



# 2026 Caritas Scholarship Application

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Caritas College Scholarship. Since beginning this program in 2012, Caritas has awarded 133 residents over \$235,675 in scholarships. Our scholarships grant qualifying Caritas residents up to \$1500 to further their postsecondary education and get them one step closer to achieving their academic dreams.

Criteria for selection will be based, in part, on an applicant's financial need, academic achievement, service to the community, and school activities.

Furthermore, the number and amount of scholarships awarded will depend on funding, and all funding will be paid directly to the college.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, you must:

- ✓ Currently reside in a Caritas-owned community.
- ✓ Be a student between 17 to 25 years of age.
- ✓ Be enrolled in an accredited trade or technical school, community college, college, or university.
- ✓ Complete and submit this scholarship application by the deadline of **WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026, BY 5:00PM PST.**
- ✓ Note: Previous Caritas Scholarship recipients are invited to apply but must comply with current criteria.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

If you meet the eligibility requirements above and would like to apply for a Caritas scholarship, follow these instructions:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.caritascorp.org/scholarships> and download an application. You can also ask for one from your community office or check your community newsletter.
2. Complete **ALL** questions in the application. If handwriting, print clearly and legibly.
3. Submit your completed application and all required documents. To submit by email, send to [samantha@caritascorp.org](mailto:samantha@caritascorp.org). To submit by mail, send to:  
Caritas  
ATTN: Scholarship Program  
3 Park Plaza, Suite 1700  
Irvine, CA 92614

If you are mailing your application, the envelope must be postmarked no later than the due date above.

4. **Applications that are incomplete, inaccurate, or not signed will be disqualified.**
5. Announcements will be made in August 2026.

For questions, contact Caritas at 949-727-0568.

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Before filling out this application, review the eligibility criteria listed on the cover page. When filling out the application, follow the instructions, type or print legibly, and complete ALL the questions.

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Applicant First & Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you reside in a Caritas community?**  Yes  No **Which community?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

### HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

**High School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List awards or special recognitions you have received in high school.** (Example: Honor Roll, 2022-2023)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**List your high school activities.** (Example: clubs, sports, theatre & arts)

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### POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

**What school are you currently enrolled in?**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**List all other colleges or trade schools you have attended in chronological order** (oldest to most current).

**1. School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended (From - To): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study (Major): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended (From - To): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field of Study (Major): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended (From - To): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field of Study (Major): \_\_\_\_\_

**List awards, scholarships, publications, or special recognitions you have received in college.**

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**List your college activities.** (Example: clubs, sports, theatre & arts)

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**Explain which activity is most significant to you.**

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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**List any of your current community activities.** (Example: volunteering, professional groups)

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**If applicable, list any professional experience** (part-time or full-time jobs, internships, work-study, etc.).

	Employer / Company	Your Title	Dates Employed
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3			
4			
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please tell us about your motivation to further your education.

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Will you or are you receiving any other forms of financial support for your education?

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**PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ONLY:** What kind of impact did the scholarship you received from Caritas have on you and your post-secondary education and goals?

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## ESSAY QUESTION

Write a typed essay (at least 700 words) on the following:

*If you could swap your life with someone, who would it be and why?*

We use a rubric to assess your essay. To view it, go to <https://www.caritascorp.org/scholarships>.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

### IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ:

- ! Submit **ALL** the documents below with your application.
- ! No partial documents. You must scan or print the entire document.
- ! Submit documents as originals, paper copies, images, or PDF files.
- ! Documents from a college or educational institution must show the college/school name, your full name, and student ID number.
- ! Admission letters will not be acknowledged as proof of enrollment. They do not confirm that you are enrolled in a college/university.
- ! **If there are any missing or incorrect documents, your application will be considered incomplete.**

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- A typed and final essay** based on the question above
- A copy of your most recent academic transcript** –
  - a. A high school/GED transcript OR
  - b. An official college transcript (if you have completed college courses)
- A copy of your college tuition bill and if applicable, financial aid for Fall 2026**  
If you do not have a tuition bill, submit an estimated cost of attendance from your school.
- Proof of enrollment.** You must submit **ONE** of the following –
  - a. A scanned copy of your student ID card that clearly states you are enrolled during Fall 2026, OR
  - b. An official or unofficial transcript showing the courses you are enrolled in for Fall 2026, OR
  - c. An official letter or certificate from your college admissions or registrar’s office that states you are enrolled for Fall 2026.

## APPLICATION AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

By signing below, I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print applicant name), declare that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. In addition, I understand that my scholarship application may be denied or withdrawn if it is incomplete or if any information reported on this application is found to be intentionally misleading, inaccurate, or fraudulent.

I further affirm that I intend to enter an accredited school of higher or continued education, and that the funds, if awarded, will be strictly used for that purpose, and will be sent directly to the school.

I understand that recipients will be determined by the Scholarship Committee and their decisions are final and binding.

In addition, I hereby authorize The Caritas Foundation to use any information contained in this application for the purpose of promoting and publishing the Caritas Scholarship Program, The Caritas Corporation, or as legally required or permitted by law.

### Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name (print):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:** *Required if applicant is under the age of 18*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Before submitting your application,  
check that you have **completed all questions** in this application and **included all required documents.**

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