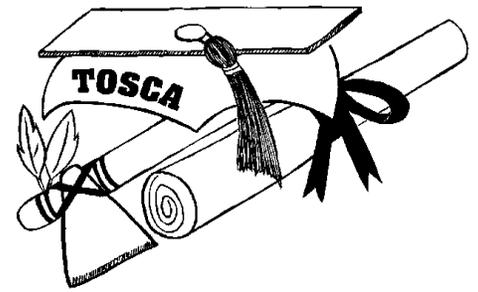


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The Orestimba Scholarship Community Association Scholarship Application General Information



Purpose

TOSCA scholarships provide opportunities for continued education through academic excellence. Individual scholarships range from \$250 to \$3,000 per academic year.

Scholarships are based on a combination of academic achievement and involvement within the community and school. Volunteer work and employment are also considered.

Scholarships Available

Scholarships are funded by private donations made to TOSCA.

The awarding of individual scholarships and the amount awarded is at the sole discretion of the TOSCA Awards Committee with the approval of the TOSCA Board of Directors.

The number of scholarships and their dollar amounts will depend on the monies available, the number of applicants, and their demonstrated achievement.

Graduate School and Credential Program awards are based on the above criteria in addition to the number of units/credits in which the applicant is enrolled.

Receipt of a TOSCA scholarship award may or may not affect other scholarship funding or state and/or federal grant funding.

Who May Apply

Any graduate from a high school in the Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District in the year of 2011 or later who plans to enroll as a full-time student in the fall of 2021 may apply. Full-time enrollment is considered to be 12 units or more for an undergraduate student. Graduate school students must be considered a full-time student as per the requirements of their school if enrolled with less than 12 units.

Students must also be accepted and/or admitted to an accredited school in the United States.

Eligibility

Graduating high school seniors applying for an academic scholarship to a four-year college (BA/BS degree) must have a GPA not less than 3.0. GPA used for awarding shall be the Un-weighted Academic GPA as verified and calculated by the student's Official Transcript.

Graduating high school seniors applying for an academic scholarship to a two-year community college, or a vocational scholarship at a vocational/technical institution or community college, must have a cumulative Un-weighted Academic GPA of 2.5 as verified and calculated by the student's Official Transcript.

College students who are freshmen at the time of application must have a cumulative GPA not less than 2.5 as stated on your college transcript.

College students in their sophomore year and higher must have a cumulative GPA not less than 2.8 as stated on your college transcript.

All college students submitting applications must have graduated from a Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District high school not more than ten years prior to the current scholarship award period.

- *Students pursuing a BA/BS degree will be eligible for a TOSCA award in no more than five school years within the overall ten year eligibility period.*
- *An additional two years of TOSCA eligibility will be available to students enrolled in graduate degree and/or credential programs, three years for law school and four years for medical school.*
- *The maximum of three years will apply to community college and vocational/technical school students.*

Application Process

Students applying for TOSCA scholarships for the academic year 2021-2022 must complete the following Scholarship Application, which consists of three pre-printed main documents: **The Verification of Completion Form, The Personal Information Form and The Student Academic Information Sheet.** These three forms must be completed in their entirety. Students may use a ball point pen, if printed neatly. The entire application, which consists of the above three main documents as well as the five supplemental documents listed below, may also be computer generated – see TOSCA website (www.toscascholarships.org) for fillable pdf file available for download.

In addition, the awards committee will review the applications on an anonymous basis. **For this reason, use ONLY your Social Security number and headings as stated on the supplemental documents, which are items 1, 2, 3, and 4 listed below. Do not use your name, address, phone, email address or make personal reference to yourself or any family members on any of these supplemental documents.**

1. **Personal Goal Statement.** A one page, single-spaced, typed or word processed document with a statement about your goals, aspirations and plans for the future. **Heading must read: PERSONAL GOAL STATEMENT**
2. **Resume'.** A resume' which includes accomplishments as well as a detailed listing of school activities (including athletics), awards, community/church involvement, club and service activities and, if applicable, employment/work experience. **Heading must read: RESUME'.**
3. **Decision Point.** (For high school students only.) Write a brief explanation to the TOSCA Scholarship Awarding Committee, not to exceed one page, single-spaced and typed or word processed, about an event, person, school activity, life experience or community/church involvement that helped you decide to pursue your course of study, prospective career or vocation. **Heading must read: DECISION POINT ESSAY.**

4. **Essay Challenge.** (For college students only.) Write a brief essay to the TOSCA Scholarship Awarding Committee, not to exceed one page, single-spaced and typed or word processed, using the following topic: **What are the most important issues your field of study is facing today? Heading must read: ESSAY CHALLENGE.**
5. **Academic Transcripts.** An official copy (embossed, sealed or certified) of the student's academic transcript from all applicable institutions must be submitted. **If applying for graduate or credential program studies, please include your undergraduate transcript(s). This document may contain the student's name and school identification number. Do not alter the official transcript in any way. Request your transcript in a timely manner as this process could take several days/weeks.**

Please be as specific and thorough as possible when completing the application forms.

IF ALL ITEMS REQUIRED FOR YOUR SCHOLARSHIP PACKET ARE NOT INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION PACKET, YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY SCHOLARSHIPS. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

What Happens After You Apply

- The TOSCA office forwards all scholarship applications to the Awards Selection Committee for its consideration.

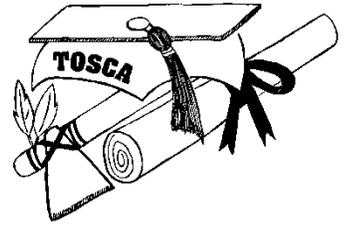
- Recipients of scholarship awards will be notified as soon as possible after April 30, 2021.
- Recipients will be invited to attend the TOSCA Awards Banquet to be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. All scholarship winners will be the guests of TOSCA at the banquet. If you are unable to attend the banquet, you **MUST** have a representative present to accept your award.
- To receive scholarship payments as awarded, a student must be enrolled in a post-secondary program, be in attendance for the fall semester and be considered a full-time student as previously outlined. Failure to do so will result in a loss of the awarded scholarship. **All scholarship award monies will be paid directly to the school of attendance, not to individuals.** For scholarships of \$500 or more, the payments will be made in two equal increments at the beginning of the first and second semesters. Certain restrictions could apply should a student change course of study and/or category of school. All students will be required to abide by the TOSCA Scholarship Payment Guidelines, which were adopted February 12, 1996.

For further information concerning the application process, please call Susan Mattos at (209) 243-8118, email info@toscascholarships.org or visit our website at www.toscascholarships.org



Application Deadline

Complete scholarship application packets (including all supporting documents and transcripts) must be postmarked by an official postal service office (not school store or mail house) no later than **March 31, 2021** to be considered for a scholarship award. **Scholarship packets must be mailed to TOSCA, P. O. Box 18, Newman, CA 95360. ADDITIONAL POSTAGE WILL APPLY AND POSTAL TRACKING IS RECOMMENDED.** You will be notified by mail if your application is **NOT** accepted for judging.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION FORM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Note: This VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION FORM, which must be signed, also serves as a “checklist” to confirm that the three main application forms and all other supplemental documentation (items 1 thru 5 below) are attached and conform to TOSCA guideline and requirements for submission.

The Scholarship Awards Committee will review the applications on an anonymous basis. For this reason, item 1-Personal Goal Statement, item 2-Resume, item 3-Decision Point Essay and item 4-Essay Challenge components must only include the applicant’s social security number and document heading as described below. Do not use your name, address, phone, email address or make personal references to yourself or any family members on any of these supplemental documents.

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING and SUBMIT THESE PAGES WITH PACKET:

- The Verification of Completion Form.** (This document) Must be signed, dated, used as a checklist and submitted with your packet.
- Personal Information Form.** Must be completed and submitted with your packet.
- Academic Information Sheet.** Must be completed and submitted with your packet.
- Item 1 – PERSONAL GOAL STATEMENT.** A one page, single-spaced, document with a statement about your goals, aspirations, and plans for the future. Heading must read **PERSONAL GOAL STATEMENT** and **list your social security number.**
- Item 2 – RESUME’.** A resume’ of accomplishments, school activities (including athletics), awards, community/church involvement, club and service activities, and, if applicable, employment/work experience. Heading must read **RESUME’** and **list your social security number.**
- Item 3 – DECISION POINT ESSAY.** A brief essay, not to exceed one page, single spaced, and typed or word processed, about an event, person, school activity, life experience, or community/church involvement that helped you decide to pursue your course of study, career or vocation. Heading must read **DECISION POINT ESSAY** and **list your social security number. (For graduating high school senior students only.)**
- Item 4 –ESSAY CHALLENGE.** An essay, not to exceed one page, single spaced, and typed or word processed, on the following topic: ***What are the most important issues your field of study is facing today?*** Heading must read **ESSAY CHALLENGE** and **list your social security number. (For college students only.)**
- Item 5 – TRANSCRIPTS.** Official academic transcripts (**embossed, sealed or certified**).

**ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED VIA POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE
AS ONE PACKET TO BE CONSIDERED FOR JUDGING OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.**

There will be no exceptions

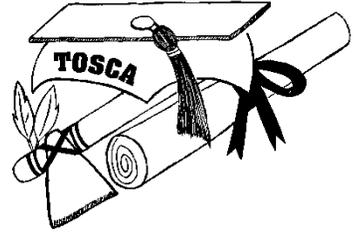
I certify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate. I give “The Orestimba Scholarship Community Association” (TOSCA) permission to release this information to the TOSCA Scholarship Awards Committee and to any subcommittees formed by the Scholarship Awards Committee that are deemed necessary.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by TOSCA concerning awarding and payment of scholarships as set forth by their TOSCA Scholarship Payment Guidelines, adopted February 12, 1996. I understand that should I not enroll as a full-time student I will forfeit my scholarship. I also understand that certain restrictions could apply should I change my course of study and/or type of school and my scholarship payment may be reduced. I understand that receipt of a TOSCA scholarship award may or may not affect other scholarship funding or state and/or federal grant funding.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

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The Orestimba Scholarship Community Association
P. O. Box 18, Newman, CA 95360



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:
MARCH 31, 2021

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Social Security Number

Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.

Check one of the above

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Permanent Mailing Address (Street or POB)

City

ZIP

Parent's Names

Home Phone #

Applicant's Cell Phone #

E-mail Address

PLEASE NOTE: It is your (the student's) responsibility to inform TOSCA of any changes to contact information

College Major/Certificate Program/Credential

Concentration

College/Institute I am planning to attend this fall

**DO NOT COMPLETE
FOR TOSCA APPLICATION COMMITTEE USAGE ONLY**

VERIFIED GPA: _____

Grad Year: _____

CLASSIFICATION:

OHS Graduating Senior: 2 yr. 4 yr.

Post-Graduate: 2 yr. 4 yr. Grad

