

The [Dr. Rick Bachman Memorial Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Fund](#) is made possible by Napa Humane and benefits current or former residents of Napa County, Solano County, or Lake County. This scholarship is geared towards veterinary students who are committed to practicing companion animal veterinary medicine and plan to give back to their community after graduation. Recipients must attend an accredited veterinary college or veterinary technology program and will receive funding for up to two years while working to complete their degree.

Applications are accepted year-round; however, priority will be given to those submitted at least 60 days before the end of the applicant's current academic term, and funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$10,000 per year for up to two years

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

1. Current Napa County, Solano County, or Lake County residents who will be attending a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) program at an AVMA accredited program during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Former Napa County, Solano County, or Lake County residents who will be in their 3rd or 4th year of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program during the 2025-2026 academic year. Former residents must have graduated from a High School in Napa County, Solano County, or Lake County. Preference given to applicants currently enrolled at University of California, Davis.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate commitment to practicing companion animal veterinary medicine in a shelter medicine practice at a nonprofit, community, or humane society after they complete their program/degree
- Be in good standing with the school attended most recently, and have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least a 2.0 with that institution or have received a California High School Equivalency Certificate by passing the General Educational Development Test (GED)
- Preference given to bilingual and bicultural Spanish/English speakers

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- ☐ Three short essays (no more than 250 words) in response to the following questions:
 1. Why have you chosen to pursue a career in veterinary practice? What is your experience in the field of veterinary medicine and or with small animals (jobs, internships, volunteer work etc.)?
 2. What impact do you aspire to make as a vet tech or veterinarian? Provide us with specific examples of your dedication to this field.
 3. What does your community mean to you? What are your plans to remain in or return to Napa County, Solano County, or Lake County after you complete your studies?
- ☐ A copy of your current or most recent unofficial transcripts or a GED Certificate
- ☐ Proof of residency in Napa County, Solano County, or Lake County
- ☐ A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA or California Dream Act showing your Student Aid Index (SAI)- *if applicable*

HOW TO APPLY

Complete an online application at <https://goapply2.akoyago.com/nvcfscholarships>

QUESTIONS?

Contact Lupe Reyes at (707) 254-9565 or scholarships@napavalleycf.org