



**JOHN F. KENNEDY  
MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH  
SCHOOL  
2025 – 2026**

# Local Scholarship Handbook

Each year local clubs, organizations, and businesses offer scholarships to deserving JFK Students. In this packet you will find the General Application that can be submitted for most local scholarships. Some scholarships may require a different application than the one in this booklet or have special requirements such as mailing the application to a specific location with a different deadline. You may apply for as many local scholarships for which you are eligible. You must turn in a separate application for each local scholarship you want to be considered for to the JFK Counseling Office. Additional local scholarships may become available throughout second semester. They will be sent out to seniors via Remind. As they become available, Mrs. Carson will e-mail them to students as requested.

## **Application Guidelines**

1. Application packet **MUST** have a **cover sheet** with the Scholarship Name/Student Name. **Please do not use a folder or hard cover.**
2. Complete the **General Award Application** for each scholarship that is turned into the Kennedy counseling office. Follow the directions carefully.  
*Note: Remember some scholarships may require a different application and may need to be submitted to a different location! Please keep in mind that the essay accompanying each scholarship should be targeted towards the scholarship. A generic essay does not necessarily represent what the scholarship committee is looking for, so you will want to make sure your essay meets the criteria of the scholarship that you are applying to.*
3. Include an unofficial **transcript** for JFK and Norco College. *Please e-mail your counselor for a copy of your transcript and one will be sent to you.*
4. Write your 1–2-page **Personal Essay**. Please attach 1 copy per scholarship.
5. Some scholarships may require **Letters of Recommendation**. Please complete the Letter of Recommendation Student Information Sheet in this book prior to asking your teacher/employer/College Instructor. This will help them to write a glowing letter for you. Allow them 2 weeks to complete the letter.
6. Check your applications carefully and keep a copy for yourself. Application packet should consist of:
  - a. Cover Sheet (Scholarship Name and Student Name)
  - b. General Application OR Application Provided by Sponsor
  - c. Personal Essay
  - d. Unofficial transcripts from JFK and Norco College
  - e. Letter(s) of Recommendation if required.
7. Paperclip packet together. **Do NOT staple or use a presentation folder or hardcover.**
8. Make sure you turn in your application to either JFK Counseling Office or the specified location.
9. Completed General Application Local Scholarship applications are due to the **Counseling office by 3:00 p.m. on or before Friday, February 6, 2026.**

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THEY ARE TURNED IN LATE!**

## **Your Scholarship Packets**

**Your scholarship packets must be in this order:**



Do NOT staple your applications. Please use a paper clip **ONLY**!

Return application packet to the location specified on the scholarship information sheet. Turn in **ONE** complete application packet for **EACH** scholarship to which you are applying.

Completed General Application Local Scholarship applications are due  
to the **Counseling office by 3:00 p.m. on or before**  
**Friday, February 6, 2026**

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## THE PERSONAL ESSAY

**The following suggestions may be helpful to students when writing the scholarship essay.**

Plan carefully.

Format the essay – typed, font size = 12, double-spaced, margins = 1 inch, no more than 2 pages.

Write an essay that will provide a comprehensive picture of who you are.

- Introduce yourself by providing background information.
- Briefly state your academic accomplishments (ex. Honors/Norco College /AVID student, academic awards).
- State your extracurricular activities, jobs, or volunteer work.
- Explain how these activities and accomplishments have shaped your life.
- State your future goals and objectives and include where you plan to go to college as well as your major field of study (if you have decided).
- State your financial needs – explain why the scholarship will help you fulfill your dreams.
- Be sincere and honest.

Express appreciation to the agency for offering money to a deserving student.

After you have completed writing your best essay, let someone read it who can be objective and will not mind offering his/her honest opinion.

Don't wait until the night before the due date to compose your essay. Prepare it in advance and keep it on your computer so it can be revised.

**\*\*Keep in mind that 1 generic essay may not target all the scholarships. Write specifically for your audience. For example, if the scholarship is looking for a student that wants to be a scientist, you may want to discuss your experiences within the science field.**

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BRAG SHEET

*\*Give to the person writing your letter of recommendation. You DO NOT need to turn this in.*

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your educational plans after high school? University \_\_\_\_\_ Community College \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your college major and/or career path?

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Why did you choose to pursue this field? (List experience you may have in this field)

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List clubs, activities, sports, and/or student government participation on and off campus (Indicate grade levels and offices held).

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What words would you use to describe yourself?

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What are your strengths and weaknesses?

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List the community college courses that you have taken. How many units have you completed?

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Describe and list work or community/volunteer experiences you have had.

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Do you have any job experiences? To what use have you or will you put your earning?

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What are some family experience and personal circumstances that are unique to you?

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Have you overcome any obstacles in your life that you want to share in a letter of recommendation?

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What are some honors or awards that you have received?

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Cite any experiences you have had that demonstrate:

- Innovation and creativity
- Leadership
- Motivation and interest
- Unique competencies or expertise
- Awards

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# JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL AWARD APPLICATION

## Student Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (JFK) \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (NC) \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Information

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

List each parent or guardian's information below:

Parent or Guardian's Occupation & Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of people in your family \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending college, including self \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate family income per year \_\_\_\_\_ (this will not be the only indicator of your eligibility)

## Your Future Plans

College Major interests:

\_\_\_\_\_

Possible career interests:

\_\_\_\_\_

Chosen College or University:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Community College/Transfer interests. **Only fill out if you may continue at a community college then transfer.**

Community College: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Transfer University: \_\_\_\_\_



# **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS — APPLY AT JFK**

*Turn in the following applications to the JFK Counseling Office  
by **Friday, Feb. 6, 2026.***

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## **CALIFORNIA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP (CaRTA: Corona-Norco Chapter)**

### **Eligibility**

- The student must have declared an intention to graduate from college with a bachelor's degree or better.
- The student must have attended a Corona or Norco high school at least during the senior year.
- The student must maintain an acceptable level of scholastic achievement (minimum 3.0 GPA.)
- The student may show financial need determined through the application, or letters of recommendation, or personal essay, or an interview.
- The student must have maintained an acceptable school and community record of activities and service.
- **The student should preferably be entering the field of Education.**

### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Personal Essay – *Should include the following: Scholastic achievements, citizenship, leadership, personality, potential achievement, community involvement, and financial need.*
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select 5 applications to be reviewed by the CaRTA Scholarship Committee.
- Interviews will be scheduled February - April to select a winner.

### **Award**

- \$500- Number of awards given may vary.

## **CORONA-NORCO MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AWARD**

### **Eligibility**

- Serve or work within a leadership role on campus
- Involvement in community service organizations & participate in extra-curricular activities
- Demonstrate financial need
- Career goal and post-secondary education oriented
- Minimum 3.0 GPA

### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- CNMA Application sheet- *E-mail school counselor for the application*
- 1-page Personal Essay – *Should include the following: Which school you plan to attend, scholastic and past achievements, volunteer and leadership opportunities, future goals, and career path, and how this scholarship will assist you in obtaining these future goals.*
- A statement/explanation for financial need (you may use the included form or provide your own)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.

- The JFK scholarship committee will select 3 - 8 applications to be reviewed by the CNMA Scholarship Committee.
- Interviews will be scheduled throughout February - April to select a winner.

#### **Award**

- \$1,000, Number of awards given may vary.

### **WOMAN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB of CORONA SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Eligibility**

- Demonstrates financial need
- Qualities of good citizenship and character which include service to their school or community
- Definite higher educational goals
- All genders may apply

#### **Include in Application**

- Woman's Improvement Club Application sheet- *E-mail school counselor for application*
- One-to-two-page Personal Essay addressing the following three areas – *1. Describe your career plans, goals, objectives, and any other information you feel would be valuable to the selection committee. 2. Describe all school service-related activities. Include any service you provide to others in your school. Do not use abbreviations for any organizations listed. 3. Your volunteer service in the community.*
- A statement/explanation for financial need (you may use the included form or provide your own)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation with Reference Form (one from a community volunteer leader and the other a member of the high school faculty). Letter should attest to the student's abilities and good character. Letters of Recommendation and Reference form must be submitted in a **sealed envelope**.
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

#### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select 5 applications to be reviewed by the Woman's Improvement Club
- The club will not be conducting interviews. Selection will be based on the applications alone.

#### **Award**

- \$1,000. Number of awards given may vary.

### **KIWANIS CLUB OF NORCO SCHOLARS AWARD**

#### **Eligibility**

- Minimum 3.5 GPA (unweighted)
- Focused major and/or career goals
- Good citizenship
- Involvement in high school club or community/religious organization or leadership activity

#### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Norco Kiwanis cover sheet
- Personal Essay (limited to 500 words) – *Should include the following: Information regarding involvement in school, community, church related activities, organizations and clubs to which you belong to. Also include goals/plans.*
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation (teacher/school official or employer/community member/religious leader). Each letter should attest to the student's abilities and good character.

#### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select applications to be reviewed by the Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee.
- Interviews will be scheduled in either March or April to meet with the candidates and select a recipient.

#### **Award**

- \$500. Number of awards given may vary.

#### **KIWANIS CLUB OF NORCO LOUIS & ADA VANDERMOLEN SERVICE AWARD**

##### **Eligibility**

- Minimum 2.5 GPA (unweighted)
- Good citizenship
- Service in both a high school club and a community/religious organization/activity

##### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Norco Kiwanis cover sheet
- Personal Essay (limited to 500 words) – *Should include the following: Information regarding involvement in school, community, church related activities, organizations and clubs to which you belong to. Also include goals/plans.*
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation (teacher/school official or employer/community member/religious leader). Each letter should attest to the student's abilities and good character.

##### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select applications to be reviewed by the Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee.
- Interviews will be scheduled in either March or April to meet with the candidates and select a recipient.

#### **Award**

- \$500. Number of awards given may vary.

#### **KIWANIS CLUB OF NORCO KEY CLUB AWARD**

##### **Eligibility**

- Minimum 2.5 GPA (unweighted)
- Good citizenship
- Significant involvement in JFK Middle College's Key Club, through strong leadership and/or dedicated service

##### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Norco Kiwanis cover sheet
- Personal Essay (limited to 500 words) – *Should include the following: Information regarding involvement in school, community, church related activities, organizations and clubs to which you belong to. Also include goals/plans.*
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation (teacher/school official or employer/community member/religious leader). Each letter should attest to the student's abilities and good character.

##### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.

- The JFK scholarship committee will select applications to be reviewed by the Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee.
- Interviews will be scheduled in either March or April to meet with the candidates and select a recipient.

#### **Award**

- \$500

### **KIWANIS CLUB OF NORCO ELAINE PARK “WOMEN IN STEM” SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Eligibility**

- Young woman with a focused educational goal to pursue a major in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math.
- Good citizenship
- Minimum 3.5 GPA

#### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Personal Essay – *Should include the following: Information regarding involvement in school, community, church related activities, organizations and clubs to which you belong to. Also include goals/plans.*
- A statement/explanation for financial need (you may use the included form or provide your own)
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

#### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select applications to be reviewed by the Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee.
- Application packets will be provided to Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee directly to be reviewed.

#### **Award-\$500**

### **KIWANIS CLUB OF NORCO MARILYN L. PRIOR “FUTURE TEACHER” SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Eligibility**

- Minimum 3.0 GPA (unweighted)
- Focused goal to become a teacher
- Good citizenship

#### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Norco Kiwanis cover sheet
- Personal Essay (limited to 500 words) – *Should include the following: Information regarding involvement in school, community, church related activities, organizations and clubs to which you belong to. Also include goals/plans.*
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation (teacher/school official or employer/community member/religious leader). Each letter should attest to the student’s abilities and good character.

#### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select applications to be reviewed by the Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee.
- Interviews will be scheduled in either March or April to meet with the candidates and select a recipient.

#### **Award**

- \$500

## **THE REID FAMILY FOUNDATION**

### **Eligibility**

- The applicant should be in the top half of the senior class. However, applicants will be considered if they have shown promise and may require support to continue their education even if not among those having the most excellent of scholarship credentials.
- Applicants who wish to continue their education at a community college and may need or require support of someone who believes in their ability will be favorably considered.
- While proof of need must be considered, it is not the defining factor.
- Clear educational and career goals.
- Character, service, leadership.

### **Include in Application**

- RFF Application Form- *E-mail school counselor for application*
- Personal Essay – *Should focus on future goals and reason for making the application (one page)*
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts
- 2 letters of recommendation

### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select no more than three (3) applicants to be interviewed
- Interviews will be scheduled throughout February - April to select a winner.

### **Award**

- One (1) \$5,000 will be awarded

## **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CORONA SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Eligibility**

- Senior **FEMALE** who plans to attend a two (2) or four (4) year college or vocational/business school
- 2.5-3.5 GPA
- Shows strength in community service
- Financial need to continue their education

### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Personal Essay - *Should include the following: How you have overcome adversities in your life and speak to your personal goals and aspirations.*
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- A statement/explanation for financial need (you may use the included form or provide your own)
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select up to 8 applications to be interviewed by a panel of Soroptimist members.

### **Award**

- One \$1,000 Scholarship
- Selected candidate will attend an awards luncheon in May 2026 to accept her scholarship.

## **CORONA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Eligibility**

- The applicant should be in the top half of the senior class.

- Proof of financial need.

#### **Include in Application**

- Corona Rotary Application – *e-mail school counselor for the application*
- One Page Personal Essay- *Should include the following: Why would you benefit from the Rotary Scholarship?*
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts
- 2 letters of recommendation

#### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- The JFK scholarship committee will select applications to be reviewed by the Corona Rotary Scholarship Committee.
- Interviews will be scheduled throughout February - April to select a winner.

#### **Award**

- \$500-\$1,000; Number of awards given may vary.

### **CORONA – NORCO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (CNTA)**

#### **Eligibility**

- Parent/guardian member of CNTA or student interested in the field of teaching
- Must have declared an intention to graduate from college with a Bachelor's Degree or better
- Attended a CNUSD high school at least during the entire senior year, and received grades from each semester.
- Shows financial need that is determined through interview and letter
- Maintains an acceptable activity record in school and community, and scholastic achievement
- Minimum 2.0 GPA

#### **Include in Application**

- CNTA Scholarship Application – *E-mail school counselor for the application*
- List of school and community activities by grade level
- List of honors or awards received in high school
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

#### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- JFK Scholarship committee will select 1 student to be interviewed
- If interviewed, you will need to bring a copy of your acceptance letters as well as a SAR report (obtained after completing your FAFSA).
- CNTA Committee will review, interview, and make final selection

#### **Award**

- One award will be granted. Amount varies.

### **JOHN F. KENNEDY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

#### **Eligibility**

- Exemplifies leadership on the John F. Kennedy Middle College campus
- Demonstrates financial need
- Demonstrates academic growth
- Clear goals for pursuing post-secondary education

**Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- One page essay outlining leadership achievements, scholastic achievements including GPA, future plans
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

**Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.
- JFK Scholarship committee will select 4-6 students for interview
- Interviews will be scheduled throughout March - April to select a winner.
- Final Selection made by Circle City Rotary Club members

**Award**

- \$1,000

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORCO****Eligibility**

- Must live in the City of Norco
- Demonstrates financial need
- GPA greater than 2.5
- Work Experience
- Involvement in Community Service and Student activities.

**Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- A one-page written statement describing their background, why they would like The Rotary Club of Norco Scholarship, where they intend to go to school, their intended major and their plans after college.
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

**Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.

**Award**

- \$500

**CORONA GIRLS' SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (CGSA)****Eligibility**

- Must have played at least one season with CGSA

**Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- A one-page written statement describing their time playing for CGSA and what leadership skills and self-confidence they gained from their experience.
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

**Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026

**Award**

- \$350

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS/Court St. Joseph #1420 - Corona****Eligibility**

- Must be a Catholic high school senior registered in a parish in the Corona-Norco area
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Enroll in an accredited two or four-year college, trade school, or university in the Fall
- Have financial need

**Include in Application**

- CDA application – *E-mail school counselor for application*
- Personal Essay – *Write about your ultimate goals, what parish you are registered with and specifics about your involvement in school/community activities.*
- 2 Letters of Recommendation: Priest/Teacher/Employer/Club Advisor/Work Supervisor
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

**Selection**

- Selection will be made by the Catholic Daughters Committee
- Return application to the counseling department by Friday, February 6, 2026

**Award**

Will vary

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP -CHAPTER 369**

**Eligibility**

- Applicant must have a parent who is a member of CSEA Chapter 369 (Classified employee in the CNUSD)
- Applicant must have at least a 2.0 GPA and demonstrated qualities of good citizenship and character

**Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Personal Essay – *Should include the following: Accomplishments, goals for the future, and leadership roles you have taken.*
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

**Selection**

- Reviewed and selection by the CSEA Scholarship Committee
- Return application to the counseling department by Friday, February 6, 2026

**Award**

Amount varies every year

**HARADA SCHOLARSHIP**

**Eligibility**

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Attended Harada Elementary School

**Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Personal Essay – *Include scholastic achievements, citizenship, and leadership abilities as well as your experience at Harada.*
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

**Selection**

- Return application to the counseling department by Friday, February 6, 2026

**Award**

One \$1,000 Scholarship

## **ALIKIAN-ROSSELLI BUSINESS LEADER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

### **Eligibility**

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Planning to pursue a Business Degree at a four-year university next year

### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
  - Personal Essay – *Should include the following: Information regarding involvement in school, community, church related activities, organizations and clubs to which you belong to. Also include goals/plans for the future.*
  - 300-word essay on why you are pursuing a business degree and how this scholarship would benefit you
  - 2 Letters of Recommendation
  - Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

### **Selection**

- All applications will be reviewed by Logan Rosselli and Christopher Alikian
- Personal interview with Logan Rosselli and Christopher Alikian
- Return application to the counseling department by Friday, February 6, 2026

### **Award**

One \$500 Scholarship

## **ROSSELLI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Eligibility**

- Involvement in community service or commitment to helping at school.

### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- Personal Essay (limited to 500 words) – *Should include the following: Information regarding involvement in school, community, church related activities, organizations and clubs to which you belong to. Also include goals/plans.*
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation (teacher/school official or employer/community member/religious leader). Each letter should attest to the student's abilities and good character.

### **Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026

### **Award**

- Two \$250 Scholarships

## **CINCO DE MAYO COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Eligibility**

- Seniors graduating in the Corona-Norco Unified School District in May. Under-represented groups in college will be given preference.
- Minimum overall cumulative GPA 2.0
- Demonstrates qualities of good citizenship and character, leadership, initiative, competency and responsibility.
- Definite educational goals and financial need

### **Include in Application**

- General Award Application sheet (included in this packet)
- A Cinco de Mayo Application. *May be picked up from JFK Counseling Office.*

- One Page Personal Essay- *Should include the following: Information about your experiences, achievements and goals. Describe unusual circumstances, challenges or hardships you have faced, especially those that may have affected your academic achievement.*
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts (Pick up JFK transcript from Counseling Office)

**Selection**

- Return application to the JFK Counseling Office by Friday, February 6, 2026
- Selection to be made by the Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Committee.

**Award**

- \$1,000
- Recipients may be asked to attend at least two local events related to the Cinco de Mayo Scholarship activities in the academic year (unless the location of the choice of college prohibits this).

**CITY OF NORCO COMMUNITY EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP**

**Eligibility**

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must live in the City of Norco and have demonstrated resilience in overcoming challenges to achieve their educational goals

**Include in Application**

- WM Scholarship Application Form – *e-mail school counselor for the application*
- Personal Essay -no more than 500 words
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts

**Selection**

- Return application to the counseling department by Friday, February 6, 2026

**Award**

Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be awarded



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**Riverside Community College District  
(RCCD) Scholarships**  
*Apply Directly to RCCD*

# **Riverside Community College District Local Scholarships** **(Norco College)**

JFK students are highly encouraged to take advantage of the many local scholarships provided at Norco College by RCCD. JFK students taking classes at Norco College have all the resources in the Norco College Guidance department available to them. Feel free to visit the Norco College offices at any time. Periodically, scholarship workshops may be available for interested students. Local Scholarships are available during Spring semester of senior year for the Fall semester after graduation. Provided is an overview of the RCCD local scholarships and where to find more information.

## **RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

### **Eligibility**

- Plans to attend Riverside City College

### **Include in Application:**

- Application form provided by, submitted to Norco College online.
- RCCD Scholarship Application
- Personal Essay
- 2 Recommendation Letters
- JFK and Norco College Official Transcripts

### **Selection**

- Application available at: <https://www.norcocollege.edu/services/enrollment/sfs/scholarships.html>
- **JFK/Norco College students contact: Student Financial Services**, Student Services, (951) 372-7009

### **Awards**

- Amount varies every year

**Deadline:** April 2026

## **RCC COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

### **Eligibility**

- Scholarship is to reward students who have shown excellence in scholastic achievement, community involvement and mastery of knowledge while in high school.
- Attend RCC for two years then transfer to Cal Baptist University, La Sierra University, or the University of Redlands for two additional years

### **Include in Application**

- RCC Community Scholars Application available at: <https://rcc.academicworks.com/>
- Personal Essay and 2 Letters of Recommendation
- JFK and Norco College Official Transcripts
- Financial Statement (FAFSA) – must be submitted by March 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Selection**

- Application form provided by, submitted to, and evaluated by Community Scholars Committee
- Visit [www.rcc.edu](http://www.rcc.edu) for more information
- **Deadline: Varies by scholarship. Check the above website frequently for new scholarship opportunities.**



# JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

## Local Scholarship Handbook

### Regional Scholarships

*\*\* These scholarships are available to all high school students in Southern California \*\**

#### REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

This list consists of the information currently available from the scholarships. Listen to school announcements, check the JFK webpage under 'Guidance' and 'scholarships' for updated lists. Conduct your own searches to find more regional opportunities.

### **CALIFORNIA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (Regional scholarship available to California students)**

#### **Eligibility**

- Four scholarships available with different levels of eligibility found on the CTA web site [www.cta.org/scholarships](http://www.cta.org/scholarships).
  1. Dependent Children
  2. Del A Weber for Dependent Children Attending High Schools with Alternative Education (JFK qualifies)
  3. Members
  4. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship-Must be African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic to apply.

#### **Award:**

- Dependent Children: up to 35 scholarships for up to \$5,000; Del A. Weber Scholarship: one for \$5,000; Members: 5 for \$3,000; Martin Luther King Jr.: amount varies but has been up to \$6,000
  - Must be received no later than **February 23, 2026**

### **ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

#### **Eligibility**

- Students who are Roman Catholic and of Italian descent (or whose non-Italian Roman Catholic parents, guardians or grandparents are members of the Federation)
- Live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of California, Nevada, Illinois and Arizona
- 3.2 GPA minimum
- Must be received no later than **April 10, 2026**

#### **Selection**

- Application available online at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)
- Application will be evaluated and judged on the following criteria: Scholastic and activities record, personal statements, recommendation from faculty
- Letters of Recommendation from a school official which states applicant's GPA and Class Rank
- Personal letter of approximately 150 words explaining applicant's Italian origin, (or I.C.F. membership affiliation of their non-Italian Roman Catholic parents, guardians, or grandparents), and the applicant's plans for the future
- Copy of JFK and Norco College unofficial transcripts
- Mail to the address provided on the application
- More information available at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)

#### **Award**

- \$400 scholarships will be awarded to high school graduates
- Payable upon enrollment in a junior college, college or university

### **CABRILLO CIVIC CLUBS OF CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Eligibility**

- Of Portuguese descent
- US citizen or permanent resident
- Maintained a minimum of 3.5 grade point average
- Participated in at least three extra-curricular activities while in high school
- Must be postmarked by **March 15, 2026**

#### **Selection**

- Application available at counseling office
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Transcript
- Form filled out by Principal or Counselor

Information found at [www.cabrillocivicclubs.org](http://www.cabrillocivicclubs.org)

- \$500 Scholarship

### **SCHOOLS FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBER EDUCATION AWARD**

#### **Eligibility**

- Be eligible for and have established individual membership with SchoolsFirst FCU. Member number must be the applicant's own (A relative's Member number is not acceptable).
- Unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Participate in community service activities which reflects your reliability and integrity.

#### **Selection**

- Submit a completed application online: <https://www.schoolsfirstfcu.org/microsites/mea/>
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official high school transcript
- Deadline: January 28, 2026

- \$500 Scholarship

### **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

#### **Eligibility**

- 2.5 or better GPA
- Demonstrate financial need and/or academic merit
- Participate in school activities such as clubs, athletics, ASB, AVID, theatre, etc. during high school years
- Submit a 100-200+ essay describing educational and career goals
- Submit a 100+ word essay describing any unusual circumstances
- Plan to attend a 2-year, 4-year college/university, or a technical/trade school
- Complete the online Student Profile
- Complete the online Application

#### **Selection**

- Submit a completed application online: <https://greateriverside.dollarsforscholars.org>
- **Deadline: Ongoing**
- Multiple scholarships will be awarded to Riverside County students!

### **RIVERSIDE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

#### **Eligibility**

- U.S. Citizens
- Dependent children of active or retired regular or affiliate members of the Riverside Sheriffs' Association, **or**
- High school seniors currently attending, graduates or undergraduates that have attended a Riverside County, California high school
- Financial Need

#### **Selection**

- Submit a completed application online: <https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/rsa-student/>
- **Deadline: January 15, 2026**
- Four awards of \$2,500 will be granted to students who plan to attend or currently attending a four-year college or university.
- Four awards of \$1,000 will be granted to students who plan to attend or currently attending an accredited two-year college, vocational-technical or trade school.

### **DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**

#### **Eligibility**

- DSTS application-*e-mail counselor for application*
- Graduating High School Senior
- 3.0 minimum Total Weighted G.P.A (9-12)
- Two pen to paper signature letters of recommendation on letterhead; specifically, from the following:
- One recommendation from a school official (i.e., principal, teacher, or counselor)
- One recommendation from a community leader (i.e., church, organization, not related to you)
- Electronic signature is not acceptable
- Two typed 350–500-word essays:
- Autobiography
- Community Services Essay
- Headshot picture

#### **Selection**

- Finalists must attend an interview
- Finalists must attend a 30-minute orientation session
- Finalists must attend Culmination Event–Saturday, May 17, 2026
- Completed application package must be postmarked no later than **February 28, 2026**

There are several different types of scholarships including college, military, regional, national, and local. Students should apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible. If you fail to meet one or more of the criteria indicated by an association, then do not apply for that scholarship.

Scholarships that fit your major and personality can be found on the California Colleges website.

It is recommended that students narrow their college search to four to six colleges and contact those institutions for information on their available grants, scholarships, and financial aid programs. Keep in mind that no matter what financial status you have, most colleges will not consider you for a scholarship unless you have filled out the FAFSA (even if you do not qualify for financial aid). Many schools will have full-ride scholarships available for some majors. Remember to look for private and out of state colleges to find the best financial aid package for you. More information on this subject can be found on the JFK website under Guidance and Scholarships.

**Please remember that any institution that asks you to pay money for their services in finding scholarships is a scam. Never pay money for grants or scholarship services!**

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.scholarshippoints.com](http://www.scholarshippoints.com)

[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

[www.nextstudent.com](http://www.nextstudent.com)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

[www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)

[www.supercollege.com](http://www.supercollege.com)

[www.brokescholar.com](http://www.brokescholar.com)

[www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org)

[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)

[www.fedmoney.org](http://www.fedmoney.org)

[www.findtuition.com](http://www.findtuition.com)

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

[www.scholarshiphunter.com](http://www.scholarshiphunter.com)

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

[www.studentscholarshipsearch.com](http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com)

<https://colleges.niche.com/cpscholarships>

<https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

***ALL SENIORS MUST SUBMIT A FAFSA OR DREAM ACT APPLICATION BY MARCH 2, 2026***

[WWW.FAFSA.ORG](http://WWW.FAFSA.ORG)  
<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>