope.

**APPLICATION:** <https://maryknollsociety.org/essay/>

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**APPLICATION:** <https://www.latutors123.com/scholarships/innovation-in-education/>

**NAME: ANDREW FLUSCHE SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** November 30, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$500

**CRITERIA:** Open to seniors. Must be U.S. citizens and plan to attend a university, college or trade school in the U.S. This contest requires students to raise awareness of different legal issues. Must create a public service announcement (PSA) video about the following prompt: "What should motorists do while driving if they see a law enforcement vehicle that is stopped on the side of the road?"

**APPLICATION:** <https://www.andrewflusche.com/scholarship/>

**NAME: DESIGNLI EMPOWERING WOMEN IN TECH ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** November 30, 2025 (8:59 PM Pacific Time)

**AMOUNT:** \$3,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to female high school seniors with a passion for technology and entrepreneurship. Must be U.S. citizens. Essay required (1,000 words).

**APPLICATION:** <https://designli.co/women-in-tech-scholarship>

**NAME: EDUCATION MATTERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** November 30, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$5,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to high school students age 14 and older. Must be a legal U.S. resident. Must submit a short essay in response to the prompt, "What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?" (250 words or less).

**APPLICATION:**

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

**NAME: SAFE CYCLING SCHOLARSHIP**

**DUE:** November 30, 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to high school seniors living in the U.S.; must have a 3.0 GPA. Must submit a 700-1,000 word essay response to the prompt: Discuss old and new laws, and education around the dangers of cycling, and if you think more could be done to ensure the safety of cyclists.

**\*\*Please note that all essays will be checked for AI writing. If AI writing is deemed present in the essay, the application will be denied.**

**APPLICATION:** <https://felixgonzalezlaw.com/2024-safe-cycling-scholarship/>

## ONGOING DEADLINES:

**NAME: CAL VET FEE WAIVER**

**DUE:** Student must provide proof of full time enrollment at university

**AMOUNT:** FREE tuition for any public university in California (does not cover books or room & board)

**CRITERIA:** Open to seniors who are the child/ dependents of veterans who have a service-connected disability or had a service-connected disability at time of death or died of service related causes.

**APPLY ONLINE:** <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx>

**NAME: COLLEGE BOARD OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

**DUE:** Varies by Action - Final deadline March 2025

**AMOUNT:** \$500 - \$40,000

**CRITERIA:** Open to Seniors and Juniors. The College Board offers scholarships for each

completed action. Visit the website and get started.

APPLY ONLINE: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

JUNIORS: [BigFuture Scholarships](#)

NAME: **COURAGE TO GROW SCHOLARSHIP**

DUE: at the end of each month

AMOUNT: \$500

CRITERIA: Open to Juniors and Seniors with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Short essay required. One individual will be selected each month.

APPLY ONLINE: <https://couragetogrowscholarship.com/>

NAME: **EMPLOYMENT BOOST SCHOLARSHIPS**

DUE: ROLLING

AMOUNT: \$1,000

CRITERIA: Open to seniors who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college in Fall 2024. Must have a minimum 3.6 gpa.

APPLY ONLINE: <https://employmentboost.com/scholarship/>

## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH LINKS:

**FASTWEB:** All grade levels may register and create an account to receive personalized matching scholarships. The site has a large source of scholarships available. - millions of scholarships worth billions of dollars. New scholarships are added every day, all year long.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**MALDEF:** Free scholarship resource guide for students, parents and educators with an extensive list of scholarships, including many that do not inquire about immigration status.

<https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources>

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<http://collegefund.org>

<https://scholarshipowl.com/>

<https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>

<https://www.unigo.com/>

<https://www.thescholarshipcollective.com/>

<https://tinyurl.com/calsoapcash>

## **INSTAGRAM SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS:**

**@accessscholarships**

**@bolddotorg**

**@closethegapfoundation**

**@collegefundinghero**

**@getschooled**

**@mssusyruiz**

**@payingforschool**

**@scholarship.junkie**

**@scholarshipscom**

**@scholarshipmoneyforstudents**

**@scholarships\_360**

**@scholarworld**

**@scholistapp**

**@thescholarbudget**

**\*\*We do not endorse the above sites; the information is provided for reference only. Students and their families should thoroughly investigate any website or scholarship company.**