



2022 Caritas College Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Caritas College Scholarship. Since beginning this program in 2012, Caritas has awarded 87 residents over \$118,000 in scholarships. Our College Scholarships grant qualifying Caritas residents up to \$1500 to further their 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 between 17 to 25 years of age at the time of applying.
- ✓ Be college bound to an accredited vocational school, junior college, or four-year university.
- ✓ Complete and submit this scholarship application by the deadline of **FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022, 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. Complete **ALL** questions in the application. If handwriting, print clearly and legibly.
2. Submit your completed application via email to samantha@caritascorp.org or mail to:

Caritas
ATTN: Scholarship Program
3 Park Plaza, Suite 1700
Irvine, CA 92614

All mailed applications must be postmarked no later than the due date above. When submitted, the application and all required documents must be included.

3. **Applications that are incomplete, inaccurate, or not signed will be disqualified.**
4. Announcements will be made in August 2022.

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

Caritas College Scholarship Application

Before filling out this application, review the eligibility criteria listed on the cover page or on our website at www.caritascorp.org/caritas-programs. When filling out the application, follow instructions, type or print legibly and **complete ALL the questions. Applications are due FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022, BY 5:00PM PST.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Full Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

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

Contact Information

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ **Other Phone:** _____

Email: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

For High School Graduates / First-time College Students Only

If you earned a high school diploma/GED certificate and have not attended college, please fill out this section.

(If you started college, go to the next section titled 'For Current Postsecondary / College Students'.)

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

High School Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

List awards or special recognitions you have received in high school. (Example: Honor Roll, 2020-2021)

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

Explain which activity is most significant to you.

COLLEGE EDUCATION

Name of College you will be attending: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Intended Major: _____ **Student ID Number:** _____



For Current Postsecondary / College Students Only

If you started college or are in a postsecondary education program, please fill out this section.

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

High School Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

COLLEGE EDUCATION

List all the colleges or universities you have attended in chronological order (oldest to most current).

1. College Name: _____

I am currently attending this college. Yes No Years Attended: From _____ To _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Intended Field of Study (Major): _____

Intended Minors: _____

Student ID Number: _____ GPA: _____

2. College Name: _____

I am currently attending this college. Yes No Years Attended: From _____ To _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Intended Field of Study (Major): _____

Intended Minors: _____

Student ID Number: _____ GPA: _____

3. College Name: _____

I am currently attending this college. Yes No Years Attended: From _____ To _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Intended Field of Study (Major): _____

Intended Minors: _____

Student ID Number: _____ GPA: _____

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

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

Explain which activity is most significant to you.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

List any personal achievements.

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

	Employer / Company	Your Title	Dates Employed
1			
2			
3			

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please tell us about your motivation to go to college or to pursue your current program or degree.

Explain any special circumstances that the committee should consider when evaluating your application.

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?

REFERENCES

Include two professional or academic references that the Scholarship Committee can contact to learn more about you. Provide both their phone and email information. Information shared between the Committee and your References will remain confidential.

Professional or Academic Reference #1

Full Name: _____
Title: _____ Company: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Professional or Academic Reference #2

Full Name: _____
Title: _____ Company: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

ESSAY QUESTION

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

“Describe your picture of a fulfilled life?”

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Submit **ALL** these documents with your application.

If there are any missing or incorrect documents, your application will be considered incomplete.

- 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 for Fall 2022**
- 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 2022, OR
 - b. An official or unofficial transcript showing the courses you are enrolled in for Fall 2022, OR
 - c. An official letter or certificate from your college admissions or registrar’s office that states you are enrolled for Fall 2022.

IMPORTANT:

- Submit documents as originals, paper copies, or PDF files. Avoid using screen shots or partial scans.
- Documents from a college institution must show the college/university name, your name, and student ID number.
- Acceptance letters will not be acknowledged as proof of enrollment. They do not confirm that you are enrolled in a college/university.

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 education, and that the funds, if awarded, will be strictly used for that purpose, and will be sent direct 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

REMINDER

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

You can submit your application two ways:

1. Submit your application via email to samantha@caritascorp.org with scanned copies of all required documents, or
2. Mail it to: Caritas
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