

CCSA Scholarship Application

Chico Community Scholarship Association (CCSA) is a nonprofit organization of clubs, businesses, school personnel and private citizens. The purpose of CCSA is to coordinate scholarship awards to deserving high school students residing in the Chico Unified School District area who are interested in continuing their education beyond high school, either in an academic or vocational field. Last year CCSA gave out a total of 183 scholarships.

We can be reached by email at info@chicoscholarships.org , or by voice mail at (530) 715-0066.

First & Last Name _____	High School _____
Street Address _____	City, State Zip _____, _____
Email Address _____	Phone Number _____

Application Instructions

Applications are due **January 8, 2027**. Please avoid submitting handwritten applications. The preferred method of submission is via a typed PDF application that can be found at www.chicoscholarships.org. Complete and print the PDF application and return with the rest of your application submission to your high school counseling office. If you have special circumstances that make this challenging, or have questions about completing this application, please contact your high school counseling office for help.

Late applications will not be accepted.

1. An incomplete application will not be considered.
2. Include **two** letters of recommendation from a family friend, employer, coach, neighbor, minister, etc. **Do not use family or peers. Please do not submit more than two letters of recommendation; they will not be accepted.**
3. Include a completed Activity Record of your high school and community activities (found on page 5). If you wish, you may submit a supplemental resume or activity list.
4. Please write a personal statement of 350 – 650 words, which includes an anecdote from your life that gives a glimpse of who you are. You might write about a situation or person who motivated you to pursue education or training beyond high school, a person or incident that has influenced your life, or explain what motivates you to pursue a particular career path. Statements must be typed.
5. Not all scholarships are need-based. **If applying for a need-based scholarship, you must complete the financial information on page 4.**
6. If you need additional help, please contact your counselor for guidance.

Applicant Name _____ High School _____

Application Checklist

- ____ Completed CCSA Scholarship Application
- ____ Two Letters of Recommendation
- ____ Activity Record
- ____ Optional Resume
- ____ Personal Statement
- ____ If applying for a need-based scholarship, check here ____ and complete the Financial Information Form, page 4 of this application.

Please use paper clips and **do not staple pages together**. Return to the counseling office at your school.

Please print CLEARLY & check all that apply.

Please note that some questions are used to determine eligibility for specific scholarships. All information will remain confidential.

Please indicate the highest level of education for:

	Elementary	High School Degree	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post- Graduate degree
Parent 1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Parent 2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

____ I live in CHIP housing. (This is voluntary to disclose, but will help in determining eligibility for some need-based scholarships)

Do you have a parent who has or currently serves in the military? If so, which branch? _____

In high school, did you participate in the following?

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| ____ Athletics - which one(s)? _____ | |
| ____ Agriculture | ____ Boys & Girls Club |
| ____ Community Service | ____ CTE |
| ____ Drama | ____ Music/Dance |
| ____ Student Government | |

What are your academic attendance plans for next year?

- ____ 4-year university
- ____ Community college
- ____ Trade school
- ____ Plan on attending Butte College next year?
- ____ Plan on attending CSU Chico next year?
- ____ Undecided on Butte or Chico

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Mark any areas of major/career interest:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Art/Animation | ☐ Business |
| ☐ Computer Science | ☐ Construction | ☐ Cosmetology |
| ☐ Dentistry | ☐ Economics | ☐ Engineering |
| ☐ Environmental Studies | ☐ Fashion Design | ☐ Firefighter |
| ☐ Game Design | ☐ Mathematics | ☐ Media/Communications |
| ☐ Medicine | ☐ Music | ☐ Nursing |
| ☐ Pre-law | ☐ Political Science | ☐ Psychology/Counseling |
| ☐ Sciences | ☐ Teaching | ☐ Technology |
| ☐ Undecided | ☐ Vocational Education | |

Any others: _____

Have you been impacted by the Park Fire or Camp Fire? If so, please describe how. If your family experienced financial hardship due to these fires, please provide information about that on the Financial Information form (page 4) as well. _____

You may share my contact information, including address, phone number and or email with donors who may be awarding me a scholarship. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Note that excerpts from your Personal Statement Essay or your thank you note to your scholarship donor may be used in the CCSA newsletter, on our website, or for promotional activities. Each applicant may only receive one scholarship from CCSA. A committee will review this scholarship application.

Some applicants **may** receive an interview; not receiving an interview does not mean you will not receive a scholarship. There is a possibility these interviews will be held virtually. If you are selected for an interview, you will be contacted at the email address you provided on this application. Please check your email regularly in March, 2027.

All students will be notified in May regarding the outcome of their application. We will only send funds to accredited academic and vocational schools after the student recipient informs us of which school they will be attending.

Signatures (If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign)

Student _____ Parent/Guardian _____

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY YOUR HIGH SCHOOL IN MAY IF YOU ARE CHOSEN AS A RECIPIENT, OR BY CCSA IF YOU ARE NOT.

Financial Information Form

Many of our scholarships are for students who have financial need. This form is required in order to be considered for a need-based scholarship. If you think you qualify, please complete this form. If you are unsure about filling this form out, please contact your counselor.

All financial information received by CCSA will remain strictly confidential and is only viewed by 3-5 committee members. This information is used only in determining scholarship eligibility.

Applicant Name _____ High School _____

Parent 1's Name _____ Occupation _____

Parent 2's Name _____ Occupation _____

Name and Address of Parent/Guardian where student currently resides or where at least 50% of room/board is provided:

Have other scholarships been received? _____ Confirmed? _____ List the source and the amount

What is the total amount of the family's current cash, savings and investments? _____

How many people are in your parents' household? _____

How many people in your parents' household will be college students between 2026-2027? _____

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2025? _____

How much did your parents pay in income tax in 2025? _____

How much did Parent 1 earn from working in 2025? _____

How much did Parent 2 earn from working in 2025? _____

Are there any unusual financial circumstances that should be noted? Was your family affected financially by the Park Fire or Camp Fire? If so, please describe:

Parent Signature

Date

Activity Record

Applicant Name _____ High School _____

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION	GRADES				COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION	GRADES			
	9	10	11	12		9	10	11	12
Student Government					Organization				
					Employment				
Clubs/Organizations									
					Sports Camps				
					Volunteer Work				
Athletics									
					Summer Programs				
Events/committees/plays					Personal Interests/Hobbies				
Achievements					College Classes				
Honors, Awards									
Leadership Roles									
					date				

Additional Notes: