

**Oro Grande Foundation  
P.O. Box 3523  
Apple Valley, CA 92307**

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a scholarship from the Oro Grande Foundation. We look forward to your response.

- Application for a 2 year non-renewable scholarship requires a minimum, non-weighted, GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Application for a 4 year non-renewable scholarship requires a non-weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, an ACT score of 21 or higher or SAT score of 800 or higher.

Please review the attached paperwork which outlines the specifications and criteria for each scholarship award. Read these documents carefully before you begin completing the application so that no important information is omitted. The following documents are enclosed in this packet:

1. Scholarship policy description includes the scholastic, community service, leadership, and school activity requirements.
2. Oro Grande application form; must be completed in full (3 pages).

The above documents provide everything you need to know to complete and submit an accurate application for an Oro Grande Foundation scholarship.

Sincerely,

Susan Wells-Massengale  
Scholarship Chairperson  
Oro Grande Foundation

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## Scholarship Policy

Scholarships funded by the Oro Grande Foundation will be offered to graduating seniors residing in and attending a comprehensive or continuation high school in the Victor Valley area (Apple Valley Unified School District, Hesperia Unified School District, Lucerne Valley Unified School District, Snowline Unified School District, Victor Valley Union High School District).

### Standard Amounts:

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|--|--------|
| Community Colleges/Vocational-Technical Schools..... | \$1000 |
| *Doris Schleusner Memorial Scholarship.....          | \$1500 |
| Four year Colleges.....                              | \$2000 |
| *Joseph B. Campbell Memorial Scholarship.....        | \$2500 |
| *Don Conde Memorial Scholarship.....                 | \$2500 |

\*These scholarships will be presented to specially selected high school graduates who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of character, scholastic ability, leadership, and involvement in school and community activities.

**The Oro Grande Foundation Scholarship committee will require all of the following items from all applicants:**

- Completed application form (3 pages)
- A personal letter written by the applicant explaining his/her educational and career goals, including a specific plan for accomplishing those goals. The letter should also address how the applicant's degree or technical certificate will benefit society.
  - Please include information regarding unusual/additional household expenses which may assist the Foundation in assessing the degree of need more accurately, for example, prolonged illness of a family member, uninsured losses, accidents, recent unemployment, bankruptcy or other issues.
- A complete summary of school, community and work-experience related activities/achievements (see page 3 of the application)
- An official copy of your high school transcript
- A computer generated copy of SAT/ACT scores from the testing website
- A letter of recommendation or endorsement:
  - For a 2 year application, the letter can be written by either a certificated or classified staff member
  - For a 4 year application, the letter must be written by a “core curriculum” teacher.
- A letter of recommendation from a community organization member or employer, outside of school

The committee's screening process will include a review of the applicant's:

- Courses and grades that meet district requirements for graduation
- Course work completed that is consistent with educational and career goals.
- Overall capability to meet the criteria for admission to institutions of higher learning

Prior to receiving the scholarship money, those being selected for an award must be responsible for the following:

- It is your responsibility to have the college/university/institution send a letter verifying your enrollment for the fall term to the Oro Grande Foundation. Upon verification, a check will be mailed directly to you. Those funds can be spent, as you deem necessary.
- The recipient of an award must carry a minimum of 12 semester units.
- After a scholarship award, the student may request in writing that the money be held until enrollment, should there be a need to postpone enrollment for one or two years. (After the postponement, the student must notify the Foundation of intent to enroll, submitting name, address, and school of enrollment. Subsequently, proof of enrollment must be provided).

**Please see the attached form for a summary of the Scholarship Committees review criteria.**

Dear Applicant: The following is a summary of the criteria the Oro Grande Foundation Scholarship Committee will use to evaluate your application; please review this summary thoroughly before completing your application.

**Review criteria for 2-year scholarship applications**

| Review Category   | Review Criteria/Questions  |
|---|--|
| Student's Personal Letter (Quality)                                       | Does the student's personal letter make a compelling case as to why he/she should receive the scholarship? Why is this applicant deserving of this award?  |
| Student's Personal Letter (Content)                                       | In his/her personal letter, does the applicant demonstrate a clear vision of how he/she will use college/vocational education to pursue a career goal?   |
| Reference Letter from School Staff (classified/certificated staff member) | Does the letter of reference clearly demonstrate why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship? Does the letter demonstrate what sets this student apart from his/her peer group?  |
| School Activities   | How active was the student with regards to school-sponsored activities? Did the student participate as a member of sports teams, clubs, ASB, cheerleading, etc.? How many years did the student participate in each activity?                                      |
| Leadership in School Activities   | Did the student display leadership abilities while participating in school activities? Examples include: team/cheer captain, club leader, ASB office holder, fundraising chairperson, etc.   |
| Reference Letter from a Community (Non-School) Organization Member        | Does the letter clearly demonstrate the student's commitment to community service and/or employment at a local business? Does the letter demonstrate what sets this student apart from his/her peer group?   |
| Community (Non-School) Activities   | How active was the student with regards to community service and/or employment at a local business? How many years did the student participate in each activity?   |
| Leadership in Community (Non-School) Activities                           | Did the student display leadership abilities while participating in community or job-related activities? Examples: Leader of a church group, shift manager or floor leader for a local employer, organizer of a community-related fundraising or charitable event. |

**Review criteria for 4-year scholarship applications**

| Review Category  | Review Criteria/Questions  |
|--|--|
| High School Transcripts (Goal Compatibility)                       | Do the student's high school transcripts "match" his/her career aspirations? Did the student enroll in challenging, university-prep, AP and/or honors classes?   |
| High School Transcripts (Performance)                              | Do the student's high school transcripts (grades) demonstrate that the student is fully prepared to be successful in a four-year college degree program?   |
| Student's Personal Letter (Quality)                                | Does the student's personal letter make a compelling case as to why he/she should receive the scholarship? Why is this applicant deserving of this award? Does the letter reflect a clear academic/career vision?  |
| Student's Personal Letter (Content)                                | In his/her personal letter, does the applicant demonstrate a clear vision of how he/she will use college/vocational education to pursue a career goal?   |
| Reference Letter from School Staff ("core curriculum" teacher)     | Does the letter clearly demonstrate why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship? Does the letter demonstrate what sets this student apart from his/her peer group?   |
| School Activities  | How active was the student with regards to school-sponsored activities? Did the student participate as a member of sports teams, clubs, ASB, cheerleading, etc.? How many years did the student participate in each activity?                                      |
| Leadership in School Activities                                    | Did the student display leadership abilities while participating in school activities? Examples include: team/cheer captain, club leader, ASB office holder, fundraising chairperson, etc.   |
| Reference Letter from a Community (Non-School) Organization Member | Does the letter of reference clearly demonstrate the student's commitment to community service and/or employment at a local business? Does the letter demonstrate what sets this student apart from his/her peer group?  |
| Community (Non-School) Activities                                  | How active was the student with regards to community service and/or employment at a local business? How many years did the student participate in each activity?   |
| Leadership in Community (Non-School) Activities                    | Did the student display leadership abilities while participating in community or job-related activities? Examples: Leader of a church group, shift manager or floor leader for a local employer, organizer of a community-related fundraising or charitable event. |

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**Check  
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**APPLICATION FOR TWO YEAR COLLEGE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP** (Including the Doris Schleusner Memorial Scholarship)

- **The two year scholarship requires a non-weighted GPA of 2.0 or higher**

**APPLICATION FOR FOUR YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP** (Including Joseph B. Campbell Memorial Scholarship and Don Conde Memorial Scholarship)

- **The 4 year non-renewable scholarship requires a non-weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, an ACT score of 21 or higher or SAT score of 800 or higher.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(Permanent)

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing)

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

I am currently attending \_\_\_\_\_ High School in the \_\_\_\_\_ School District

Grade Point Average (Non-weighted): \_\_\_\_\_

SAT TOTAL SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or ACT TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_ (Include a computer printout of the score from the test website)

**\*SAT/ACT scores not required for 2 year application**

**Parent/Guardian Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**COLLEGE PLANNING:**

List the colleges/vocational schools or institutions to which you have applied.

Date of applications sent to institutions listed:

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| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
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Proposed major/technical emphasis:

\_\_\_\_\_

My occupational goal/career objective is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Mail complete application and supporting documents to:**

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**Applications must be postmarked by:**

**Date: March 13, 2020**

**NOTE: Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

## ACTIVITY DATA SHEET

### Summary of School, Community, and Work Experience-Related Activities/Achievements

Directions: Please complete the table that appears below, providing as much detail as possible (use and attach extra pages if necessary).

| Category   | 9th Grade | 10th Grade | 11th Grade | 12th Grade |
|--|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Academic achievements  |           |            |            |            |
| School-sponsored, extracurricular activities   |           |            |            |            |
| Leadership positions held in school-sponsored activities (ex: team captain, club president, ASB office holder) |           |            |            |            |
| Community service-related activities   |           |            |            |            |
| Leadership role(s) in community service-related activities   |           |            |            |            |
| Part time job(s) held, work experience   |           |            |            |            |
| Leadership role(s) in part time job(s)   |           |            |            |            |