

Central California Caribbean Association College Scholarship

BACKGROUND:

The Central California Caribbean Association (CCCA) promotes the on-going interaction and the continuity of Caribbean cultures amongst the diaspora in the Central Valley of California. CCCA seeks to advise, support, counsel, and assist students of Caribbean descent in their academic and social integration into Caribbean history and acknowledge the efforts of college students of Caribbean descent to further the advancement of the community.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be of Caribbean descent and reside in the Central San Joaquin valley (Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, or Stanislaus counties)

OR

Applicants must be a member of a household that has been a member of the Central California Caribbean Association for a minimum of three years.

2. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of **2.5**
3. Applicants must present enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university in the fall semester upon receipt of scholarship.
4. Applicants may not be past recipients of a CCCA Scholarship.
5. Priority will be given to applicants who are not the recipient of other grants that cover 100% of college expenses.

AWARDS:

Two students will receive a \$500 scholarship to be awarded to cover college expenses. Applicants will be notified by May 22, 2026.

The winners will be acknowledged at the CCCA Cultural Faire and Picnic.

DEADLINE:

Email or postmark date of no later than Thursday April 30, 2026

TO APPLY:

Email application to: cccafresno@gmail.com

or via USPS to: CCCA, PO Box 3724, Fresno, CA 93650

Questions about applying for CCCA scholarships should be directed to Karen Gillian, CCCA Secretary at simmonsgillian@mail.csufresno.edu by Friday, April 17, 2026

CCCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Completed application forms must have an email or postmark date no later than
Thursday, April 30, 2026

- The scholarship selection committee will evaluate applicants based on the quality of the essay and community service activities.
- The essay should be a maximum of 500 words in length.
- Essays are judged on writing quality and content. Essays will be checked for AI generated content.
- Community service may include activities during the summer and / or school year. Activities may include school-based service or activities outside of school. The depth of commitment will be considered, not just the number of activities.
- The application packet must include the following:

1. Essay – Choose one topic:

Tell us about your Caribbean roots. This may be about your family and place of Caribbean origin.

or

Select a public figure of Caribbean descent and explain how his or her contributions might impact your life.

2. A copy of your high school transcript.
3. A copy of your college acceptance letter.
4. Completed application form.

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SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

Email application to: cccafresno@gmail.com Attention: Scholarship Committee
or via USPS to CCCA, PO Box 3724, Fresno, CA 93650

NOTE: Applications must be sent via email or postmarked by Thursday, April 30, 2026
Do not send applications via a mail service that requires a signature.

CCCA 2026 Scholarship Application

Application No. _____

(assigned by Selection Committee)

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Name of Organization	Dates Worked Mo. & Yr.		Responsibilities
	From	To	

CO-CURRICULAR (e.g. BAND, DEBATE, SPORTS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT, THEATER)

Activity	Role or Office / Instrument or Position on Team	Dates Worked Mo. & Yr.		Explain if participation was part of course or outside of class time
		From	To	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer	Supervisor	Dates Worked Mo. & Yr		Hrs worked	Responsibilities
		From	To		

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