



2025

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE BOOK

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Your complete guide to applying for  
**PVC Foundation Scholarships**



PALO VERDE COLLEGE  
**FOUNDATION**  
WHERE KNOWLEDGE TAKES ROOT AND OPPORTUNITY GROWS

# DIRECTIONS

The Palo Verde College Foundation offers a single application with multiple scholarships each spring. Scholarship recipients are announced in May and awarded when the fall semester starts. As numerous scholarships are available this spring, we have created this guide as a roadmap to help you navigate each opportunity.

Please carefully review these directions and each scholarship's requirement criteria before starting your application:

- Only submit your application once before the deadline of Friday, April 18, 2025, at 4:30 pm. The application portal will close at that time. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All applications must be submitted online. You can find the application and all related materials at <https://www.paloverde.edu/current-students/scholarships.aspx>.
- Remember to submit your reference forms! Your application is not complete without two references submitted on your behalf. You can find the link to share with your references on the PVC Scholarship page or by scanning the QR Code below.



- Writing your essay in Word or another program would be best since you cannot save your progress on Adobe Sign and the application does not check for spelling and grammatical errors. Then, copy and paste it directly into the application. Page 16 of this booklet has more information on writing essays.
- The PVC Foundation Scholarship Committee members will announce the recipients at the Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 22, 2025. Those receiving awards will receive an invitation to the event around the beginning of May. Before the ceremony, scholarship recipients and award amounts will not be disclosed to students.
- Students should note that any grant or scholarship awarded may affect their unmet need for determining Federal Financial Aid. Scholarships will also be reported on their 1098-T tax form. (Consult your tax specialist on how this may affect you).
- All eligibility requirements must be met when applying for AND receiving awards.
- Scholarship award checks are released in the fall semester. Students must attend Palo Verde College in the fall of 2025 to receive their awards. Awards are held through the academic year if a student cannot be awarded in the fall.
- All award checks will be paid directly to students via Fiscal Services MINUS any outstanding fees, if applicable. If the student's fee exceeds the award amount, the whole award will be applied directly to the student's account.

# SCORING GUIDELINES

Applications are reviewed by scholarship committee members and judged based upon the following criteria for a total of up to 16 points. Scholarship recipients are selected by the committee members based upon scores, references, and essays.

- **G.P.A. - 4 Points Maximum**

Any applicant with a cumulative grade point average below 2.5 will not be considered for further scoring.

GPA	POINTS
0.00 – 2.49	0.0
2.50 – 2.71	1.0
2.72 – 2.93	1.5
2.94 – 3.15	2.0
3.16 – 3.37	2.5
3.38 – 3.59	3.0
3.60 – 3.81	3.5
3.82 – 4.00	4.0

- **Financial - 4 Points Maximum**

Consider evidence of need based on the information provided in the Scholarship Application, Section II - Financial Information.

- **Future Plans - 4 Points Maximum**

Consider the information provided in the Scholarship Application, Section IV - Personal Essay. Look for evidence of educational and/or career goals.

- **References - 2 Points Maximum**

Were two reference forms completed by two separate references provided? One point per reference form submitted. Applications without both references are considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

- **Leadership Ability – 2 Points Maximum**

Consider evidence of leadership abilities described in their reference forms, the personal information, essay, or financial information sections.

# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## Academic Senate Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year OR a graduating PVC student transferring to an accredited four-year institution for Fall 2025.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

**Award:** Multiple awards for \$250 each.

## Associated Student Government Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

**Award:** Two (2) awards for \$250 each.

## Athletics Club Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$200.

## Blythe Rotary Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School or Twin Palms High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. Preference will be given to students who have shown participation in community service or school extracurricular activities.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$1,000, and two (2) awards for \$500 each.

# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## Brian's Freeway Shell Scholarship

1. Must be a Palo Verde College student who will attend Palo Verde College for fall 2025 and/or spring 2026.
2. Must be a business or nursing major, or an athlete.
3. Must be enrolled full-time (12 units).
4. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** Two (2) awards for \$250 each for business majors, two (2) awards for \$250 each for nursing majors, two (2) awards for \$250 each for female athletes, and two (2) awards for \$250 each for male athletes.

## Charlie Graham Chevrolet & Buick Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR be a graduating High School student (GED or Diploma), who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Must demonstrate financial need, have past involvement/leadership in school, community or church organized activities.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$260.

## Crain Family Business Scholarship

1. Must be a Palo Verde College student who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
3. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Must be a business major.

**Award:** Multiple awards, for \$500 each.

## Crain Family Nursing Scholarship

1. Must be a Palo Verde College student who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
3. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Must be a nursing major.

**Award:** Multiple awards, for \$500 each.

# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## CSEA Chapter 180, Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Student must demonstrate financial need, have past involvement/leadership in school, community or church organized activities.

**Award:** Two (2) awards total. One (1) award for a full-time student for \$300, and one (1) award for a part-time student for \$150.

## CTA Scholarship

1. Must be currently enrolled at Palo Verde College.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 8 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.

**Award:** Four (4) awards for \$250 each. Award will be presented during the Award Ceremony in May 2025.

Please contact Paul Shibalovich, CTA Scholarship Committee chairperson, at 760.921.5464 or [paul.shibalovich@paloverde.edu](mailto:paul.shibalovich@paloverde.edu), with any questions about this scholarship.

## DACE Board of Directors Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School/Twin Palms High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Must be a resident of the Desert Communities Empowerment Zone (DCEZ) which includes: Colorado River Communities, Desert Center, Mesa Verde, Ripley and portions of Blythe. (Reference the map on page 6 for eligible areas or contact Bianca Rodriguez for more information).
5. Must demonstrate financial need and have some past or current involvement/leadership in school or community organized activities.

**Award:** Multiple awards, totaling \$3,850.

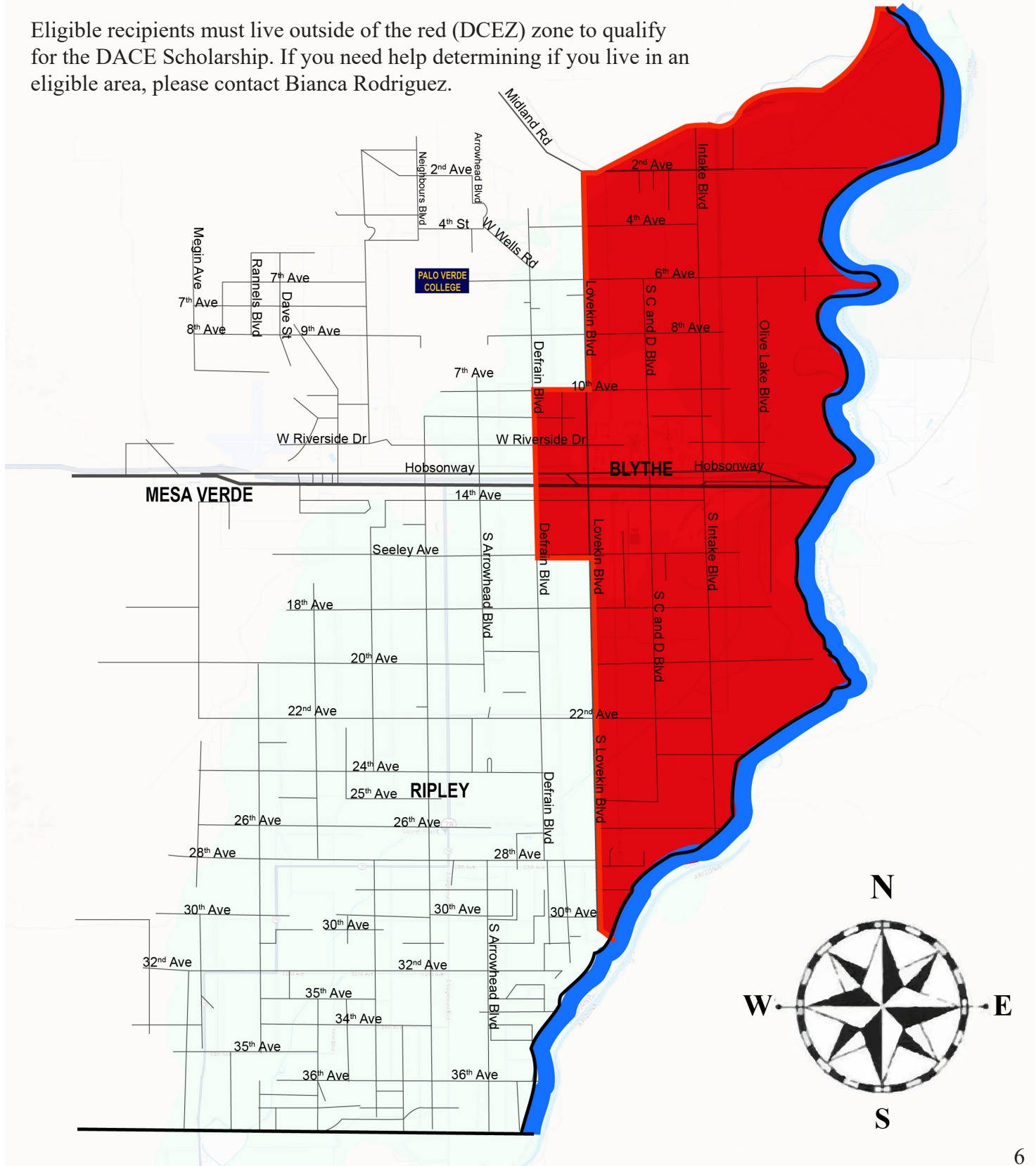


# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## DACE Board of Directors Scholarship

### Eligibility Map

Eligible recipients must live outside of the red (DCEZ) zone to qualify for the DACE Scholarship. If you need help determining if you live in an eligible area, please contact Bianca Rodriguez.



# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## Debra Ann Mitchell Memorial Scholarship

1. Must be a Palo Verde College student who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
3. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Student must be a single parent.

**Award:** Multiple awards, totaling \$1,685.

## Dr. Donald F. Averill Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$280.

## Dr. George & Marcella Thomas Family Scholarship

1. Must have graduated from Palo Verde High School OR be a Palo Verde College Blythe student who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in 12 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Student's major must be an emphasis on Education/Teaching.

**Award:** Two (2) awards for \$500 each.

## Dr. John Hadlock Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$250.



# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## Dr. Tara Bautista Alumni Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 1 unit.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Award:** Two (2) awards for \$500 each.

## Emilie A. Graham Nursing Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School or Twin Palms High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Must be enrolled in the Palo Verde College Nursing program.
5. Must have been a resident of Palo Verde Valley for at least five (5) years, demonstrate financial need, and have some past involvement/leadership in school, community or church organized activities.

**Award:** Multiple awards, totaling \$4,430.

## Francis “Ted” Arneson Memorial Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$255.

## Future Educators Scholarship

1. Must be currently enrolled at Palo Verde College.
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
3. Must have already completed 30 units.
4. Student's major must be an emphasis on Education/Teaching.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$2,000.

# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## Kehl Family Scholarship

1. Must be a Palo Verde College student (main campus) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School or Twin Palms High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Students major must be Early Childhood Education.

**Award:** Two (2) awards for \$450 each.

## LGBTQ+ Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must self-identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$750.

## McCreary Family Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
4. Priority will go to students entering the teaching field and second priority will be given to students in the nursing field.

**Award:** Multiple awards, totaling \$8,200.

## Needles Associated Student Government Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$200.

# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## Palo Verde Hospital - Dr. Brooks Scholarship

1. Must be a student enrolled in the Palo Verde College LVN Program who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
3. Preference will be given to Palo Verde Hospital employees currently in the LVN program.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$380.

## Pep Club Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$200.

## Provident Bank Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$666.57.

## Puente Club Scholarship

1. Must be a PVC Puente Program or PVC Puente Club student.
2. Must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
3. Must have completed English 100/101 OR GES 101.
4. Must have a declared program of study.
5. Must have a completed Puente contract/Club agreement on file.

**Award:** Eight (8) awards for \$310 each.

# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## PVC Foundation – Needles Center Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College Needles student OR Needles High School graduate who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** Amount to be determined.

## PVC Foundation Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School or Twin Palms High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** Multiple awards ranging \$200 - \$1500, totaling \$42,225.52.

## PVC Umoja Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR graduating High School student (GED or Diploma) who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year OR transferring for Fall 2025.
2. Must have completed at least 12 units from Palo Verde College.
3. Must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
5. Must have a signed PVC Umoja Community Agreement on file.
6. Essays should mention and showcase your talents, such as:
  - Art
  - Craft
  - Music
  - Painting
  - Performance
  - Poetry
  - Short film
  - Other

**Award:** One (1) award for \$500, and one (1) award for \$250.

# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## PVVHS Class of 1967 Scholarship

1. Must have graduated from Palo Verde High School in the last 5 years, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 9 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. Preference will be given to students who have shown participation in community service or school extracurricular activities.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$470.

## Richard S. Williams Family Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus) OR a graduating Palo Verde High School senior, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in 12 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Award:** Multiple awards, totaling \$4,610.

## Ron & Glen Baker Family Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** Multiple awards, totaling \$4,400.

## Santana Rivera Memorial Nursing Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be a current Nursing student at Palo Verde College.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Must be enrolled in 12 units.
5. Must have income or socioeconomic challenges.

**Award:** One (1) award for \$500 each.

# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## Sheltering Wings Scholarship

1. Must be a Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in the DSPS program.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Must be enrolled in 6 units.

**Award:** Two (2) awards for \$500 each.

## Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in STEM Majors: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Health Sciences are not eligible.

### Business Majors

-Management Information System

### Computer & Information Sciences

-Computer Programming  
-Computer Science  
-Information Systems  
-Information Technology

### Engineering

-Chemical Engineering  
-Electrical & Communications Engineering  
-Industrial Engineering  
-Materials Engineering  
-Nuclear Engineering  
-Software Engineering  
-Nano Engineering

### Mathematics

-Applied Mathematics  
-Statistics  
-Mathematics

### Engineering Technology

-Computer Engineering Technology  
-Construction Technology  
-Drafting & Design Technology  
-Electrical Engineering Technology  
-Mechanical Engineering Technology  
-Surveying Technology

### Natural Resources & Conservation

-Environmental Science  
-Environmental Studies  
-Forestry  
-Natural Resources & Conservation  
-Wildlife & Wilderness Management

### Physical Sciences

-Chemistry  
-Applied Physics  
-Applied Chemistry  
-Geology/Earth Science  
-Geophysics  
-Physics  
-Comprehensive Science

3. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
4. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
5. Student must demonstrate financial need.

**Award:** Multiple awards, totaling \$10,000.



# PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## Student Academic Support Services (SASS) Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year OR be transferring to a 4-year college/university for fall 2025.
2. Must be enrolled full-time (12 units).
3. Must be working on a transfer major.
4. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
5. Must have completed at least 45 units.
6. If transferring fall 2025, student will be required to submit a copy of their schedule for their transfer institution to verify enrollment.

**Award:** Two (2) awards for \$500 each.

## Union Bank of California Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR student graduating from Palo Verde High School, Twin Palms High School or Needles High School, who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Award:** Multiple awards, totaling \$5,260.

# TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

The PVC Foundation uses Adobe Sign for all of our scholarship applications. If you have never used Adobe Sign before, here is what to expect:

- Adobe Sign does not save your progress on your application. You must complete it all at once.
  - » For this reason, we suggest writing your essay in a separate Word document program and then pasting it into the application.
- As soon as you submit the form, you will receive an email from Adobe Sign, which may show as [adobesign@adobesign.com](mailto:adobesign@adobesign.com) or [echo@echosign.com](mailto:echo@echosign.com). The email will contain a link asking you to click on it to verify your email. You must click the link **each** time you complete an Adobe Sign form.
  - » Make sure you are using an email you can easily access. High school students - DO NOT use your school email. It will not work once you graduate.
- Once your email has been verified, Adobe Sign will send you and Bianca Rodriguez a completed copy of your application. If you do not receive that copy, your application has not been submitted.

The essay portion of the application is your time to shine! Use it to make a strong impression on the scholarship committee. Make it count!

- Grammar, punctuation, and spelling are essential. Paste your essay in an online program like [paperrater.com](https://www.paperrater.com) or [grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com) for extra help before submitting. If you use [ChatGPT](#) or another AI tool for essay help, use it to enhance your essay not write the whole thing. You want this to be personable, not robotic.
- If you would like another person to review your essay before submitting your application, you can email a copy to Bianca at [bianca.rodriguez@paloverde.edu](mailto:bianca.rodriguez@paloverde.edu).

The *Reference Form* is a separate document from the application. You will need to share the link with **two** different references. They need to complete the form on your behalf.

- The Reference Form also use Adobe Sign. Ensure your references know they must verify their emails to finish submitting the forms.
- When choosing a reference, select someone who will speak positively of you. Use professional references like teachers, managers, spiritual leaders, or coaches.
- References from family members will not be accepted and your application will be considered incomplete.

If you have are unsure or have any questions, please contact Bianca at:

[bianca.rodriguez@paloverde.edu](mailto:bianca.rodriguez@paloverde.edu)