



## Memorial (High School Student) Scholarship Criteria

The Caballeros de Yuma is offering scholarships to high school seniors who are graduating from high schools in Yuma County. A [Memorial Scholarship](#) will be awarded to **one (1)** graduating senior from each of the following schools: Antelope HS, Cibola HS, Gila Ridge HS, Kofa HS, San Luis HS, Somerton HS, Yuma HS, Yuma Catholic HS, plus one senior selected from applications submitted by Yuma County Charter Schools (Carpe Diem Collegiate HS, PPEP TEC, Harvest Prep Academy and Educational Opportunity Center Charter HS – YPIC, and Vista School). The [Presidential Scholarship and El Toro Grande](#) will be awarded to the **three (3)** highest scoring graduates from all memorial applications.

- **One (1) \$10,000 El Presidente Memorial Scholarship**
- **Two (2) \$3,500 El Toro Grande Memorial Scholarships**
- **Nine (9) \$1,000 Memorial Scholarships**

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

- Citizen of the United States of America
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Community involvement or high school extracurricular activities will be highly considered.
- Will be attending; an accredited post-secondary educational institution or trade school and must be a fulltime student (at least 12 semester hours).

### **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 Memorial Scholarship application
- Official high school transcript from Registrar's Office listing Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Disclosure of other scholarships the applicant is receiving
- 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 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite B, Yuma, AZ, 85364.

# MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

## Application



# Caballeros de Yuma

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APPLICANT INFORMATION		
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 YOU WILL BE ATTENDING IN THE UPCOMING FALL SEMESTER?

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

LIST ALL SCHOLARSHIPS IN WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR:

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.

**HOW WILL YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION BE PAID FOR AND/OR FINANCED?**


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


**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**


**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**


**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (STUDENT COUNCIL, SPORTS, BAND, FFA, DECA, DEBATING CLUB, ETC..)**


**MAJOR CAREER GOALS:**


**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.

Signature		Date	
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