



About the Scholarship

Dr. Lynnette Robinson was an accomplished and inspirational educator for 25 years before her passing in 1998. She served as a special education teacher and elementary principal before culminating her career as the Director of Special Education for the Encinitas Union School District.

Lynnette was instrumental in developing curriculum, social/behavioral programs, and inclusive practices that have been implemented throughout California. A pioneer in the belief that students with and without special needs benefit from being educated together, she was a true advocate for all students, families, and educators.

This scholarship honors her legacy by supporting students who have demonstrated leadership in inclusive practices, a commitment to learning, and a desire to pursue a career in special education or a related field (such as school psychology, counseling, speech and language, adapted physical education, or occupational therapy).

Award and Timeline

- **Award:** \$1,500 per year for up to four consecutive years.
- **Deadline:** Applications must be submitted by **March 31, 2026**.
- **Selection:** Applications are reviewed and **interviews** take place in **April**. The winner is announced in **May**.
- **Verification & Disbursement:**
 - **Initial Payment:** Selected students must provide proof of fall enrollment (minimum 9 units) and contact info for their school's financial aid office. Funds are sent directly to the school.
 - **Renewal:** Future payments require proof of 18 completed units from the previous academic year and a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- **Updates:** Recipients are responsible for notifying NCCSE of any changes to their personal contact details or scholarship disbursement information.

Who can apply?

You are eligible if you:

- Are graduating from high school.
- Are enrolled in a North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) member district.
- Have demonstrated leadership experiences that support inclusive practices for students with disabilities.
- Express a commitment to learning and the desire to pursue a career in special education or the related fields listed above.

What the committee looks for:

A clear commitment to pursuing a career that supports inclusive practices (demonstrated through your personal statement, recommendation, and academics).

What You Need to Submit

Submit your full application online at: <https://forms.gle/ZmthPq8KRhctkLYr8>. (Make sure to keep copies of everything you submit. Giving false information will disqualify your application.)

Application Checklist

- Your complete information (school plans, activities, leadership, jobs, etc.)
- Signed Media Consent Form
- Unofficial Transcript (must include your cumulative GPA)
- Personal Statement (written, audio, or video – see guidelines below)
- One Letter of Recommendation from a person familiar with your leadership experiences that support inclusive practices (teacher, administrator, counselor, employer, coach, or community member).

Personal Statement Guidelines Prompt

1. Explain and provide specific examples of your leadership experiences that supported inclusive practices for students with disabilities at school or in the community.
2. Describe how your involvement in these experiences affected you.
3. Explain how your commitment to learning is leading you to pursue a career in special education or a related field.

Choose ONE Format:

Option A: Written (250–500 words)

- Put your name in the top right corner of each page
- Number your pages
- You will be evaluated on how well you describe your ideas, how organized it is, and how clearly you write

Option B: Audio or Video (4–5 minutes)

- Speak clearly and stay organized
- You will be evaluated on content, clarity, and style

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

Your recommender should be someone who knows your educational journey. Please ask them to answer the following questions on one page and include their phone and email for verification purposes:

1. How long and in what capacity you have known the applicant?
2. What qualities does the applicant demonstrate that sets them apart from peers?
3. What is the applicant's potential to succeed at the learning institution they plan to attend?
4. 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?

Questions?

For questions, email fvasquez@sdcoe.net.



Media Consent Form and Release

I, _____, hereby authorize and consent to the use of my visual image in photo and/or video format by the San Diego County Office of Education and its designees for appropriate purposes, including but not limited to: participation in a printed or electronic publication; photograph; promotional materials; websites; and recordings of me for use in audio, video, film or any other electronic, digital, or printed media.

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Signature _____ Date: _____

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

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If under 18 years of age)

Dr. Lynnette Robinson Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Request

To (Recommender Name): _____

From (Student Name): _____

Date Letter is Needed By: _____

About the Scholarship I am applying for the Dr. Lynnette Robinson Scholarship. This award honors the legacy of a dedicated educator and Director of Special Education who was a pioneer in inclusive practices. The scholarship committee is looking for students who have demonstrated leadership in supporting students with disabilities and who intend to pursue a career in special education or a related field (such as school psychology, counseling, speech and language, adapted physical education, or occupational therapy).

Instructions for the Recommender Since you are familiar with my educational journey and my leadership experiences regarding inclusive practices, I would appreciate a letter of recommendation from you.

Please ensure your letter meets the following criteria:

1. **Format:** Please limit the letter to one page.
2. **Contact Info:** Please include your phone number and email address in the letter (in case the committee needs further verification).
3. **Submission:** Please provide this letter to me (the student) so I may upload it with my online application package.

Questions to Answer The committee has requested that you specifically address the following prompts in your letter:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. What qualities does the applicant demonstrate that set them apart from peers?
3. What is the applicant's potential to succeed at the learning institution they plan to attend?
4. What do you know about the applicant that will provide the selection committee with a perspective that is not evident in the standard application and essay?

Thank you for your time and support of my educational goals.