KRISTIN SMART SCHOLARSHIP

Class of 2026-2027 Scholarship Application

Submission Deadline: March 19, 2027

Kristin Smart Scholarship Award: TWO One-time minimum cash grants of $5,000 each
One minimum $5,000 award for San Luis Obispo County
One Minimum $5,000 award for San Joaquin County
Partial Awards may also be awarded for each county

Scholarship Background:

Kristin Smart graduated from Lincoln High School in Stockton in 1995 and was a freshman at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo when she was sexually assaulted and lost her life in 1996. Kristin was a vibrant young woman who embraced life, loved exploring, travel, nature, and dreamed of seeing how architecture could bring people together. Though her life was tragically cut short, her family hopes this scholarship will help carry her spirit and aspirations forward.

This scholarship is intended for a young woman who shares Kristin's passion for nature, travel, and making the world safer. We invite high school seniors pursuing studies in architecture, international studies, law enforcement, or criminal justice to apply and share how you hope to make a difference.

Scholarship Criteria:

- **Graduating female Senior from San Luis Obispo or San Joaquin County**
- Plans to attend a 2 or 4-year accredited college or university in 2026.
- 3.25 or higher cumulative GPA
- Evidence of Community Service
- *Interest in a Career in Architecture, Criminal Justice/ Law Enforcement or International Studies*
- Awardee must show evidence of acceptance to a 2 to 4-year college prior to accepting the award.
- In the event that an award recipient attends a California 2-year college, the award will cover actual tuition, fees, and books. (Not to exceed amount of minimum award)

Scholarship Application Requirements:

Submit hard-copy applications in a suitable envelope that includes the following:

- Completed application form.
- High School transcripts including first semester of senior year.
- Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes.
- A recent color photo, is required (to potentially be used as part of online winners' announcement)
- A maximum 500-word essay explaining your interests, high school and community service activities.
- Share your career interest and what you hope to study in college and why you are pursuing that path.

- Include information on how/if Kristin's story inspired you to apply for this scholarship and how your knowledge about Kristin has or may affect your life in the future.
- If applicable, please reference any financial or special needs you may have that you want to mention relative to your application.

Please Note:

Applications missing any required information will not be considered. Please mail all required materials together in one complete package.

QUESTIONS? Email apply@KristinSmart.org

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Applicant First Name/ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Home Address: _____

City:_____ State: _____ Zip:_____

Home Phone: ( )_____-_____ Mobile Phone: ( )_____-_____

Email: _____@_____

Name of Parents (or guardian): _____

Name of High School: _____
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High School Address Address: _____

Name of School Scholarship Coordinator: _____

Contact Email: _____Phone Number_____

List of Achievements:
(Include dates of participation)

Community activities (church, temple, service clubs, community service, etc.)

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School or Community Organizations and your role:

School leadership roles: (Athletics, Student government, etc.)

Employment and/or volunteer work: (Paid or volunteer)

Awards, Honors, or Other Notable Achievements:

Open Question:
Where do you hope to be in life and your career in 10 years: (What experiences will you have accomplished and what will still be on your bucket list?)

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ ***Date:*** _____

Submission Checklist :

- Completed application form, signed and dated.
- High School transcripts including first semester of senior year.
- Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes.
- A recent color photo, (may be used as part of KristinSmart.org winners' announcement)
- A maximum 500-word essay explaining your interests, high school and community service activities.
- Please include an explanation of what you hope to study in Fall of 2026 and why you are pursuing it.
- Please include information on how Kristin's story inspired you to apply for this scholarship and how your knowledge about Kristin has or may affect your life in the future.
- If applicable, please reference any financial or special needs you may have that you want to mention relative to your application.
- That's it!!! We look forward to reviewing your application!

Kristin Smart Scholarship Committee
Mailing Address:

Justice for Kristin Smart Scholarship
KSS Scholarship Committee
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Application Deadline: *All* ***completed*** *applications must be postmarked on or by* ***March 19, 2027.***