



Continuing Education (Post-Secondary) Scholarship Criteria

The Caballeros de Yuma is offering scholarships to students who have already graduated high school, pursuing a degree and have already been accepted for admission to a Junior College or University. The [El Toro Grande](#) and [Continuing Education](#) scholarships will be awarded to the [two \(2\)](#) highest scoring applicants from all continuing education applications.

- One (1) \$5,000 El Toro Grande Continuing Education Scholarship
- One (1) \$2,500 Continuing Education Scholarships
- Four (4) \$1,000 Yuma Territorial Continuing Education Scholarships

The applicants must meet the following criteria for submission of applications:

- Citizen of the United States of America.
- Must be a full-time student currently taking at least 12 semester hours and must have completed at least [30 semester hours](#) by spring of 2025.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must be a Yuma County High School graduate and have graduated at least one year prior to accepting this scholarship.

Applicants must include ALL of the following:

- Cover Sheet - Attach a picture of yourself, Head shot only (Photo will only be used for publication of selected recipients in print and/or online.)
- Completed Continuing Education Scholarship application.
- Submit official high school diploma from a Yuma County High School
- Submit official college/university transcript from Registrar's Office listing Grade Point Average (GPA).
- Disclosure of other scholarships the applicant is receiving
- Community involvement or extracurricular school activities will be highly considered. We will consider the fact that the student may or may not be working while attending college.
- Provide three (3) letters of recommendation (family members excluded).
- Submit a (1 to 2 page) essay regarding the topic below:

ESSAY TOPIC: Describe an influential person in your life who has inspired you to pursue your dreams. This could be a family member, teacher, coach, community leader, historical figure, or someone you've personally known who has left a lasting impact on your values, ambitions, or personal growth.

- Who are they, and what role have they played in your life?
- What Specific lessons have they taught you? These could be lessons about hard work, perseverance, leadership, kindness, service, resilience, or overcoming obstacles.
- What personal qualities or actions did they demonstrate that you admire and hope to emulate?

Now, consider how your education will allow you to carry forward their lessons.

- In what ways will your educational journey honor their legacy?
- How will you apply what they've taught you to your field of study and future career?
- If they were to see where you are today and where you hope to go, what do you think they would say? How do you hope to make them proud?



Finally, reflect on how you might one day serve as a mentor or role model for others in your community, just as this person has influenced you. How will you take the lessons you've learned and pay them forward? This essay should showcase not only gratitude for the past but also a vision for the future- demonstrating how you will use your education to further their impact and create positive change.

Scholarship applicants may be contacted by telephone or asked to participate in an interview conducted by the Scholarship Committee. The purpose of the contact is to answer any questions that may arise after review of applications.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: The Caballeros de Yuma will not award the scholarship money directly to the student but will set up an account in the recipient's name at the accredited post-secondary educational institution of choice and must be used for tuition, books and/or lab fees. Any scholarship monies will be sent to the Junior College/University by July 15, 2025 provided all required paperwork has been received.

DEADLINE: Applications must be received in the office of the Caballeros de Yuma no later than **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 at 4:00 PM**. Students selected for scholarships will be notified by May 1, 2025. **Applications may be mailed or delivered to:** Caballeros de Yuma, Inc., 180 W. 1st Street, Suite B, Yuma, AZ, 85364.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (POST-SECONDARY)



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Application

| APPLICANT INFORMATION | | |
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| Last Name: | First: | M.I.: |
| Street Address | | Apartment/Unit # |
| City: | State: | ZIP: |
| Phone: | E-mail Address: | |
| Social Security No. | Date of Birth: | US Citizen? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| High School Name: | Graduation Year: | |
| Father's Name: | Occupation & Employer | |
| Mother's Name: | Occupation & Employer | |

WHAT UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE WILL BE ATTENDING IN THE UPCOMING FALL SEMESTER?

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LIST OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR:

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LIST ALL SCHOLARSHIPS IN WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR:

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WILL ANY OTHER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS BE ATTENDING COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TRADE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME AS YOU? IF SO, PLEASE LIST THEIR NAMES, AGES AND SCHOOL THEY ARE ATTENDING.

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HOW WILL YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION BE FINANCED?

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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT FAMILY FINANCES FOR YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION:

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AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

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HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE ACTIVITIES (STUDENT COUNCIL, SPORTS, BAND, FFA, HOSA, DECA, ETC..)

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DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to an award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application and/or interview may result in its cancellation.

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| Signature | | Date | |
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