



<b>2024 Mel Ashcraft Scholarship Application</b>
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## **General Information**

### **The Award**

Three (3) Kiwanis Mel Ashcraft Scholarships will be awarded to three (3) graduating students from Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Westlake, Oak Park, Agoura or Century Academy High Schools who intend to pursue a field of study in a math or sciences related subject. Each awardee will receive a one-year scholarship of \$2,000.

### **Use of Scholarship**

The scholarships are to be used for the recipient's tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses to further their academic or career education in a math or science related field.

### **Application**

Application form is included here in this packet and is also available at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Website at [www.tokiwanis.org](http://www.tokiwanis.org) or at your school's college/career center. Completed application and supporting documents must be received via email or ground mail no later than 5 PM on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

1. This scholarship is open to:
  - a. Students who wish to attend a trade, technical, or specialized school to study in the fields of math or science.
  - b. Students who wish to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree in a math or science-based subject.
  - c. Students who wish to pursue an Associate Degree in a math or science-based subject.
  
2. The student, in the personal essay, must have shown a commitment to pursuing a career in a math or science related field.

### **Eligibility**

Graduating high school students having a minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in math and science related subjects.



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**Selection**

The final decision of awards will be made by the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Scholarship Committee. Selection will be made primarily on the basis of commitment to a math or science related field, answers to application questions, personal essay and letter(s) of recommendation. Financial need will also be considered, if appropriate.

**Presentation of Award**

Recipients will be notified by email. They will be honored and presented their award (a check made out to the student) at a regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks in May, 2024. Recipients will also be recognized at their school's award night.

For questions about this application or its status, please contact the scholarship committee at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks via email at [scholarship@tokiwanis.org](mailto:scholarship@tokiwanis.org).

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO:**

Email or mail Application Packet with Recommendation Letter and other required documentation to: **[scholarship@tokiwanis.org](mailto:scholarship@tokiwanis.org)**

OR: Must be received by April 1st, 2024 at the following address:

Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1791  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91358



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**APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM**

Name (First, Middle, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe further training or education plans for next school year:

By signing this document, you confirm the accuracy of your completed form. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be disqualified from this award.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Submit With Application**

- Personal Essay
  - What math or science related field do you intend to pursue?
  - Describe your motivation to pursue your math or science related field, including people who influenced you and what you want to achieve.
  - How do you plan to accomplish your goal?
  - Describe your involvement and time spent with community service projects and events.
  - Statement of financial need, if appropriate.
  - Statement of intent to attend a community college or university, if admitted and known by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Anything else you'd like to share about yourself.
  
- Letter of recommendation from a math or science faculty member, counselor or staff at your school.
  
- Transcripts showing minimum 3.5 GPA in math and science related subjects. **Copy of official transcript is preferred.**



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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
KIWANIS CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS  
MEL ASHCRAFT SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear Teacher/Counselor/Staff,

This student, \_\_\_\_\_, is applying for a Kiwanis Mel Ashcraft Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. It will be awarded to graduating students who intend to pursue higher education in a math and/or science related field. The award is based on passion for a particular math/science related field, GPA, a letter of recommendation and a personal essay.

What can you share with us about this student's desire, performance, and personality traits? What special math or science related projects have they completed? How long have you known this student and in what capacity? Financial need will also be considered. Please advise if appropriate for this student.

Please use the student's name in title of email and send your letter to: [scholarship@tokiwanis.org](mailto:scholarship@tokiwanis.org); OR place your letter in a **sealed** envelope before giving it to the student applicant. Include your name and position. Send the email or return the sealed envelope to the applicant before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to complete the application process. If mailed, please send it to: **Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1791, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358**

Thank you for your time and your assistance in this process.

Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Scholarship Committee