



# 2026 High School College Promise Scholarship



Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis generously awarded Hacienda La Puente Unified \$50,000 in scholarships to be awarded during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, to support ten college-bound students at each of the District's five high schools for \$500 each.

The goal of the program is to provide college scholarships to first-generation college students from low-income households. Students must commit to keeping the District informed on their college attainment and completion to be awarded a college scholarship. Students will also be asked to share their experience with other rising seniors in the years thereafter as a way to create a connection point for students.

**Due: Friday May 1, 2026**

**Please submit to your school, the Superintendent's Office, or via email at [vlara@hlpusd.org](mailto:vlara@hlpusd.org)**

## **Application and Instructions:**

**Ten (10) recipients will be selected from each comprehensive high school and Valley Alternative School, to receive a \$500 scholarship.** Scholarships will be awarded to students in recognition of their academic achievements and commitment to their post-secondary educational goals. Students who wish to be considered for a scholarship should submit a complete application by **Friday, May 1, 2026**. Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

## **Required Application Documents:**

- Application Cover Page
- Scholarship Application Essay
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation

## **Application Process:**

- Application cover page must be completed.
- Essay must be printed on standard 8 ½ by 11 white paper.
- Use 12 point font size, Times New Roman font.
- Single-spaced.
- One inch margins on all sides.
- Application essay maximum: 3 pages.
- Do not submit other information or materials, such as: portfolios, newspaper articles, videotapes, or photos.
- Applications that do not follow all instructions will be disqualified.

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### **Application Essay Instructions:**

- Maximum page limit: 3 pages
- Address **all** the following topics in your essay:
  - **Personal Biography:** Share information about places you have lived, schools you have attended, your family and/or important events in your life, etc.
  - **Academic Progress:** Describe classes you have taken and your academic progress throughout your school years.
  - **School and Community Activities:** Describe clubs, sports teams, organizations, or other community activities you have participated in during your school years.
  - **Contributions to Your School and Community:** Describe at least one situation in which you provided service to your school or community and how you helped others.
  - **Educational Goals:** Describe your future educational goals and plans. Clearly explain how this scholarship will help you reach your goals.

### **Letter of Recommendation:**

- One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher at your school.
- Letter Guidelines:
  - Maximum Length: 1 page, single spaced, 8 ½ by 11 white paper.
  - Name, address and phone contact number must be on the letter.
  - Original signature of the teacher must be on the letter.
  - The letter should,
    - Provide strong evidence and details of the applicant’s strengths and deservingness of the scholarship.
    - Indicate strong personal support for the applicant to receive the scholarship.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to submit all application documents by the due date. Mailing the application does not guarantee that it will be in the Superintendent’s Office by the due date, Friday, May 1, 2026.

**Late applications will not be reviewed.**

#### CHECKLIST

Application Coversheet

Application Essay

Letter of Recommendation

**Application Cover Sheet**  
**2026 High School College Promise Scholarship**  
**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**

*All information given is for the Scholarship Selection Committee to determine the scholarship recipient. This information will be kept private and confidential.*

School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

Student Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit the completed application cover sheet, essay, and Letter of  
Recommendation to your school, the Superintendent's Office, or via email at**

**[vlara@hlpusd.org](mailto:vlara@hlpusd.org)**

**By Friday, May 1, 2026.**