



**DWELLE FOUR-YEAR
\$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

Deadlines to submit application packet: March 1st

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WHAT IS THE DWELLE SCHOLARSHIP?

A four-year college scholarship for a graduating Redwood High School student who maintains a 2.8 or greater grade point average. The scholarship can be as much as \$5,000 per year for a full four years.

REQUIREMENTS

- The applicant must graduate from Redwood High School
- The applicant must have an overall G.P.A. of 2.8 or greater
- The applicant must maintain a 2.8 or greater G.P.A. their last semester
- The applicant does not need to be a "straight 'A'" student, but must be someone that shows motivation, work ethic, curiosity, and promise for the future.
- The applicant should have one or more of the following:
 - Entrepreneurial spirit
 - Creativity
 - Involvement in Redwood High School activities, sports, band, leadership
 - Involvement in church or community activities
 - Or the student may be less involved due to commitment of taking care of younger siblings or home/work responsibilities.
- The applicant must be enrolled in an eligible institution of education within 12 months of graduation.
- The applicant will be allowed a GAP year if desired/necessary during the scholarship period. (Military leave, missionary work, medical leave, family emergency, maternity leave, travel opportunity, business opportunity. Scholarship funds are not released during the GAP year.
- The applicant must be obtaining a four-year degree
- The applicant must maintain a 2.5 or higher G.P.A. over the four years in college
- The applicant must be continuously enrolled except for GAP year.
- The applicant must be considered full time each semester in college
- Applicant must show their identification and Social Security card to the Foundation representative
- Scholarships are transferable to another eligible four year institution of education (E.g. You start at Fresno State and transfer to other university(s) to finish your four-year degree)



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- If at any time during the funding cycle you do not successfully maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or equivalent, you will forfeit the scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarships are awarded through a competitive review process. Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- 40% GPA
- 20% Written Statement
- 10% Activities
- 10% Letters of Recommendation
- 20% Financial Need

Financial need could be demonstrated by:

- Working parents and/or working student
- Siblings at home and/or other siblings in college
- Medical issues of student, parents or siblings

Only one applicants will receive an award. The offer of a scholarship is valid only during the academic period for which the offer is made.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND FUNDING PROCEDURES

The Scholarship will be announced prior to June 1st. Students selected for the scholarship will be expected to attend the year-end awards ceremony to honoring the recipient and to recognize the Foundation. The scholarship funds will be distributed two times per year, half during the first semester and half during the second semester. Scholarship funding will be available for the academic year following the presentation of the award. The recipient will receive a letter of instruction along with their award.

WHAT ARE MY REQUIREMENTS IF I RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Write a letter of appreciation to your donor immediately. Forward your letter to the Foundation office:

Visalia Rotary Community Foundation
3600 W Mineral King, Ste C
Visalia, CA 93291



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The Foundation office must receive your letter of appreciation before funding can be approved for disbursement. Appreciation letters must be received no later than July 1st or you may jeopardize your scholarship funding.

Your scholarship funding will be released in two equal payments:

- Fall scholarship funding will be delivered to you September 15th
- Spring scholarship funding will be posted to your student account at the college after February 15th

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

All questions regarding your scholarship should be directed to:

Liz Wynn VRCFscholars@gmail.com (559)623-2348

WHERE DO I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION?

It is the responsibility of the student applicant to submit by completing the online form. A confirmation email will be sent to the student at the email listed on the application.

No later than 12:00 p.m. on March 1

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Applications must be completed and submitted online.
- Applications must be completed in full. Incomplete or incorrect information will jeopardize your application
- The application consists of 5 sections that must be completed in full. Where appropriate make "NA" for not applicable. If you are not sure please contact Mrs. Wynn to verify your answer.
- **There are 4 online forms to submit for a complete application:**
 - Basic Requirements Checklist
 - Master Scholarship Application (including uploading essay and official transcripts)
 - Two recommendations:
 - At least one of which must be from an eligible institution of education faculty member. **Scholarship recommendations from a relative are not acceptable.**
 - It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all application materials are received electronically no later than March 1st