



<b>2025 Van Ommeren Family Scholarship</b>
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## **General Information**

### **The Award**

A Van Ommeren Family Scholarship is for one year and \$1,000 will be awarded to a graduating student from Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Westlake, Oak Park, Agoura or Century Academy High Schools who intends to enroll in California Lutheran University (CLU) in the fall of 2025.

### **Use of Scholarship**

The scholarship is to be used for the recipient's tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses to further their academic career.

### **Application**

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) or at your 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 Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

### **Eligibility**

Graduating high school students having a minimum 3.0 GPA.

### **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 GPA, answers to application questions, personal essay and letter(s) of recommendation. Financial need will also be considered, if appropriate.



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**Presentation of Award**

Recipients will be notified by email. They will be honored and presented their award (by 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 the school awards night.

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](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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the following address:

Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1791  
Thousand Oaks, CA 9135



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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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**Submit With Application**

- Personal Essay
  - Why is attending CLU important to you?
  - What field of study do you intend to pursue?
  - Describe your motivation to pursue an undergraduate education at CLU, including people who influenced you.
  - Describe your involvement and time spent with community service projects and events. Do you plan to participate in community service projects at CLU?
  - Statement of financial need, if appropriate.
  - Anything else you'd like to share about yourself.
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member at your school.
- Confirmation showing minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA. Copy of official transcript is preferred.



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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
KIWANIS CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS  
VAN OMMEREN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear Teacher/Counselor/Staff,

This student, \_\_\_\_\_, is applying for the Van Ommeren Family Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. It will be awarded to a graduating student who intends to pursue his/her higher education at California Lutheran University (CLU) in Thousand Oaks. The award is based on a clear desire to attend CLU, 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 activities have they participated in? 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 to student applicant. Include your name and position. Send the email or return the sealed envelope to the applicant before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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