

2026 Scholarship Award

April, 2026

Dear Senior,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from High School! You've worked hard and we are proud of your achievements. Today and always, we ask for God's blessing on your life.

You are receiving this letter because as a 2026 High School Senior, we are offering you the opportunity to apply for one of 5, **\$5,000 CVC Shipbuilders Scholarship Awards**.

One of our values at Cielo Vista Church is **Life Changing Generosity**. Shipbuilder Scholarships are possible because of the generosity of our CVC congregation.

These scholarships will be awarded to five deserving students to help toward their educational careers. Cielo Vista Church wants to invest in your future without any obligation other than your commitment to continue your education whether it be at a University, College, Trade School, or other institute of higher learning.

Attached to this letter is a sample of the scholarship application. Please carefully read through and complete each section (pages 1-4) to the best of your ability. The DEADLINE for submission is **MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026** – no exceptions.

We are overjoyed at having this opportunity to be a part of your journey and wish you the best of luck!

In Christ,

The CVC Shipbuilders Scholarship Committee

2026 Scholarship Program

Awarding five, \$5,000 scholarships!

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

Our Purpose :

To reward deserving students at Cielo Vista Church with resources to pursue a higher education. The Shipbuilders Scholarship is awarded to eligible senior graduates and is a direct result of the third value of our church: Life Changing Generosity.

Shipbuilder Scholarship Award Application Requirements :

- The student **MUST BE an active participant in good standing** with Cielo Vista Church.
- The student **MUST HAVE completed the application along with the attachments requested.** (See check list below)
- The student **MUST HAVE** a copy of an **acceptance letter** from the institution they will be attending. If an acceptance letter has not been provided, then proof of enrollment from the institution for the Fall of 2026 will be accepted. Recipients **must** begin their academic school year in the Fall of 2026.
- A **PRINTED** copy of the **completed** scholarship application and required documents must be submitted by the student at the front reception desk, located on the east side of the church building on the 1st floor, on or before the deadline of **Monday, May 4, 2026 before 4:00PM.** Text Pastor Will to let him know when you drop off your entry at 915-273-3054.

Scholarship Application Checklist :

- Typed faith testimony**
- Typed essay of 150 (minimum) to 300 (maximum) words or more**
- Copy of acceptance letter or proof of enrollment to the institution you will be attending**
- Current High School transcript**
- Current report card**
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who are not family members and are not employees of Cielo Vista Church.**

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Applicant's Information

- STUDENT APPLICANT'S NAME _____
- APPLICANT'S HOME ADDRESS _____
- APPLICANT'S PHONE NUMBER _____
- PARENT'S NAMES :
 - FATHER'S NAME _____
 - MOTHER'S NAME _____

Education :

Name of college, trade school or institution of higher learning where this scholarship will be used

Student's Major | Field of Study

Career Goal | What do you want to use your education for?

Please provide a list of your **academic** achievements, honors, and awards.

Church, School & Community Involvement :

How long have you been attending Cielo Vista Church and the Student Ministry?

What volunteer and/or **extracurricular** activities have you been a part of or are currently involved in?

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Applicant's Faith Testimony

Testimony :

Give a brief testimony about your experience in coming to Christ and how becoming a believer has made a difference in your life.

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Applicant's Essay

Award Consideration :

In 150 (minimum) to 300 (maximum) words, please tell us why you believe the scholarship award should be granted to you.

2026 Scholarship Scoring

Applicants will be evaluated based on a Scoring Rubric and may be awarded 0-5 points in each of the following categories based on the criteria as indicated.

Goals :

■ **4-5 POINTS**

The applicant **clearly** states and describes their educational and personal goals for the future. They demonstrate **obvious** ambition, drive, and passion.

■ **2-3 POINTS**

The applicant **generally** states their educational and personal goals for the future. They demonstrate **some** ambition, drive, and passion.

■ **0-1 POINTS**

The applicant is **unclear** about their educational and personal goals for the future. They **lack** ambition, drive, and passion.

Academic Accomplishments :

■ **4-5 POINTS**

The applicant **impressively** shared the awards and honors reflecting their achievements in academics. There is a **clear** impression of motivation, initiative, and commitment to their studies.

■ **2-3 POINTS**

The applicant shared **well** the awards and honors reflecting their achievements in academics. There is a **somewhat** clear impression of motivation, initiative, and commitment to their studies.

■ **0-1 POINTS**

The applicant **did not** share well the awards and honors reflecting their achievements in academics. There is **not a clear** impression of motivation, initiative, and commitment to their studies.

Community Impact :

■ **4-5 POINTS**

The applicant has provided **impressive** examples of their impact in the community through their school, church, work, and other volunteer opportunities.

■ **2-3 POINTS**

The applicant has provided **good** examples of their impact in the community through their school, church, work, and other volunteer opportunities.

■ **0-1 POINTS**

The applicant has provided **uninspired or no** examples of their impact in the community through their school, church, work, and other volunteer opportunities.

2026 Scholarship Scoring

Scoring Rubric evaluation criteria continued.

Faith Testimony :

■ **4-5 POINTS**

The applicant has made a **clear** testimony of their Christian faith. They provided **great** examples of how coming to Christ has made a difference in their life.

■ **2-3 POINTS**

The applicant has made a **somewhat clear** testimony of their Christian faith. They provided **few** examples of how coming to Christ has made a difference in their life.

■ **0-1 POINTS**

The applicant's testimony of their Christian faith was **unclear**. They **could not** easily provide examples of how coming to Christ has made a difference in their life.

Essay Content and strength :

■ **4-5 POINTS**

Essay **clearly** demonstrates a persuasive thought for why they should receive the scholarship. Grammar, spelling, and sentence structure had **no** errors.

■ **2-3 POINTS**

Essay **somewhat** demonstratives a persuasive thought for why they should receive the scholarship. Grammar, spelling, and sentence structure had **few** errors.

■ **0-1 POINTS**

Essay **lacked** a persuasive thought for why they should receive the scholarship. Grammar, spelling, and sentence structure had **many** errors.

Letters of Recommendation :

■ **4-5 POINTS**

Letters provide **sufficient** evidence of the qualities and attributes of the applicant's character.

■ **2-3 POINTS**

Letters provide **little** evidence of the qualities and attributes of the applicant's character.

■ **0-1 POINTS**

Letters provide **insufficient** evidence of the qualities and attributes of the applicant's character.

Application Presentation :

■ **4-5 POINTS**

The application submitted was **fully** completed and included **all** required materials. Application was typed and in order.

■ **2-3 POINTS**

The application submitted was **partially** completed and included **some** of the required materials. Application was typed, however **not** in order.

■ **0-1 POINTS**

The application submitted was **incomplete** and was missing required materials. Application was **not** typed and was **not** in order.