

Ventura College Foundation
Scholarships and Grants Committee
August 25, 2026 2:00PM – 3:00PM
71 Day Rd, Ventura CA 93003

Committee Members (9): Debe Bylo, Anne Paul King, Elizabeth Kraus, Ed Summers, Lorena Pimental Flores, Ron Raschke, Denise Sindelar, Lisa Preis, Nicole Kruetz.

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AGENDA

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Upcoming Scholarship and Grant Committee Meetings:

Wednesday October 21st, 2026 2pm Day Road Center

Thursday February 25th, 2027 2pm Day Road Center

Thursday April 22nd, 2027 2pm Day Road Center

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I'm truly grateful for receiving this award and appreciative for being selected to receive this award.

I'm currently in my last year of college and majoring in Diesel Mechanics. I've always been interested in working on cars / automotive but when I had found out about Heavy Duty Diesel, I was interested in the many opportunities there was in this field. What I hope to provide in this field is gaining more knowledge and work for a great company as well as making my parents proud since my father was also interested in mechanics but never had the chance to study and work in the field. I also hope to inspire others to work in this field because it is very interesting and amazing just being able to fix a heavy duty vehicle or equipment.

When finishing this program I hope to work for a company that'll help me grow and learn more. As well as being a high-level technician. I honestly would like to travel for work just to explore other opportunities outside of Ventura. I would like to thank you again for providing this scholarship and selecting me as well as your generosity. Receiving this scholarship has made me realize to take the chances when they are there and to always keep pushing forward. I hope you can make another student happy just like me for receiving this award because it is truly life changing and I'm thankful. Once again thank you for this award and your generosity.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

I am writing to thank you for the generous [REDACTED] Scholarship. I was beyond thrilled and grateful. This is the first scholarship I have ever been awarded, and words are hard to find to express how grateful I am.

As a returning student who has overcome mental health struggles and addiction, this award is a reaffirmation of all the hard work I have put in to building a better future for myself. When I first came to Ventura College, I was hopeless and lacking direction. It was not until after I left for five years and worked long hours of mundane labor that my wonderful wife [REDACTED] gave me the push I needed to return. As I came back to Ventura College the passion I have for reading and writing reignited, and through working as a writing tutor on campus the choice to pursue a career in teaching became clear.

I plan to transfer to CSU Channel Islands [REDACTED] to obtain a bachelor's degree in English and my teaching credential. I look forward to being able to teach and cultivate classroom environments that do not leave students behind and give those without hope a glimmer of the bright future education can offer. As the once-lost student who found his way back, I plan to take my past and with it do my very best to help those who find themselves lost—much like some of the professors here at Ventura College who saw me through the worst and never gave up on me. Thank you again for selecting me for this scholarship. This scholarship will lift so much of the financial stress off our shoulders and give us space to focus on the brighter future we have been building together.

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Ventura College Foundation Scholarship Program Timeline 2027-2028 Cycle

All applications open: 9/1/2026

Career Education and Paramedic Application closes: 11/23/26 11:59 PM

Career Education and Paramedic Application Reading Period: 11/30/26 – 12/13/26

Career Education and Paramedic Application Awarding: 12/14/26 – 12/22/26

General Application Closes: 1/22/27 11:59 PM

Hold for possible extension: 1/23/27- 1/29/27

Student Information Verification: 2/1/27 – 2/5/27

General Application Reading Period: 2/8/27 – 3/1/27

Awarding begins: 3/2/27 – 3/29/27

Awarding notification to Financial Aid for verification: 3/22/27 – 3/31/26

Finalize Awarding: 4/1/27 – 4/7/27

Students Notified: 4/8/27-4/9/27

Campus workshops scheduled:

Wednesday, September 9th – Diesel Program

Wednesday, September 30th – Engineering 101

Thursday, October 1st – Engineering 101

VCF Workshops:

Wednesday, September 23 , 2:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, October 1, 2:00-3:00 PM

Friday, October 16, 10:00-11:00 AM

Thursday, October 29, 2:00-3:00 PM

Monday, November 9, 2:00-3:00 PM

Friday November 20, 2:00-3:00 PM