

# WEST CONTRA COSTA RETIRED EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

Scorers'  
Initials

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED – HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**  
*Note: Essay must have a typed signature at the bottom of the second page.*

This 2026 Scholarship Application, along with guidelines for applying, are located on the website  
[www.wccrescholarship.org](http://www.wccrescholarship.org)

**Scholarships are available for the following schools:**  
**DeAnza, El Cerrito, Greenwood Academy, Hercules, Kennedy, Middle College, Pinole Valley,  
 Richmond, Vista, and Adult Education**

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*Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle Initial                                      Age                                      Gender (Optional)*

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*Address    City    Zip*

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*Home Phone    Cell Phone    Email*

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*High School    Class ranking at end of first semester                                      School Scholarship  
Coordinator initial  
of verification*

**1. HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, ATHLETICS, CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS,  
WORK EXPERIENCE**

Grade	Name of club/organization of which a member or employee	Office or positions held
<i>Example: 10, 11, 12</i>	<i>Drama Club</i>	<i>10: Member; 11: VP; 12: Pres</i>

**2. LIST SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY** (Include experiences/responsibilities in your family, neighborhood, church, civic group, or other volunteer experiences.)

Grade	Activity	Time Spent
<i>Example: 9, 10</i>	<i>Babysitting, cooking, cleaning @ home to assist working parents</i>	<i>3 hours/day; 4 days/week</i>
<i>Example: 10,11</i>	<i>Rotary Crab Feed</i>	<i>3 hours per year</i>

**3. LIST HONORS OR DISTINCTIONS AWARDED:** (Scholastic or other.)

Grade	Honors or Distinctions
Example: 10	Honor Roll First Semester
Example: 12	Softball Captain

**4. REFERENCES:** List two (2) persons, **other than relatives**, who will send your school scholarship coordinator a letter of recommendation by the deadline date. They can be an adult at your school such as a counselor or teacher; an organization sponsor, church pastor, family physician or employer, and/or any other person who knows you well – *not a family member*. Attached to this application are separate copies of instructions for the two people who will write the one-page reference letter. **All references require a typed signature and be on letterhead. If not school personnel or a community organization, contact information must be provided in lieu of letterhead.**

	Name	Connection to Student
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**5. PERSONAL ESSAY:** *Please use a separate sheet for your essay.* Include the school you plan to attend next year, the field of study, and long-term plans after graduation. **NOTE:** *Applicants are advised that they are to write their personal essay without the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Applicants who are suspected of doing so may have their essay scores lowered significantly.* The personal essay weighs very heavily in the selection process. Please be specific about what your future plans include: college or trade school and in what area or field. Why do you think you should be selected as a recipient of this scholarship? What sets you apart from other applicants to receive this award? **The essay should be no more than two pages, 12-font, 1.5 spacing. All essays require a typed signature.**

**6. OTHER SCHOOLS ATTENDED** (if not WCCUSD also identify city/state)

Elementary	
Junior Middle	
High School	

**7. DUE DATE:** Application and letters of reference must be received by the School Site Scholarship Coordinator and your school’s Scholarship Board Liaison by **FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026.**

**8. QUESTIONS:** Any questions you may have should be directed to your school’s Scholarship Board Liaison.

Would you like your application to be shared with other available scholarship opportunities? Please indicate Yes or No in the box.	YES		NO	
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**Typed Signature of Applicant**

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**Date**

**DIRECTIONS TO INDIVIDUALS FILLING OUT REFERENCES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a scholarship through the West Contra Costa Retired Educators Fund for post high school study.

1. In writing a character reference for this student, please include the following:
  - How long have you known this student and in what capacity?
  - What is your perception of his/her potential?
  - Why should the student get a scholarship?
  - What is the compelling reason that makes this student stand out among his/her peers?
2. **Letters of reference must be printed on official letterhead, 12-font, 1.5 spacing, and signed with a *typed* signature. Please limit the letter to one page. If not school personnel or a community organization, contact information must be provided in lieu of letterhead.**
3. Return this reference to the student to include in his/her application. The due date for turning in a completed application to the School Site Scholarship Coordinator is ***FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026. Letters of reference should not be in envelopes.***

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