Napa Valley Community FOUNDATION

EDWARD W. SOLOMON SCHOLARSHIP
2027 Guidelines

The Edward W. Solomon Scholarship is offered by CalRTA Napa Valley and administered by Napa Valley Community Foundation. It is awarded in memory of Dr. Edward W. Solomon. The Solomon Scholarship supports current Napa County teachers/educators who are continuing their education. Previous recipients of the scholarship are eligible to reapply.

Award Amount: $1,500 to $2,500 per year

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 3, 2027

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- Current Napa County teachers and educators
  - Applicant must have a California teaching credential or certificate
  - Applicant must have a current teaching contract in Napa County with a public or private school
- All applicants must be planning to enroll in education coursework at the university level

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Through an online application and an interview, candidates will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Timely and full completion of the written application.
2. Strong rationale for requesting the scholarship (in cover letter).
3. Long-range goals and timeline for their achievement (in cover letter).
4. Potential for the funds being used to maximize educational benefit to the students and staff of Napa Valley schools (in cover letter).
5. Your perspective on the current field of education, including its challenges.
6. Effective personal and communication skills, both written (in cover letter) and oral (during interview).

In addition, applicants must demonstrate the potential for academic success by having been accepted in an upcoming college or university upper division or graduate level education program or course. Community college courses are acceptable only for current teachers who want/need to supplement their credential authorizations, and if the community college course is acceptable to the CTC Credentialing Office.

***Please Note**: Awarded scholarships must be used between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2028 and may not be used to reimburse the recipient for tuition or fees already paid.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:

- Candidates whose applications successfully pass through the preliminary screening will be invited to an interview via Zoom to be held on **April 14, 2027.** Please indicate a time preference from among the choices on the application.
- Scholarship awardees are invited on **May 18, 2027** to the luncheon of the Napa Valley Retired Teachers Association. The luncheon meeting is held at the Elk's Club in Napa.

HOW TO APPLY

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

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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