



NOW RECRUITING · FREE FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS

PATH

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND TRAINING HUB

College students: get **inside access** to how **business and government really work** in Ventura County— not just theory. Meet leaders. Build your network. Explore pathways to professional experience.

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WHAT YOU GET

- 1 Complimentary Association membership**
Join the professional conversation on local taxes, spending, and public policy.
- 2 Monthly PATH committee**
Connect and lead with peers from campuses across the county.
- 3 Site visits & guest sessions**
Meet public- and private-sector leaders and see how local institutions operate.
- 4 Professional networking events**
Invitations to selected Foundation and Association programs during the year.
- 5 Mentorship opportunities**
Learn from experienced professionals and community volunteers.
- 6 Leadership track**
Grow skills that prepare you for civic and professional roles after college.

PROGRAM SPONSOR



Gene Haas Foundation

PATH is proudly sponsored by the Gene Haas Foundation.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Students curious about public policy, business, law, public safety, nonprofits, communications—or how their community runs.

Ventura College

Moorpark College

Oxnard College

CSU Channel Islands

Cal Lutheran

WHAT WE EXPECT

- Complete this application
- Participate in a short interview
- Show up: monthly committee + good-faith engagement
- Stay professional and nonpartisan

2026-27 GOAL

Growing a countywide cohort

Students from campuses across Ventura County

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the application on the reverse
2. Return it as directed on the form
3. Participate in a short interview if invited

APPLY TODAY

PATH

Ventura County Taxpayers Foundation

www.vctax.org/path

See reverse for full application

PATH is a student leadership program of the Ventura County Taxpayers Foundation (VCTF), a 501(c)(3). It is offered at **no cost** to accepted students. Please print clearly. Attach extra pages if needed.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full name _____

Street address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

2. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

College / university (check one)

☐ Ventura College ☐ Moorpark College ☐ Oxnard College ☐ CSU Channel Islands ☐ California Lutheran University ☐ Other: _____

Major(s) / minor(s) _____

Current year in school

☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Other

Expected graduation (mo/yr) _____ Cumulative GPA (optional) _____

3. SHORT ANSWERS

Please keep each response to roughly a short paragraph (about 150-200 words if typed on a separate page).

A. Why are you interested in PATH, and what do you hope to gain?

B. Describe any community service, campus leadership, or civic experience that prepared you for this program.

C. Why is it important for residents to stay informed about local government and public spending decisions?

D. What does "civic leadership" mean to you?

4. RELEVANT COURSEWORK OR SKILLS (OPTIONAL)

List any relevant courses, skills, or interests _____

5. ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SIGNATURE

I understand that PATH is a nonpartisan educational program. If accepted, I will participate in good faith, follow program guidelines, and will not speak on behalf of the Foundation or Association without prior approval.

Signature _____ Date _____