



Bob Grundstrom was a dedicated, respected, and beloved teacher of students with disabilities in the Vista Unified School District for 18 years. He was well known for his work with students with significant disabilities at the middle school, high school, and college levels. He developed the NCCSE regional classes at Sierra Vista High School, Palomar College, Mira Costa College, and Roosevelt Middle School. His gentle and caring way with both staff and parents resulted in a high level of respect and collaborative endeavors that supported all students.

Through his love and concern for his students, Bob helped them see and use their gifts to their fullest potential. In life as well as in his career, Bob was a strong supporter of higher education. Through example and encouragement, he always led others to further their learning. We look forward to having many students receive financial benefit for post-high school training and education.

General Information

Funds are available for this scholarship to students who demonstrate financial need and intentions to attend higher education or training programs after high school or during transition services. The amount of the scholarship will be a one-time maximum of \$1500. One scholarship will be awarded.

Eligibility

- Student must be graduating from high school or a district adult transition program.
- Student receives special education services from a NCCSE member district.

Application Requirements

All application requirements, as specified in the application packet, are to be completed by the student and must include:

- Completed application form.
- Written, audio, or video recorded statement.
- Authorization form to use likeness/materials and release of information.
- One letter of recommendation written by either a 1) special education teacher, 2) general education teacher or administrator, or 3) student choice (e.g. teacher, school counselor, coach, community member, employer, etc.) using the nomination guidelines.
- Copy of unofficial transcript that includes the overall/cumulative grade point average.

Selection Criteria

- A committee will review the applications, conduct interviews, and determine award winners.
- An award will be made to the individual demonstrating the highest level of commitment to his/her education as communicated in the personal statement, letter of recommendation, academic achievement, and financial need.

The Award Process

- The selection committee will review applications and conduct interviews in April.
- The award recipient will be announced in May. The recipient's school will be notified for student recognition at award ceremonies.
- The award recipient is required to provide proof of enrollment for fall in a minimum of 9 units and a contact name and mailing information for the school's financial aid/business office, to ensure proper payment to the student's account at the school.
- Upon receipt of required materials, the award will be paid to the student's account at the school.
- The recipient is responsible to notify NCCSE of any change of address for all notices.



DIRECTIONS

Online application at <https://bit.ly/33WT0Mf>

Include all the following documents for a complete application:

- Application Form
- Authorizations: photo release and release of information for educational records
- Written, audio, or video recorded statement
- One letter of recommendation from any of the following:
 - A special education teacher, general education teacher, or school administrator, or
 - Student Choice (e.g. school counselor, coach, community member, employer, etc.)
- Copy of an unofficial transcript with overall/cumulative GPA

Once all applications are reviewed you will be contacted with a date for an interview.

Deadline

The deadline to submit is March 31, 2025. All original application information must be received in the NCCSE office by that date. Late documents will not be accepted.

Remember

- Keep a copy of all paperwork.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship.
- Reporting any false information will forfeit your nomination.

Submission

You may submit your application via:

- Email to fvasquez@sdcoe.net, or
- Regular U.S. mail to: North Coastal Consortium for Special Education
Attn: Bob Grundstrom Scholarship Committee
255 Pico Avenue, Suite 101/Room 220
San Marcos, California 92069, or
- Online application at <https://forms.gle/ZmthPq8KRhctkLYr8>

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Committee. Refer to www.nccse.org for eligibility criteria. To check on the status of your application send a request to fvasquez@sdcoe.net



ACTIVITIES/LEADERSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES
(Please list each in order of importance)

Activities/Leadership (School or Community)

Organization	Describe your role (player, captain, officer, etc.)	Grade Level(s)	Hours per Week	Weeks per Year

Employment Activities (Intern, Volunteer, or Paid)

Activity	Description of Work	Grade Level(s)	Hours per Week	Weeks per Year

Application due on March 31, 2025
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for scholarships.



AUTHORIZATIONS

PHOTO RELEASE

I, _____, hereby authorize and consent to the use of my visual image by the San Diego County Office of Education and its designees for appropriate purposes, including but not limited to electronic and print publications, promotional materials, and websites.

I acknowledge that the San Diego County Office of Education and its designees may crop and treat the media at its own discretion and may choose not to use my photo at this time but do so at its own discretion at a later date.

I also understand that once my image is posted on a website, the image can be downloaded by any computer user on or off campus. Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the San Diego County Office of Education and its designees from any claims. I give this consent with no claim for payment.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Phone _____ (in case we need to contact you).

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If under 18 years of age)

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I authorize the San Diego County Office of Education to receive educational records from my file including evidence of enrollment, transcripts, class schedules, quarter or semester grades, units completed, and cumulative grade point average. I authorize this release to be in effect during all years in which I am enrolled as an undergraduate student or in a training program.

I certify that I have considered each question carefully and that my statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If under 18 years of age)



Written, Audio, or Video Recorded Statement Guidelines

Statement Topic:

- Describe a challenge that impacted your educational journey and how you addressed it. Share how your personal strengths will contribute to your success at the institution you plan to attend next year, providing specific examples.

Directions for Completing a Written Statement:

Using the prompt described above submit a statement between 250 to 500 words in length. The statement will be evaluated on content, development, organization, language usage, and style. The statement should demonstrate college preparedness and originality.

- Type your name on the top right corner of each page.
- Number each page.
- Submit the statement with your application.

Directions for Completing an Audio or Video Recorded Statement:

- You may complete an audio or video recorded statement (4 to 5 minutes in length) **as an alternative** to a written statement.
- Please use the prompt described above for the content. The audio or video recorded statement will be evaluated on content, clarity, organization, and style.
- Submit the audio or video recorded statement with your application.



Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

One letter to be completed by a person familiar with the student's educational journey and positive attributes such as:

- A teacher or administrator, or
- An individual of the student's choice (e.g. school counselor, coach, community member, employer).

Please provide a response to the questions below. Include your telephone number and email address in the event we need to contact you for further verification. Please address all three questions and limit your response to no more than one page. Thank you!

1. Please state how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant.

2. What qualities does the applicant demonstrate that sets them apart from peers? What is the applicant's potential to succeed at the learning institution they plan to attend?

3. What do you know about the applicant that will provide the selection committee with a perspective that is not evident in the application and essay?