

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid In Three Easy Steps

Step 1

Apply for Federal and State Aid

- **Complete the F.A.F.S.A.** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Be sure to submit the FAFSA after January 1st. Begin completing FAFSA worksheets in December. Completing the FAFSA means you have applied for most federal student aid.

www.fafsa.gov

Deadline is March 2nd.

- **Complete the Cal Grant.** The Cal Grant application is separate from the FAFSA and should be submitted after you have completed the FAFSA. The Cal Grant application can be downloaded from their website (below) or students can pick up an application from the counseling office.

1. Complete the student portion of the Cal Grant Form.
2. Give the application to your counselor to complete the school section.
3. Once completed, your counselor will give the application back to you to mail.

www.csac.ca.gov

Deadline is March 2nd.

Step 2

Apply for Piner Scholarships

- **Piner Scholarships:** Piner offers seven (7) scholarship programs exclusively for Piner seniors. Scroll down to access all scholarship information.

Step 3

Apply for Private Scholarships

- On the next several pages there are dozens of local, state, and national scholarships listed. Students should also visit Piner's Financial Aid and Scholarship Resource Table outside J103.

Scholarships

The next several pages describe local, state, and national private scholarships. Briefly look at the key/legend below to better understand how the scholarships are organized.

Key

- Academic = At least 3.0 GPA and Intended for high achieving students
Community Service required
Leadership activities required
- 4yr = Must attend a four year public or private college
- 2yr = Can attend a junior college or vocational school
- Seniors = Unless stated otherwise, all scholarships are for graduating seniors.

How Scholarships are Listed

Piner Scholarships Scholarships exclusively for Piner Seniors.

Sonoma County Scholarships

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Piner High School Scholarships
Scholarships Exclusively for Piner Seniors

Scholarship	Amount	Description	Letters Of Recommendation	Min. GPA	Essay	Deadline	Return Application to
PHS Booster Club Scholar Athlete	2 @ \$500	Graduating seniors. One boy and one girl who will be attending a four-year college. Must have earned at least one varsity letter.	2	3.33	250 words -goals -career plans.	March 2 nd	Ms. Kuziara has applications
Jaime Westoby	2 @ \$1,500 to \$2,000	Scholarship granted to two female students attending a four-year college. Mr. and Mrs. Westoby will interview students.	2	3.0	250 words	March 2 nd	Ms. Kuziara has applications
Lana Haenel	1 @ \$500	Graduating senior going to a four-year college, community college, or vocational college. Outstanding student in English and/or Humanities. Involved in school and community.	2	3.33	250 words- goals- career plans.	March 2 nd	Ms. Kuziara has applications
Rotary Club	2 @ \$2000	Graduating seniors (one boy and one girl) who will be attending a four-year college. High academic achievement and community service.	2	Top 10% of the class	250 words- goals- career plans.	Friday, September 17th	Mr. Cox
Tim Hufford	1@ \$500	Graduating senior going to a four-year college or community college. School and community involvement.	2	3.0	250 words- goals- career plans.	March 2 nd	Ms. Kuziara has applications
Jade Angyal Creative Arts	\$1,250	Graduating senior who will attend a 2 or 4 year college in any field of Art.	2	3.0	250 words describing future goals.	March 2 nd	Ms. Kuziara has applications
Roberto Reyes	\$2,000	Graduating senior attending a 2 or 4 year school.		2.0		Spring deadline. Contact Web Site	www.gkccf.org

Sonoma County Scholarships: General

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Andy Wallstrum For graduates of Lawrence Cook Middle School	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X			\$1,000
Charles Demeo Scholarship Single mothers in danger of becoming homeless	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org					\$1,000
Dry Creek Valley Scholarship For residents of the Dry Creek Valley Watershed of Sonoma County	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X	X	X	\$1,500
Elks National Foundation	www.elks.org	X	X		X	Up to \$15,000 Minimum 2.5 GPA
Gray Foundation	www.grayfoundation.com	X	X			\$1,000 Minimum 2.5 GPA
Hellen Kellum Scholarship Academic Ability and realistic goals	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X	X	X	\$1,000
Mabel W. Jacks Scholarship Any field of study- based on financial need	http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/	X	X	X		5 Awards \$700 each
Martin Luther King Scholarship	Petaluma Education Foundation 200 Douglas Street Petaluma, CA 94952	X	X			Applications are also located in Piner's Scholarship Binder
Roberto Reyes Memorial Scholarship Fund	www.gkccf.org/	X	X			\$2,000 Minimum 2.0 GPA
Samarin Family Vocational For students enrolling in a vocational program or school.	http://www.ca4h.org		X			\$1,000
Sonoma County Farm Bureau Scholarship Seniors who will attend a 2 or 4 year college	www.sonomacountyfarmbureau.com	X	X			Amount Varies

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Sonoma State University	www.sonoma.edu/scholarship/	X			X	Minimum 3.0 GPA
Todd Williams Memorial Scholarship	www.reashrae.org	X	X			Amount Varies
The Exchange Club of Santa Rosa	www.srexchc.com	X			X	Amount Varies Outstanding Academic Achievement
Veteran's of Foreign Wars	Vfw1844@aol.com Applications are also in Piner's Scholarship Binder					Amounts Vary A writing/essay contest for 9 th -12 th graders

Sonoma County Scholarships: By Ethnicity

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2 yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
100 Black Men of Sonoma County African American Decent	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X	X		\$1,000
Andrea Vicini Scholarship Italian Decent Students of Italian decent who want to study Italian	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X			\$1,000
FANHS of Sonoma County Filipino Decent	comm.@fanhssonoma.org po box 6915 Santa Rosa, CA 95406	X	X	X		Amount Varies
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Decent	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X	X	X	\$1,000
Japanese Chamber of Commerce Japanese Decent Interest in the study of US-Japanese relations.	www.jccnc.org	X	X		X	Minimum 3.3 GPA
Japanese American Citizens League: Frank Oda Memorial Japanese Decent	www.sonomacojacl.org/	X	X			Amount Varies
Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Moria Chatton Scholarship Hispanic Decent	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X	X		\$1,000

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Redwood Empire Chinese Association Scholarship Chinese Decent	www.recacenter.org	X	X			Up to \$2,500
Santa Rosa Junior College American Indian Scholarship American Indian Decent	SRJC Scholarship Office, Plover Hall 1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401		X	X		Several Programs Amounts Vary 2.5-3.0 GPA
SCASA-Sonoma County Association of School Administrators For all ELL students	spost@scoe.org 707-524-2813	X	X			\$500

Sonoma County Scholarships: Athletic Scholarships

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2 yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Empire Runners Club 1 boy & 1 girl who will run track or cross country in college	www.empirerunners.org	X	X			\$500

Sonoma County Scholarships: By Career

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2 yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
CCC Scholarship Agriculture	www.ucanr.org/soco4h	X	X			10 awards \$250-\$1,000
Flora De Mayo Scholarship Study the Arts	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X			\$1,000
Jay Deaton Scholarship Agriculture	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X			\$900
Men's Garden Club of Santa Rosa Students interested in Horticulture, gardening, landscaping, forestry, entomology, soil science.	Chet Wilson Chet36@comcast.net Email and request an application or pick up application from Piner's Scholarship Binder	X	X			\$500-\$1,000
My Future is in Healthcare Scholarship Students must attend a college in Sonoma County	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X	X		\$500 Minimum 2.5 GPA

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
North Coast Builders Exchange Construction	www.ncbeonline.com	X	X			Up to \$2,500
Peanuts on Parade Scholarship Students pursuing cartooning or animation and will attend a specific art school. See website for schools.	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X			\$5,000
Richard T. Torkelson Scholarship Graduating senior interested in Journalism	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X			\$1,000
Ross Grossi Scholarship Agriculture	Send Email to cowjuc@yahoo.com	X	X			Amount Varies
Sonoma County Dance Guild Dancing	www.sonomacountydanceguild.org					See Website for all details
Sonoma County Farm Bureau Scholarships Agriculture-related fields	www.sonomacountyfarmbureau.com/ag_educ_scholarships.html	X	X			12 Awards \$500 to \$2,000
Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife	www.sonoma-county.org/wildlife/	X	X			Amount Varies
Sonoma County Grange Agriculture	http://www.grangecu.org/youth.html	X			X	Amount Varies
Sonoma County Medical Association Health Career Scholarship	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X			\$1,000 Minimum 3.0 GPA
Sonoma County Women in Law	Request an application at info@sonomawomeninlaw.com	X	X			Amount Varies
Gertrude Young Scholarship Student pursuing a degree or career in Horticulture	Sonoma County Community Foundation www.sonomacf.org	X	X			\$1,000

Sonoma County Scholarships: Gay and Lesbian

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
PFLAG North Bay: Parents, families, friends of Lesbians and Gays	Call: 707-575-1655	X	X			Amount Varies

Sonoma County Scholarships: For Freshman/Sophomores\Juniors

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Vfw1844@aol.com Applications are also in Piner's Scholarship Binder					Amounts Vary A writing/essay contest for 9 th -12 th graders

National and State Scholarships

National and State Scholarships: General Scholarships

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
AXA Achievers	www.axa-achievement.com	X			X	Up to \$25,000
Bank of America Senior of high academic achievement	www.scholarships.com	X	X		X	Amount Varies 10 different scholarship programs
Burger King	www.bk.com	X	X	X		\$1,000 2.5 GPA or higher
California Dept. Veteran Affairs Parent must be a disabled veteran.	www.cdva.ca.gov/VetService/Waivers.aspx	X	X			Amount Varies
California Association of Collectors	www.calcollectors.net	X	X			\$2,500
Coca-Cola Foundation	www.coca-colascholars.org	X	X	X	X	Up to \$20,000 Minimum 3.0 GPA

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Discover Card Also offers programs for 10 th and 11 th graders.	www.discoverfinancial.com	X	X			\$25,000
KFC Colonel's Scholars	www.kfcscholars.org	X	X			\$20,000 Minimum 2.75 GPA
Kohl's Cares for Kids: Recognizes students who work with children	www.kohlskidswhocare.com					\$5,000 All s students ages 8-18 are eligible
Mahatma Rice Scholarship.	www.internationalscholarships.com	X	X			\$2,000
Metro PCS community Scholars	www.metropcs.com/scholarship	X	X			\$1,000
PG&E Scholarship.	www.pge.com	X	X			\$2,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship programs for all ethnicities and goals	www.rmhc.org	X	X			\$1,000 Scholarship Programs for African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics.
Students Rising Above Seniors who have overcome obstacles	www.studentsrisingabove.com	X	X	X		Amount Varies Minimum 3.0 GPA
Tzu Chi Scholars	www.us.tzuchi.org	X		X	X	\$1,000
Tall Clubs International Scholarships for women over 5'10" And men over 6'2"	www.tall.org	X	X			1,000
Wal-Mart Foundations: Sam Walton.	www.act.org Follow the links to scholarships-or Wal-Mart Scholarship.	X	X			\$1,000

National and State Scholarships: By Ethnicity

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Asian Pacific Scholarship Fund Students of Asian Decent	www.asianpacificfund.org	X	X	X	X	Amount Varies
Gates Millennium Scholars For students of non-European decent.	www.gmsp.org	X			X	Minimum 3.3 GPA Up to \$100,000
Kaiser Permanente Asian association Scholarship Program	www.kpaaonline.org	X	X			Minimum 2.5 GPA
Italian Catholic Federation Italian Decent or a relative who is a member of the ICF	www.icf.org	X	X		X	Minimum 3.2 GPA
Order Sons of Italy Full or partial Italian Decent	Applications are in Piner's Scholarship Binder	X	X			Amount Varies
Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship programs for all ethnicities and goals	www.rmhc.org	X	X			\$1,000 Scholarship Programs for African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics.
Sons of Italy in America Italian Decent	www.sonsofitalyca.org	X	X			\$1,000 to \$5000
(Northern) California Cherry Blossom Festival Japanese decent	www.nccbf.org	X	X			Minimum 2.5 GPA
Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Certain minority groups	www.xerox.com	X			X	\$1,000 High Achiever

National and State Scholarships: Athletic

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
BigSun For male and female athletes	www.bigsunathletics.com	X	X			\$500

National and State Scholarships: By Gender-Girls

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2yr	Financial Need	Academic	Information
Society of Women Engineers	www.swe-goldenwest.org/ggs/	X	X			Amount Varies

National and State Scholarships: By Career

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2 yr	Low Income	Academic	Information
California Wine Grape Growers Foundation. Seniors who are related to a wine grape grower	www.cawg.org/cwggf/	X	X			Amount Varies

National and State Scholarships: By Community Service

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2 yr	Low Income	Academic	Information
eQuality Scholarship Recognizing service to lesbian, gay bi-sexual community.	www.equalityscholarship.org	X	X			\$5,000

National and State Scholarships: For Freshman/Sophomores\Juniors

Scholarship	Contact	4yr	2 yr	Low Income	Academic	Information
Discover Card Sophomores who have overcome obstacles Juniors with a 2.75 GPA or higher	www.discoverfinancial.com	X	X			Amount Varies
Bennington Young Writers	www.bennington.com	X	X			Writer's competition for 9 th -11 th .
Students Rising Above Juniors who have overcome obstacles	www.studentsrisingabove.com			X		Minimum 3.0 GPA