



2026 First Responder Scholarship Application

General Information

The Award

On behalf of The Engler and Rudman families, Two (2) First Responder Scholarships for \$1,000.00 each will be awarded this year to graduating seniors from one of these high schools: Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Oak Park, Agoura, Westlake, and Century Academy. This is a one-year scholarship of \$1,000.

Note: Special emphasis will be given to a student's volunteering or community service activities. Particular attention is paid to students demonstrating financial need and those applicants considering careers as First Responders.

Use of Scholarship

The scholarships are to be used for tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses of the recipients to further their academic or career education. The recipient must deposit or cash the scholarship check within six months after it is awarded.

Application

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

1. This scholarship is open to:
 - a. Students who wish to attend a trade, technical, or specialized school
 - b. Students who wish to pursue a certificate or Associate Degree
 - c. Students who wish to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree
2. The student must have demonstrated in their personal essay a commitment to the community and community service.

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 students proven community involvement and academic record.

Presentation of Award

Recipients will be notified by email. They will be honored and presented their check at a Kiwanis Club meeting in May 2026. Recipients will also be recognized at the school award night.



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APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITY CHECKLIST

- Letter of Recommendation returned via email or inside sealed envelope, from a staff member or teacher of your choice. Request that they complete the letter with the needed information. It is your responsibility to retrieve it or assure it has been emailed with your name in the title prior to deadline (April 1, 2026). See letter instructions below for more information.
- Ensure application is complete
- Complete the personal essay
- Provide the most current Grade Point Average (GPA). A formal transcript from your school is preferred.
- Email Application Packet with Recommendation Letter and any required documentation to scholarship@tokiwanis.org

OR ground mail packet to:

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

For questions regarding this application or its status, please contact the scholarship committee at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks by emailing 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 _____

Briefly describe your plans and school, if known, for the 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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CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE & PERSONAL ESSAY

Name (First, Middle, Last) _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average

(Please attach school documentation of the GPA; a copy of certified transcript is acceptable.)

CGPA _____ Date _____

Personal Essay

On a separate page please write a paragraph or two on each of these topics:

1. What are your plans for further education as soon as you graduate? Are you focused on a specific area of study or are you still exploring your options? If you are a recipient, how will you use your award to accomplish your future goals?
2. Please list and describe the volunteer community service projects/events you've participated in and what your role was. Which project or event was most meaningful to you and why?
3. If there is a particular family financial need? Please describe, if desired and appropriate.
4. What else would you like to share about yourself? Where do you think you may make the greatest contribution to your community now and in the future?

Thank you for your application. We, the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks, applaud you for your achievements and your continuing efforts in serving others.



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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
2025 KIWANIS CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS
SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear Teacher/Counselor/Staff,

This student, _____, is applying for a Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. It may be awarded to a graduating senior. The award is primarily based on community service involvement (of which he or she has already listed as part of the application process) and academic performance.

What can you share with us about this student's leadership qualities, citizenship, community service, behavior, attitude, and personality traits? How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

Please use student name in subject 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 in order to complete the application. 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 assistance in this process. Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Scholarship Committee.