

2026 Nancy Fazio Memorial Scholarship

Application Criteria



About

In its 16th year, the Nancy Fazio Scholarship memorializes and honors a loving wife, mother, daughter and educator who believed that hard working young people deserve access to higher education.

In her memory, six (6) scholarships at **\$4,000** each will be awarded to graduating seniors from the Grossmont Union High School District, Christian High School, or members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of East County. Scholarship funds are to be used for college 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 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 no longer than one page double-spaced, and describe:

- Student's financial need
- Current GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Acceptance and plans to attend a 2 or 4-year college or university in 2026-2027
- 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 Fazio family based on their interview.

Timeline

- Friday, March 13, 2026, at 4:00pm- completed online applications due
- A date to be determined in the week of April 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm- interviews held via Zoom (*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/JBGzo8ygdf6M2Wwm7>