



<b>2025 Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Future Teachers Scholarship Application</b>
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## **General Information**

### **The Award**

Two (2) Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Future Teacher Scholarship awards will be given to two (2) graduating students from Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Westlake, Oak Park, Agoura or Century Academy High Schools who intend to pursue a career in teaching and enroll in a two or four year college or university in the fall of 2025. Each awardee will receive a one-year scholarship of \$1,000.

### **Use of Scholarship**

The scholarships are to be used for the recipient's tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses to further their future teaching academic or career education in the fall of 2025.

### **Application**

An application form is included here in this packet and is also available at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks website at [www.tokiwani.org](http://www.tokiwani.org). Completed application and supporting documents must be received via email or ground mail no later than 5 PM on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

1. This scholarship is open to:
  - a. Students who wish to pursue a Baccalaureate degree in teacher education.
  - b. Students who wish to pursue an Associate Degree in teacher education.
2. The student, in the personal essay, must show a commitment to pursuing a career in teaching.

### **Eligibility**

Graduating high school students having a minimum 3.0 GPA.



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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 a commitment to a future teaching career, answers to application questions, personal essay, GPA and letter(s) of recommendation. Note: Some importance will be given to a student's volunteering or community service activities. 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 2025. Recipients will also be recognized at their high school's award night.

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

**Application Checklist:**

- \_\_\_ Completed and signed application form
- \_\_\_ Personal essay
- \_\_\_ GPA (certified transcript from your school is preferred)
- \_\_\_ Letter(s) of recommendation

**SUBMITTING COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET:**

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

OR: Must be received by April 1, 2025 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 for this award.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date



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**Submit With Application**

- Personal Essay
  - What level for future teaching do you intend to pursue (i.e. elementary, high school) and, if known, what academic emphasis will you plan to study (i.e. English, history, geography, technical skills, etc.)?
  - Describe your motivation to pursue a career in teaching, including people who influenced you and what you want to achieve.
  - Describe your involvement and time spent with community service projects and events.
  - Statement of financial need, if appropriate.
  - Statement of intent to attend a local community college or public 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 counselor or faculty member at your school.
- Transcripts showing minimum 3.0 GPA. **Copy of official transcript is preferred.**



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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR KIWANIS CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS  
FUTURE TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear Teacher/Counselor/Staff,

This student, \_\_\_\_\_, is applying for a Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Future Teachers Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. It will be awarded to graduating students who intend to pursue a career in teaching in the fall of 2025. The award is based on the student's completed application form, personal essay, GPA, and a counselor's or faculty member's recommendation.

What can you share with us about this student's desire, performance, and personality traits? What special teaching or mentoring 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, 2025 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