

# 2026 Nancy Fazio Memorial Scholarship

## Application Criteria



### About

In its 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sam@bgcec.org).

**APPLY HERE: <https://forms.gle/JBGzo8ygdf6M2Wwm7>**