

Rene' DeLuna Scholarship

The Rene Ozuna De Luna Scholarship — Established by the Lions Club of Brentwood, this award honors a man whose generosity, resourcefulness, and tireless commitment to service transformed lives across the community. Named Citizen of the Year by the City of Brentwood, he championed causes from earthquake relief efforts that raised millions to decades of hosting Special Kids Day at his family's ranch, and offered his event venue to support countless charitable organizations. His life's work embodied the belief that "if you don't ask, the answer is always no," and his enduring legacy is best captured in the words he kept at his desk: *"Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express, not to impress. Don't strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt."*

This award:

For graduating seniors seeking to further their education by obtaining a higher degree such as an Associates (AA), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor's of Science (BS) or a certificate from a military academy, vocational or trade school who have faced financial or other challenges in reaching their goals. And have a passion for giving back to their community and helping others.

Applicant to submit a 350-500 word essay describing the challenges you have faced during your high school years, how you overcame those challenges and the goals you are seeking. The essay should include the steps you have taken to work toward your goals and should include the community service projects you have participated in during high school. How does your life reflect on the values and commitment to service that embodied Rene Ozuna DeLuna?