

Temecula

**Dollars for
Scholars®**

Who We Are



Temecula Dollars for Scholars[®], is a non-profit educational service of Scholarship America.

- Our parent organization, Scholarship America, is the largest private sector scholarship organization in the U.S.
- Scholarship America has distributed more than 4.2 billion dollars to nearly 2.5 million students through local chapters.

Temecula Dollars for Scholars



- Established in 1987
- Formerly known as Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Temecula Valley
- “Rebranded” to align with Scholarship America’s vision
- Since 1987, our organization has given almost than \$4 million to local graduates
- Last year we helped to award over 300 scholarships totaling over \$250,000
- The Board is volunteer educators, parents and members of the community

Types of Scholarships



- **Merit Based**

- GPA
- Community Service (waived for 2021, but recommended)
- School and Community Clubs and Sports

- **Financial Need Based**

- Low income
- Unusual circumstances

Local Scholarships



- **Community scholarships**
 - Abbott Vascular, Assistance League of Temecula Valley, DeLuz Women's Club, Paradise Chevrolet, Roripaugh Family Foundation, Loma Linda University Murrieta Med Staff, Temecula Sunrise Rotary, Temecula Women's Club, Assistance League, just to name a few
- **School PTAs and PSGs and many other local organizations and individuals**
- **Scholarships range from \$250 to \$2000+**

Who Can Apply?



- Any senior who attends a high school which is governed by the TVUSD School Board
- Must have a minimum “Total weighted, cumulative GPA of 3.0 in grades 9-12 (1st Semester)”
- **AND** planning to pursue more education during the next academic year
 - 4 year university
 - 2 year community college
 - Vocational or trade school
 - Some online schools

We are a One-Stop-Shop for Cash for College



FILLING OUT A SINGLE PROFILE CAN LEAD TO *MULTIPLE* SCHOLARSHIPS

Students can be awarded more than one
scholarships through TDFS!

The same profile allows the student to apply
for scholarships through Scholarship America
now and while in college!

Student Application Process



- Students may begin their free applications now by going to temecula.dollarsforscholars.org and creating a new account
- Once basic profile information has been entered, students can begin their requests for recommendation letters (one is needed, two are encouraged)
 - teachers, staff, coaches, mentors, church leaders, employers...
- Student must complete a 300-500 word “Goals & Aspirations” essay

Student Application Process cont'd



- We encourage students to complete the “Unusual Circumstance” essay. If an ‘unusual circumstance’ doesn’t exist, the essay can be less formal...it allows the student to write about themselves in a more personal manner
- On January 1st, 2021 begin the scholarship match process
- Mid-January, request counselor to upload transcript
- February 1, 2021 Deadline - all essays, recommendation letters, and scholarship matching must be complete (counselors have until mid-March to upload transcripts)

Helpful Hints



- Complete a 'word count' for the essay
- Follow up when requesting information from someone...emails get lost
- Check scholarship matches frequently...we add new ones up until the last minute
- Be honest, be sincere, be true to oneself
- Ensure awarded scholarships are 'Accepted' by the due date
- Accepted awards must be claimed by December 31, 2021 unless otherwise communicated

There's more...

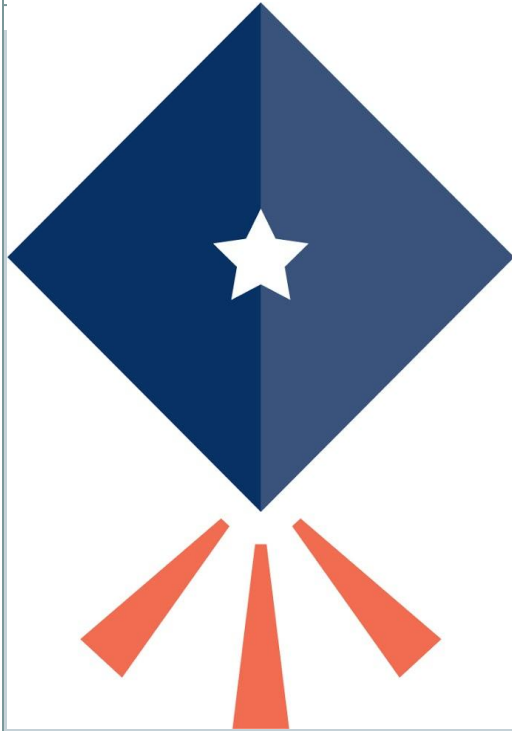


About Collegiate Partners

Learn More About This Program

- Scholarship America has become Collegiate Partners with various colleges across the country to ensure SA or DFS scholarships are applied after financial aid has been calculated.
- Matching Collegiate Partners have committed to matching (in part or total) scholarships awarded by SA or DFS as long as funds are available and according to the school's policies.

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out.



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