

The Napa Valley Community Foundation Committed Scholarship benefits one graduating senior who attends a high school in Napa County, is the first person in their family to attend college, and who grew up in a household where English was not the first language spoken. Applicants must have a strong academic record coupled with demonstrated leadership qualities, extra-curricular activities, and heavy involvement in the community. They must also have a desire and a plan to return to the Napa Valley area to give back to the community after graduation. Recipients must attend a four-year college/university and will receive funding for up to four years of undergraduate study.

**Award Amount:** up to \$10,000 per year and renewable for up to four years. Scholarship award amount will be based upon overall financial aid already received and any remaining funding gaps.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 7, 2022**

#### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- Graduating high school seniors who attend a high school in Napa County
- Candidates must:
  - be in good academic standing
  - have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.6
  - be planning to attend an accredited four-year college/university pursuing undergraduate studies
  - demonstrate financial need
  - demonstrate leadership, be involved in the community, and have extracurricular activities
  - be a first-generation college student (i.e. neither parent/guardian has obtained a Bachelor's Degree)

#### HOW TO APPLY

Complete an online application and upload required documents (outlined in the requirements below) at <https://napavalleycf.awardspring.com/>

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed online application
- 500 word essay: "Please describe a need that you see in the Napa Valley community which you would like to address when you have finished your education and why you would feel compelled to return to address that need."
- List the community service activities in which you have been involved, the number of hours per week you devoted to these activities and the roles and responsibilities you performed.
- List your employment history (Including family obligations like taking care of younger siblings), and tell us the name of your employer, dates of employment, how many hours per week you work and your job title or duties.
- Please list your top high school-related and community-based activities, including the name of the activity, the honors/positions/responsibilities held, the dates you were involved and how many hours per week you participated.
- A copy of your unofficial transcript
- A copy of the page from your FAFSA Student Aid Report or California Dream Act Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)- *if applicable*
- Two letters of recommendation: one academic letter from a teacher, counselor, or administrator, and a second letter from a coach, mentor or employer

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact Ellen Drayton or Lupe Hernandez, at (707) 254-9565 or [scholarships@napavalleycf.org](mailto:scholarships@napavalleycf.org).