



About the Scholarship

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.

This scholarship honors his legacy by supporting students with financial need who plan to continue their education or training after high school or transition services.

Award and Timeline

- **Award:** A one-time \$1,500 scholarship.
- **Deadline:** Applications are due by March 31, 2026.
- **Selection Process:** Applications are reviewed and interviews are held in April. The scholarship winner is announced in May.
- **Verification & Disbursement:** If you're selected, you'll need to provide proof of fall enrollment (at least 9 units) and contact information for your school's financial aid/business office. Once received, the scholarship funds will be sent directly to your school and applied to your student account.
- **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 **or** an adult transition program.
- Receive special education services from a North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) member district.

What the committee looks for:

- Commitment to your education (shown in your statement, recommendation, and academics)
- Financial need

What You Need to Submit

Submit your full application online at: <https://forms.gle/Cq8cZwkF89mATTfa8>. (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 teacher, administrator, counselor, employer, coach, or community member of your choice.

Personal Statement Guidelines Prompt

Describe a challenge that affected your education and explain how you dealt with it. Then share how your strengths will help you succeed at the school or program you plan to attend next year. Include specific examples if you can.

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. Ask them to answer these questions on one page and to include their phone and email:

1. How do you know the applicant, and for how long?
2. What qualities make this applicant stand out?
3. How well do you think the applicant will do at the school or program they plan to attend?

Questions?

For questions, email fvasquez@sdcoe.net.



Media Consent Form and Release

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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)

Bob Grundstrom Memorial Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Request

To (Recommender Name): _____

From (Student Name): _____

Date Letter is Needed By: _____

About the Scholarship I am applying for the Bob Grundstrom Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors his legacy by supporting students with financial need who plan to continue their education or training after high school or transition services.

Instructions for the Recommender Since you are familiar with my educational journey, 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 do you know the applicant, and for how long?
2. What qualities make this applicant stand out?
3. How well do you think the applicant will do at the school or program they plan to attend?

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