



## 2016 Sonoma County Scholarships

The first endowed scholarships were established with Community Foundation Sonoma County in 1988. Since that time, Community Foundation Sonoma County has awarded well over \$4 million to worthy Sonoma County post-secondary, graduate and professional degree seeking students.

Today, there are now more than 35 donor-advised and new scholarship funds that have been established with Community Foundation Sonoma County. Along with our scholarship administration partner, 10,000 Degrees, we believe every student should have a chance at college.



Beginning in January 2014, scholarship applications for all scholarship funds that are established with Community Foundation Sonoma County are being administered by our scholarship administration partner, 10,000 Degrees ([www.10000degrees.org/sonoma](http://www.10000degrees.org/sonoma)).

### How to Support Scholarships through Community Foundation Sonoma County & 10,000 Degrees

Establish a Permanently Endowed Scholarship with Community Foundation Sonoma County	Establish an Annual Named Scholarship with 10,000 Degrees through the 10,000 Degrees Laurel Society	Contribute for Scholarship Support & Programming through the 10,000 Degrees Annual Fund	Contribute Unrestricted Gifts through the 10,000 Degrees Annual Fund
\$50,000 +	\$5,000+ for 4 years	Any amount	Any amount
Earnings generate annual scholarships in perpetuity.	Donors may name the scholarship and recommend limited criteria to guide scholarship selection.	Donations are pooled in the 10,000 Degrees Undergraduate Scholarship Fund, and student support, financial advocacy and advising, and scholarships are awarded to students with the greatest need.	Donations are applied by 10,000 Degrees where they are most needed.

### To Apply For Scholarships In 2016

- **Basic Scholarship Qualifications** - Community Foundation Sonoma County and 10,000 Degrees provide scholarships to individuals with significant financial need who exhibit a strong desire to attend **and complete** higher education (e.g. junior college, trade and vocational school, and four-year colleges and universities), and who have demonstrated the perseverance necessary to graduate from college and accomplish their educational goals. Some donor-advised scholarship funds will consider applications from students attending graduate school or completing professional degrees, such as in medicine and law.
- All scholarship applications are assessed for:
  - Financial need; and
  - Demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete higher education

- **Online Application** - One **application** administered by 10,000 Degrees allows you to apply for all donor-advised and new scholarship funds for which you qualify. The online application can be found at: [www.10000degrees.org/sonoma](http://www.10000degrees.org/sonoma)
  - Some of the donor-advised scholarships require supplemental materials, so carefully read the descriptions below and the instructions for each scholarship in the online application. We recommend that you read through the FAQ section in the online application thoroughly before beginning to complete the online application.
  - Recipients of 2015 scholarships awarded through 10,000 Degrees may and are encouraged to apply for scholarships in 2016, although the renewal of those awards is not guaranteed.
- **Due Date & Required Materials** - All applications and any required supplemental materials, such as unofficial transcripts, written letters of recommendation, art and architecture portfolios, writing samples, and answers to supplement questions, are due by **11:59 pm on March 2, 2016**. No late submissions will be considered for awards. The deadline also applies to all supplementary information that is requested. It is your responsibility to respond to all requests for information in a timely manner!
- **2016 Sonoma County Scholarships** - Below is a listing of the 2015 Sonoma County Scholarships. To be considered for these scholarships, students must complete the 10,000 Degrees online application. Go to the following link to start your application: [www.10000degrees.org/sonoma](http://www.10000degrees.org/sonoma)

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# Community Foundation Sonoma County - 2016 Scholarship Funds (Updated September 1, 2015)

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Donor-Advised Scholarship Funds		Residency Requirement	Majors/Fields of Interest	Eligibility Criteria
1.	<b>100 Black Men of Sonoma County Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Resident of or attending school in Sonoma County.</li> <li>2) African-American decent.</li> </ol>
2.	<b>American Institute of Architects Redwood Empire Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, Lake, Modoc, Siskiyou, or Trinity	Architecture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Students from the Redwood Empire pursuing an undergraduate degree in architecture or a post-secondary education in architecture accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.</li> <li>2) <b>Portfolio required.</b></li> </ol>
3.	<b>Andy Wallstrum Memorial Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Attended Lawrence Cook Junior High School.</li> <li>2) History of low grades or behavior problems and demonstrated improvement.</li> <li>3) <b>Must include letter of recommendation.</b></li> </ol>
4.	<b>The Beverly C. Wilson Scholarship Fund for Women in Business</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Awarded to female student graduating in good standing from a high school in Petaluma attending to planning to attend a 4-year college.</li> <li>2) Minimum of 3.0 GPA.</li> </ol>
5.	<b>Carlisle Van Ornum Vocational Scholarship Fund – Cloverdale</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines within business, the trades, or health-related fields	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Cloverdale or Geyserville graduating high school seniors.</li> <li>2) Students showing vocational promise; involvement in community and school activities; and demonstrating leadership skills. Grades, activities, leadership, and personal qualities indicative of success will all be reviewed.</li> </ol>

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6.	<b>Carlisle Van Ornum/H.E.L.P. Scholarship Fund - Healdsburg</b>	Sonoma	Applied occupations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Healdsburg High School graduating seniors and prior recipients of this scholarship who graduated from Healdsburg High School.</li> <li>2) This scholarship is for students seeking post-secondary education leading toward a certificate, license, or accreditation in an applied occupation. Examples include but are not limited to medical/dental/nursing/physician assistant/pharmacy/physical therapy, teaching, culinary, accounting/bookkeeping, automotive, fire science, public safety, agricultural sciences, mental health/counseling, architectural/drafting, engineering/surveying; etc.</li> </ol>
7.	<b>The Castner Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) High school seniors living in and attending high school in Sonoma County.</li> <li>2) Highest priority given to graduates of Archbishop Hanna High School at Hanna Boys Center.</li> </ol>
8.	<b>The Claire and Stanley Withers Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> <li>2) Graduate of Roseland University Prep High School.</li> </ol>
9.	<b>Dry Creek Valley Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Residents and children of residents of Dry Creek Valley Appellation as shown on the Dry Creek Valley AVA map (<a href="http://www.conciergealliance.com/dry-creek-valley-ava/">http://www.conciergealliance.com/dry-creek-valley-ava/</a>).</li> <li>2) Academic merit, involvement in community, and extracurricular activities considered.</li> <li>3) <b>Students must submit a personal statement (1 page maximum) describing: How has living in, or growing up within, the Dry Creek Watershed Area influenced or affected your life and your future and/or educational goals?</b></li> </ol>

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10.	<b>Flora de Mayo Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	Arts (visual and performing)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Students pursuing a post-secondary degree in the arts (visual and performing) who have demonstrated passion and aptitude for the field.</li> <li>2) Students who have shown a commitment to their community.</li> <li>3) Graduate students may also apply.</li> <li>4) <b>Portfolio required.</b></li> <li>5) <b>Must include letter of recommendation.</b></li> </ol>
11.	<b>Helen Kellum Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	No special eligibility criteria. All “worthy” Sonoma County students may apply.
12.	<b>Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Sonoma County Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Students of Latino/Hispanic origin.</li> <li>2) Demonstrated leadership.</li> <li>3) Volunteer involvement in community or school affairs.</li> <li>4) Graduate and professional degree students may apply.</li> </ol>
13.	<b>The Honorable Gayle Guynup Endowed Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	Law	<p>Students who have completed one year of law school with interest in promoting women's access to and involvement in legal system.</p> <p><i>Note: Applications for The Honorable Gayle Guynup Scholarship Fund will be solicited in the summer of 2014.</i></p>
14.	<b>The Jay Deaton Memorial Scholarship Fund for Agriculture</b>	Sonoma or Marin	Agriculture	Pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture related fields.
15.	<b>The Kirsten Venge Memorial Scholarship Fund</b>	Napa	Creative writing, poetry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Awarded to deserving St. Helena High School graduating senior with interest in creative writing and/or poetry, love of literature and completed AP English.</li> <li>2) Minimum of 3.0 GPA.</li> </ol>
16.	<b>The La Tortilla Factory Jose &amp; Mary Tamayo Memorial Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Latino graduates from Sonoma County high schools.</li> <li>2) Preference given to children of employees of La Tortilla Factory.</li> </ol>

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17.	<b>The Michael F. O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	Law and law-related	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Past or current residents of Sonoma County enrolled in law school or pursuing a law-related career.</li> <li>2) <i>Note: Applications for the Michael F. O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship Fund will be solicited in the summer of 2014.</i></li> </ol>
18.	<b>The Mickey Smith Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> <li>2) Graduate of Roseland University Prep High School.</li> </ol>
19.	<b>Mitchell Soso Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Santa Rosa High School graduate.</li> <li>2) Attending a college in the University of California system or Sonoma State University.</li> </ol>
20.	<b>My Future is in Healthcare Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	Healthcare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Students pursuing post-secondary degree at Santa Rosa Junior College in health related field.</li> <li>2) Minimum of 2.5 GPA.</li> <li>3) Preference given to students with multi-lingual facility and demonstrated interest in healthcare fields (volunteer or work experience).</li> <li>4) <b>Supplemental questions must be answered in the online application: Why have you selected this major? Describe how your major is leading you to a specific career path? Describe your academic success and challenges.</b></li> </ol>
21.	<b>The Ohlson Family Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	Education, teaching.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Pursuing post-secondary education degree and teaching career.</li> <li>2) Minimum of 2.5 GPA.</li> <li>3) Students who have overcome adversity to pursue objectives.</li> <li>4) <b>Students must submit a personal statement (1-2 pages maximum) describing interest in a career in teaching and experience working, volunteering, interning or job shadowing in this field.</b></li> </ol>

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22.	<b>The Peanuts on Parade Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	Art, animation, graphic arts and design, cartooning, and computer-generated imaging	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Current or former Sonoma County residents pursuing art and related degrees. All visual arts acceptable.</li> <li>2) Students specializing in animation or cartooning.</li> <li>3) <b>Portfolio required.</b></li> </ol>
23.	<b>The Redwood Empire Estate Planning Council Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	Business, law, accounting, development, foundation management and related fields	Students planning to pursue careers in business, law, or accounting, or studies to become development professionals or professionals in foundations.
24.	<b>The Richard T. Torkelson Memorial Fund for Journalism</b>	Sonoma, Lake or Mendocino	Journalism, communications, photojournalism, documentary art and non-fiction digital media	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Demonstrated an interest in journalism, communications, photojournalism, documentary art and non-fiction digital media.</li> <li>2) <b>Writing samples and/or media portfolio required.</b></li> <li>3) <b>Must attach two (2) letters of recommendation.</b></li> </ol>
25.	<b>The Robert Bertrand Studnick Memorial Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Santa Rosa High School graduate.</li> <li>2) Attending a college in the University of California system.</li> </ol>
26.	<b>The Ron Rudolph Petaluma High School Athletic Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Awarded to 4-year college-bound Petaluma High School seniors only who participate in a varsity level sport in their senior year (includes cheerleading).</li> <li>2) <b>Supplemental questions must be answered in online application as follows: What athletic experiences have shaped you? Please share important aspects of how athletics have enriched your life, lessons learned that will translate off the field; elaborate on a coach or an experience that has changed your outlook, activities and goals.</b></li> </ol>

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27.	<b>The Sangiacomo Family Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> <li>2) Preference given to renewing scholarship applicants.</li> </ol>
28.	<b>Sonoma County Medical Association &amp; Alliance Health Careers Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	Health, medicine and related fields	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Studying medicine, nursing or other allied health fields.</li> <li>2) Minimum of 3.0 GPA.</li> <li>3) Graduate and professional degree students may apply.</li> <li>4) <b>Must attach two (2) letters of recommendation.</b></li> <li>5) <b>Students must submit a personal statement (1 page maximum) describing: (1) What or who has influenced/motivated you to choose the medical/allied health field; (2) Describe your experience working, volunteering, interning or job shadowing in this field.</b></li> </ol>
29.	<b>Soroptimist International of Healdsburg Scholarship Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Students graduating in good standing from Healdsburg or Geyserville high schools and pursuing post-secondary education.</li> <li>2) Applicants who are first in their family to attend college.</li> </ol>

New Scholarship Funds		Residency Requirement	Majors/Fields of Interest	Eligibility Criteria
1.	<b>10,000 Degrees   Sonoma County General Fund</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.
2.	<b>Career Technical Education Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	Career Technical Education & STEM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> <li>2. Students pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited school resulting in a degree or certificate leading directly to a career or trade (i.e. trade, technical or vocational certificates or degrees, or pursuing certificates or degrees in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM)).</li> <li>3. Preference will be given to students who completed Career Technical Education coursework in the following areas:</li> </ol>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Make</li> <li>• Principles of Engineering</li> <li>• Introduction to Engineering and Design</li> <li>• STEM/DES Fundamentals</li> <li>• Plant and Soil Science</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Cinco De Mayo Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> <li>2) Latino/Hispanic graduate Elsie Allen High School, Santa Rosa High School, Piner High School, or Roseland University Prep High School</li> </ol>
4.	<b>Sonoma County Department of Health Services Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines; preference for health and mental health related	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> <li>2) Students must be clients of the County of Sonoma Department of Health Services or Human Services Department.</li> <li>3) Students studying in fields related to health sciences, medicine, nursing, psychology, counseling, allied health, gerontology, nutrition sciences, health tech, dental, and related fields will have preference over students studying in other fields of interest.</li> </ol>
5.	<b>The Lawrence &amp; Dr. Susan Amaturo Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> <li>2) Transferring from Santa Rosa Junior College and admitted to either Stanford University or a University of California site for completion of a baccalaureate degree.</li> </ol>
6.	<b>The LGBT Rainbow Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> <li>2) <b>Personal essay requires addressing LGBTQ experience as well as perseverance through personal difficulty and motivation to complete college.</b></li> </ol>
7.	<b>The Mark and Eric Dolan Family Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	Science and engineering	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.</li> </ol>

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				2) Continuing science or engineering student admitted to an accredited 2-year or 4-year school.
8.	<b>The Mike and Suzy Marzalek Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	1) Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school. 2) Graduate of Roseland University Prep High School.
9.	<b>The Prchal Family Scholarship</b>	Sonoma	All disciplines	Financial need; and demonstrated perseverance and motivation to attend and complete post-secondary school.

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