

2026 Arthur F. Butler, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Application Criteria



About

Arthur F. Butler, Jr. "Art", was a member of the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of East County and a respected banker in San Diego. He believed hard-working young people deserved access to higher education.

In his memory, five (5) **\$3,000** scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors the Grossmont Union High School District, Christian High School, or members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of East County. Applicants must intend to attend a trade school, 2-year or 4-year college; scholarship funds are to be used for school expenses only (housing, books, tuition).

Requirements

The following components make up a complete application and must be submitted by all applicants. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- A personal statement (see guidelines below)
- At least one letter of recommendation from a high school staff member (counselors, teachers, advisors or coaches) or a Director of a Boys & Girls Clubs of East County Clubhouse
- Acceptance letter from a college or university
- Copy of high school transcripts
- A brief video (no more than 30 seconds) introducing yourself and discussing your personal statement. Please include your financial need, GPA, intended college major, intended college or university, extracurricular activities and service as a mentor or positive role model to peers.

Personal statements should be brief and describe:

- Student's financial need
- Current GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Acceptance and plans to attend a trade school, 2 or 4-year college or university in 2026-2027, indicate the Major you will study and why you selected that Major
- Service as a mentor or positive role model to peers and others in school
- Active involvement in extracurricular activities

Completed applications MUST be submitted by 4:00pm on Friday, March 13, 2026; applications received after the deadline will not be considered. No exceptions!

Selection Process

Students will be selected to interview based on their completed applications. Awardees will be selected by the Butler family based on their interview.

Timeline

- Friday, March 13, 2026, at 4:00pm- completed online applications due
- Interviews will be held at a date to be determined during the week of April 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm- via Zoom or in-person at the BGCEC offices (*for selected applicants only). You will be notified prior to the interview date if you are selected for an interview.
- If awarded, students will provide a 30-second video outlining their accomplishments and describing how the scholarship will be used and sign a Use of Funds agreement. Scholarship checks will be disbursed from the Boys & Girls Clubs of East County via US mail.

For questions, please contact Samantha Gonzalez at 619-440-1600x313 or sam@bgcec.org

APPLY HERE: <https://forms.gle/EXvJVHB8Cwosr8G37>