



**2026 Gwen Wagner Huffer
Memorial Healthcare Scholarship
Application**

General Information

The Award

The Gwen Wagner Huffer Memorial Healthcare Scholarship will be awarded to two female graduating students from Thousand Oaks High School who intend to pursue a career in the healthcare field, starting in the fall of 2026. Two one-year scholarship awards of \$1,000 each will be given.

Use of Scholarship

This scholarship shall be used for the recipient's tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses to further their academic career in a healthcare related field.

Application

Application form is included here in this packet and also available at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks website at www.tokiwanis.org and at the school's college/career counseling center.. Completed application and supporting documents must be received via email or ground mail no later than 5 PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Eligibility

1. Female students who plan to attend college/postsecondary education in a health care related field and who have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. The student must have demonstrated a commitment to pursue a career in healthcare.
3. The student must have demonstrated a commitment to community service.
4. Only complete applications received or postmarked prior to 5 PM on April 1, 2025 are eligible.

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 a passion for healthcare and involvement in community service. Preference will be given to students attending local community colleges or public universities (while living at home or locally).



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Presentation of Award

Recipients will be notified by email and will be presented their award 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 awards night.

Applicant Responsibility Check-off

- Letter of Recommendation received by Committee with application.
- Ensure scholarship application form is complete.
- Provide the GPA and Personal Essay.
- Email or mail the completed application packet with Letter(s) of Recommendation and any required documentation to: scholarship@tokiwanis.org. OR: ground mail completed packet which must be received on or before April 1, 2026 to:

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

For questions about this application or its status, please contact a scholarship committee person at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks via email at scholarship@tokiwanis.org.



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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 _____

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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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
KIWANIS CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS
GWEN WAGNER HUFFER MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear Teacher/Counselor/Staff,

This student, _____, is applying for a Kiwanis Gwen Wagner Huffer Memorial Healthcare Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. It will be awarded to a graduating student who intends to pursue an education in the healthcare field. The award is based on a student's passion for a particular healthcare related field, GPA, a faculty member's recommendation and a personal essay.

What can you share with us about this student's desire, performance, and personality traits? What special healthcare related projects has he/she participated in or 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 student name in title of email and send your letter to: scholarship@tokiwanis.org; OR place your letter in a **sealed** envelope before giving to student applicant. Include your name and position. Send the email or Return the sealed envelope to the applicant by April 1, 2025 so the application can be completed. 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



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Cumulative Grade Point Average and Personal Essay

Name: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (Please attach certified transcript or copy of transcript)

CGPA _____ Date _____

Personal Essay

Please write a short personal essay and cover each of the topics below. Please keep the essay to a single page, if possible, and attach it to the application. What are your plans for further education as soon as you graduate?

1. "Why I Wish to Pursue a Career in Healthcare"
2. Describe your involvement and time spent with community service projects and events.
3. If there is a family financial need, please elaborate on that if appropriate.
4. Describe your motivation to pursue your healthcare related field, including people who influenced you.
5. Anything else you think is pertinent.

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Gwen Wagner Huffer. Gwen Wagner Huffer earned her medical degree from The Ohio State University followed by two years active-duty service as a Navy Lieutenant at NAS Miramar and Naval Training Center in San Diego. She completed her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. Gwen lived a life dedicated to healing, devoting 37 years as a pediatrician in the Conejo Valley and surrounding Ventura County communities. She specialized in developmental and behavioral pediatrics, most recently at a clinic serving low-income families. Through this scholarship, her family honors her memory and the legacy she left.