Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley

2026 Scholarship Application for Current College Students

The Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley is presently welcoming applications for our annual scholarship awards. We offer monetary scholarships to previous Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club scholarship winners for college students currently enrolled in college as well as students pursuing degrees in the medical field (Dr. Frank "Doc" Pedersen Medical Scholarship).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club Scholarship

The Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club offers monetary scholarships to incoming college freshmen for Community Service, Academic Improvement and Vocational pursuits. The Club is welcoming scholarship applications for students that have previously been awarded a scholarship from the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club.

☐ I am a previous Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club Scholarship Winner.
Years awarded a Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club Scholarship: _____

Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club Dr. Frank "Doc" Pedersen Medical Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Dr. Frank "Doc" Pedersen. Doc was a long time/charter member of the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club. He practiced family medicine in the Valley and was instrumental in bringing the polio vaccines here during the outbreak in the 1950's. Students must be currently enrolled in a certificate, bachelors or advanced degree in a health services related field.

☐ I am applying for the Dr. Frank "Doc" Pedersen Medical Scholarship.
☐ I have been awarded the "Doc" Pedersen Scholarship in previous years. Year(s) awarded: _____

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for any of these scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be currently attending college and also in the fall of the current year.
2. Applicants are a Santa Ynez Valley resident and/or have attended a high school in the Santa Ynez Valley for at least two years.

APPLICATIONS

A complete application includes:

1. Scholarship application form.
2. Essay updating the Scholarship Committee on your academic pursuits (min. 200 words). *Please note that your application will be rejected if you have used artificial intelligence to generate your essay.*
3. A copy of your college transcript to date.

DEADLINES

6 March 2026: All applications must be postmarked by this date.

6 April 2026: All final scholarship candidate interviews by the scholarship committee will be completed. This can be done in person, on the phone/Zoom or by email.

17 April 2026: Final decisions for scholarship awardees will be made.

Prior to Fall 2026: Scholarship awardees must attend a Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club meeting prior to the fall semester, show proof of enrollment and then will receive their scholarship money. Checks will be written directly to the educational institution.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

☐ First generation college student? (optional)

POST SECONDARY PLANS

I am attending (college/university):_____

Student ID Number:_____
Major:_____

I have completed ____ years of advanced study.

Expected Graduation Date:_____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Examples are sports, student government, clubs, church, community service, employment, interests and hobbies. Please include college activities if applicable.

College Activities	Gr Fresh+	Honors/Awards/Leadership	Gr Fresh+

Community Service/ExtraCurricular	Gr Fresh+	Hrs/Week

Work Experience	Gr Fresh+	Hrs/Week

By signing below, I certify that the above information is correct.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by March 6th, 2026.

Please do not forget your supporting paperwork.

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