California scholarship deadlines: November 2026

Most local first: 1 city/county and 14 statewide awards due by May 23, 2027, then 36 national awards due Nov 24, 2026 – Dec 31, 2026. Each was checked on its official site. Always confirm details on the official page before applying.

Deadline	Scholarship	Amount	Official site
City and county awards in California (1)			
Mon Dec 28	**Kyoto Prize Scholarship (San Diego)** San Diego Foundation / Kyoto Symposium Organization / Inamori Foundation · San Diego County	Up to $10,000 (three awards)	www.sdfoundation.org/students/other-sdf-scho
Statewide and regional California awards (14)			
Tue Dec 15	**Bonnie Fang Foundation Nursing Scholarship** Bonnie Fang Foundation	$5,000 (one California award and one Nevada award)	helphopehonor.org/scholarships/scholarship-i
Fri Jan 29	**CSRC P.A.C.E. Scholarship (Respiratory Care)** California Society for Respiratory Care (CSRC)	Up to $1,500 (4 awards)	www.csrc.org/scholarships
Fri Jan 29	**Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarships** Ventura County Community Foundation	Varies by fund (for example $500 to $1,000+)	vccf.academicworks.com/opportunities
Mon Feb 1	**California State PTA Graduating High School Senior Scholarship** California State PTA	$500	capta.org/programs/scholarships/graduating-h
Fri Feb 5	**CTA Scholarships for Dependent Children** California Teachers Association	Up to $5,000 (up to 56 awards)	www.cta.org/for-educators/scholarships-award
Sun Feb 28	**SWE Santa Clara Valley Section Scholarships** Society of Women Engineers – Santa Clara Valley Section	Varies (the section awards about $15,000 a year)	www.scvswe.org/scholarship-application
Mon Mar 1	**Ford Opportunity Program** The Ford Family Foundation	Renewable award of up to $40,000 a year (based on need)	www.tfff.org/scholarships/
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Mon Mar 1	**Ford Transfer Program** The Ford Family Foundation	Renewable award of up to $40,000 a year (based on need)	www.tfff.org/scholarships/
Tue Mar 2	**Cal Grant (state aid priority deadline)** California Student Aid Commission · No essay	Varies	www.csac.ca.gov/
Tue Mar 2	**Humboldt Area Foundation + Wild Rivers Community Foundation Universal Application** Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation	Varies (nearly 200 scholarships, a few multiyear)	hafoundation.org/requesting-support/scholars
Fri Mar 12	**Sacramento Region Community Foundation Scholarships** Sacramento Region Community Foundation	Varies by fund (about $1 million to 400 students last year; many…	www.sacregcf.org/students/
Mon Mar 15	**UNICO National Scholarships** UNICO Foundation	$2,000–$3,000	www.unico.org/scholarships
Fri Apr 9	**SWE Golden Gate Section Scholarships** Society of Women Engineers – Golden Gate Section	$1,000 to $2,000	ggs.swe.org/scholarship-information/
National awards (any state) (36, first 8 shown)			
Mon Nov 30	**$2,000 No-Essay Scholarship** Sallie Mae · No essay	$2,000	www.sallie.com/scholarships/no-essay
Mon Nov 30	**AWS Foundation Welder Training Scholarship** American Welding Society Foundation	Varies by AWS District (amount not listed)	scholarship.aws.org/applications/
Mon Nov 30	**Education Matters Scholarship** Unigo	$5,000	www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships
Mon Nov 30	**Merck Animal Health Student Innovation Award** American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and Merck Animal Health	$10,000, $5,000 and $3,000 awards	www.avmf.org/grants-and-scholarships/scholar
Mon Nov 30	**Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship** American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and Merck Animal Health	$10,000	www.avmf.org/grants-and-scholarships/scholar

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Mon Nov 30	**Moroccanoil Scholarship** Professional Beauty Association / Moroccanoil	$2,500 (five awards)	www.probeauty.org/scholarships/
Tue Dec 1	**APTA Access and Opportunity Scholarship Fund Awards (PT and PTA students)** American Physical Therapy Association (PT Fund)	Amount not listed	www.apta.org/apta-and-you/honors-awards/mino
Tue Dec 1	**Coolidge Scholarship** Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation	Full-ride (tuition, room & board)	coolidgescholars.org/selection-timeline/