

The [Fruit of the Vine Scholarship](#) benefits graduating Napa County high school seniors and Napa Valley College transfer students who will find the cost of higher education a financial hardship. Consideration is given to applicants who are the first in their family to attend college or are employed (or have a parent or guardian who is employed) in the Napa County wine or grape industry. Recipients of the scholarship will receive funding for up to four years of undergraduate study.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000-\$4,000 a year

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 2, 2026**

**WHO'S ELIGIBLE?**

1. Napa County graduating high school seniors who will be attending an accredited, non-profit, four-year college/university pursuing undergraduate study in any field during the 2026-2027 academic year. Preference given to applicants planning to attend a California public university (UC or CSU).
2. Napa Valley College students who will be transferring in fall 2026 to an accredited, non-profit, four-year college/university pursuing undergraduate study in any field. Preference given to applicants planning to attend a California public university.
3. Napa County High School Seniors who will be attending Napa Valley College or Santa Rosa Junior College with the goal of transferring to a four-year college/university in fall 2028.

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST:**

- be in good academic standing
- have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0

**CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO:**

- candidates who are first generation college students (i.e. neither parent has obtained a Bachelor's Degree)
- candidates who are employed (or have a parent or guardian who is employed) in the Napa County wine or grape industry
- candidate's financial need
- candidate's community involvement

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- ☐ Completed online application form
- ☐ 500-word essay in response to the question "Why would you like to attend college? Discuss your career and academic goals. Are there any particular circumstances, school experiences, or persons that influenced your preparation or motivation to attend college (e.g., cultural/financial background, first in your family to attend college, teachers, schools you attended)? Also, think about where you come from and what your community means to you. How do you plan to help your community after you have finished your education? Please explain."
- ☐ 250 words describing your community service activities and work experience
- ☐ A copy of your unofficial transcript
- ☐ One academic letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator
- ☐ A copy of the page from your FAFSA Student Aid Report or California Dream Act Student Aid Report showing your Student Aid Index (SAI)- *if applicable*

**HOW TO APPLY**

Complete an online application at <https://napavalleycf.awardspring.com/>

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact Lupe Reyes or Ruth Ortiz, at (707) 254-9565 or [scholarships@napavalleycf.org](mailto:scholarships@napavalleycf.org)