

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE

The complete guide to
applying for PVC Foundation
Schlarships.



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Dear Students,

It is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to you as you embark on your academic journey at Palo Verde College. As you navigate the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, we are thrilled to introduce you to our comprehensive Scholarship Application Guide.

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.

Within the pages of this booklet, you will discover a wealth of information, including:

- Detailed descriptions of various scholarships currently being offered.
- Eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and submission guidelines for each scholarship.
- Tips and strategies for crafting compelling scholarship essays.
- Resources and contacts for additional assistance and support.

The PVC Foundation firmly believes in the power of education to transform lives, and we are committed to supporting you in achieving your academic and career aspirations. We understand that financing your education can be a significant concern, and our goal is to make the scholarship application process as seamless and accessible as possible. Whether you are a potential student or a returning scholar, we encourage you to explore the available opportunities and take advantage of the resources in this guide.

We firmly believe that every student has the potential to thrive, and we are here to help you unlock that potential. As you read through this Scholarship Guide, we hope you feel inspired and empowered to pursue your dreams with confidence and determination. On behalf of the PVC Foundation and all scholarship donors, we wish you the best of luck in your academic pursuits. We are all here to support you every step of the way.

For any questions about your scholarship application, please contact Bianca Rodriguez at 760.921.5421 or bianca.rodriguez@paloverde.edu.

Dream big and soar high!

DIRECTIONS

Please carefully review these directions and each scholarship's requirement criteria before submitting your application.

- Only submit your application once before the deadline of Friday, April 12, 2024, 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 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 23, 2024. 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 2024 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.

PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Catholic Charities 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 2024-2025 academic year.
2. Must have completed at least 12 units at Palo Verde College to apply.
3. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
4. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
5. Must have intention to engage or continue employment in a “helping profession” that directly impacts low-income individuals and family in our region.

Award: One (1) award of \$500.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$160.

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 2024-2025 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. (See the map on page 14 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: One (1) award of \$300.

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Debra Ann Mitchell Memorial Scholarship

1. Must be a Palo Verde College student who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2024-2025 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: One (1) award of \$1,035.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$175.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$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 2024-2025 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 of \$155.

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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 2024-2025 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 1 unit.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Award: One (1) award of \$500.

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 2024-2025 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: One (1) award of \$375.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$155.

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Joseph Emilio Licciardone Hero Foundation Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) who will attend Palo Verde College during the 2024-2025 academic year.
2. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or better.
3. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
4. Students must be majoring in Science, Math, Music or Environmental Science

Award: Multiple awards totaling \$2,526.77.

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 2024-2025 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: One (1) or more awards totaling \$500.

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 2024-2025 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) or more awards totaling \$780.

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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 2024-2025 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: One (1) award of \$740

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 2024-2025 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 \$17,759.98.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$146.

PVC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

PVC Umoja Scholarship

1. Must be a returning Palo Verde College student (main campus or Needles) OR graduating High School student (GED or Diploma) OR transferring for Fall 2024.
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. Entries should showcase your talents and answer how you plan to:
 - Art
 - Craft
 - Music
 - Painting
 - Performance
 - Poetry
 - Short film
 - Other

Award: One or more awards.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$380.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$285.

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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 2022-2023 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in 12 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Award: One (1) award of \$360.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$420.

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 2024-2025 academic year.
2. Must be a current or former CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) 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: Two (2) awards of \$500 each.

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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 2024-2025 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.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$460.

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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 2024-2025 academic year OR a graduating PVC student transferring to an accredited four-year institution for Fall 2023.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Award: One or more awards for \$200 each.

Please contact Carlos Medina, Academic Senate Scholarship Committee chairperson, at carlos.medina@paloverde.edu, with any questions about this scholarship.

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 2024-2025 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 of \$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 2024-2025 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 of \$200.

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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 2024-2025 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 of \$1,000 and two (2) awards of \$500 each.

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 2024-2025 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 2024.

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

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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 2024-2025 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Award: Amount to be determined.

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 2024-2025 academic year.
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

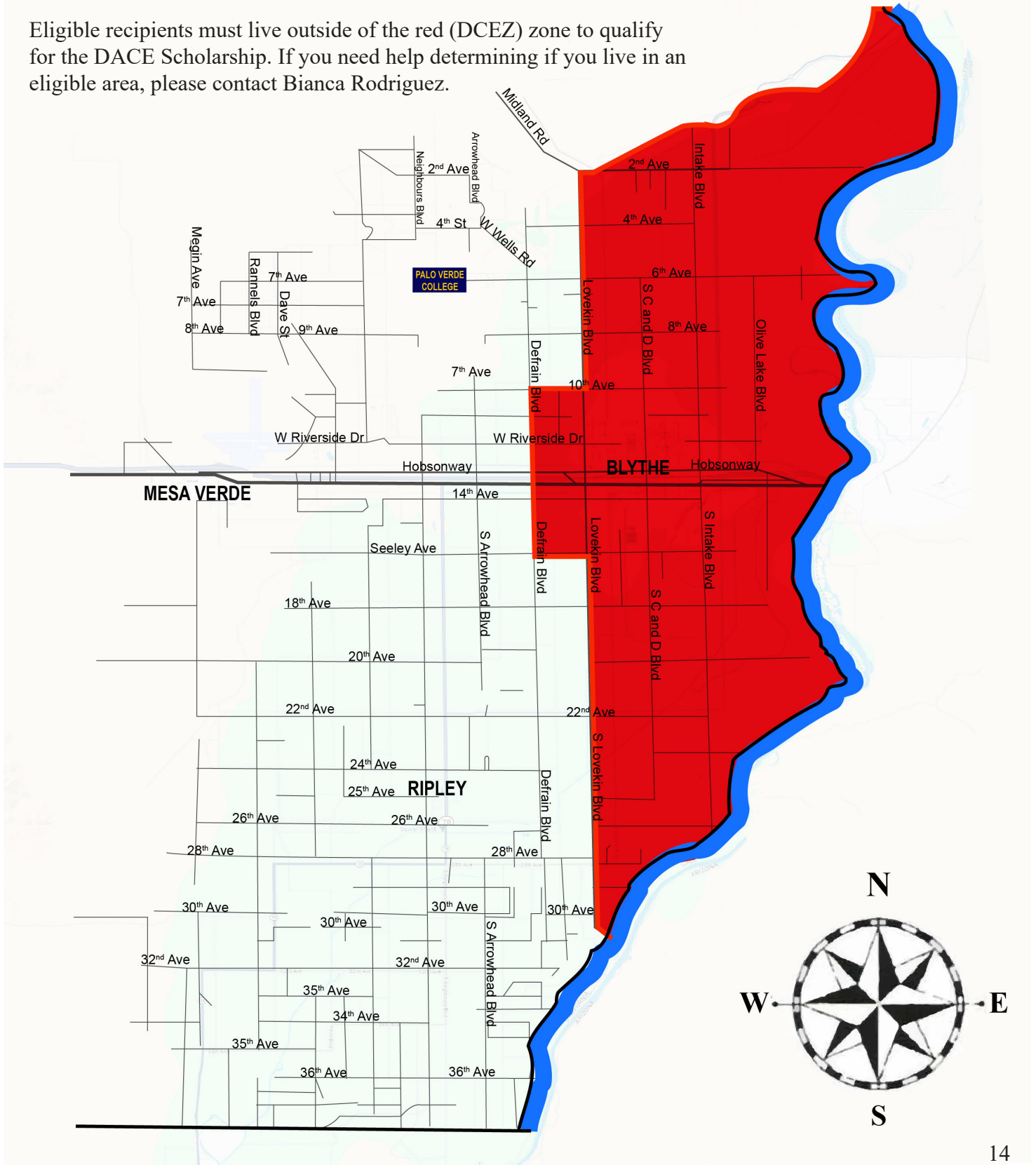
Award: One (1) award of \$200.

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.



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 gradepoint 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.

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.
- You will not be able to submit your application without all the required fields being completed.
- As soon as you submit the form, you will receive an email from Adobe Sign, which may show as echosign@echosign.com, with a link asking you to click on it to verify your email. You must click the link every 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. Your application has not been submitted if you do not receive that copy.

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

- Adobe Sign does not save your application progress, so we suggest writing your essay in a separate Word document program and then pasting it into the application.
- Grammar, punctuation, and spelling are essential! Run your essay through an online program like paperrater.com or grammarly.com for extra help before submitting.
- If you would like another person to review your essay before submitting your application, you can email a copy to Bianca at bianca.rodriquez@paloverde.edu.

As previously stated, the Reference Form is a separate document from the application. You will need to share the link with two different references to have them complete the form on your behalf.

- The Reference Forms 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.



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All scholarship application material is due before 4:30 pm on Friday, April 12, 2024

