Napa Valley Community FOUNDATION

JOHN SENSENBAUGH SCHOLARSHIP
2027 Guidelines

The John Sensenbaugh Scholarship benefits Napa County high school seniors that are graduating, and who have worked hard to overcome academic challenges. Applicants must be planning to attend a two- or four-year college program in general education. Although not a requirement, applications are strongly encouraged from students who have learning disabilities and/or attend a continuation high school in Napa County. Recipients of the scholarship will receive funding for up to two years while working to complete their undergraduate degree. Previous recipients of the scholarship are also eligible in subsequent years.

AWARD AMOUNT: $2,500 per year for up to 2 years ($5,000 total)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 3, 2027

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- Napa County high school seniors who are graduating, who have worked hard to overcome academic challenges, and will attend a two- or four-year college program in general education.
- Although not a requirement, applications are strongly encouraged from students who:
  - have learning disabilities
  - attended a continuation high school in Napa County
- Previous recipients of the scholarship.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

☐ Complete an online application
☐ Current transcript showing credits and grades

If you are a High School Senior:

☐ **Four short essays** (no more than 250 words) in response to the following questions:
1. What are the challenges you have faced?
2. How did your challenges affect you academically? Tell us about the effect on your grades or classroom performance. How will your challenges continue to affect your college work and pursuit of your goals?
3. What did you do to improve your academics and overcome your challenges? Please include any classes or programs that have helped you, for example, AVID or special education.
4. What do you hope to do with your college education?

☐ **Letter of support** from a teacher, counselor, or administrator focusing on how you overcame academic challenges to attend college and your career goals.

If you are a previous recipient of the scholarship:

☐ **One short essay** (no more than 500 words) in response to this question: "Please describe any changes in your career or academic goals and the progress you have made toward these goals."
☐ **Letter of support** from a member of the college faculty or staff focusing on how you are overcoming academic challenges in college and your career goals

Please Note: Awarded High School Seniors must attend their High School Award Ceremony to accept their scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY

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

QUESTIONS?

Contact Lupe Reyes or Ruth Ortiz at (707) 254-9565 or scholarshipsteam@napavalleycf.org