



## The Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande

### 2024 Kiwanis Scholarship

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In order to be considered for any of the Kiwanis Scholarships (described below) students are **(1) required to complete the application**, provide **(2)** two letters of recommendation from faculty members of your current school, **(3)** write an essay of 250 words or less describing your education and your goals and any other important information (*See Application Section 5*), **(4)** copy of FAFSA including the SAR & EFC (FAFSA-Fed. Application for Federal Student Aid, SAR Student Aid Report, EFC Expected Family Contribution), and **(5)** complete an interview by the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee. By requiring such a rigorous process, the qualifications of the Kiwanis Scholarship recipient are superb. (Please note that **one application packet** will be considered for all twelve scholarships and *all scholarships are offered pending available funds.*) **Kiwanis Scholarships are for the college academic year following high school graduation. Recipients have until May 31<sup>st</sup> of that following year to request funding.**

#### **1. Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande Don and Myrtle Bernard Scholarship:**

This scholarship was established in 1977 to honor the memory of Don Bernard, an outstanding and dedicated Kiwanis member who was actively involved with many Casa Grande youth projects. Don Bernard was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande, serving all offices including President. Don is the only member of this club to achieve perfect attendance for 20 years. He was active in helping the youth of our community, so it is fitting that this scholarship continues in his name to help the youth of our community today.

##### **Who may apply:**

Seniors graduating from a public, private, or parochial school in the Casa Grande area with plans to attend Central Arizona College as a full-time student in the upcoming fall semester.

##### **Amount of Scholarship:**

\$1000.00 (Awarded as two separate \$500.00 scholarships, \$500 per semester for one school year). These funds are deposited on account at CAC.

##### **Criteria:**

Scholarship is awarded based on the application, interview with a demonstrated financial need being a heavily weighted component to students with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

#### **2. Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande Al Van Hazel Scholarship:**

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Al Van Hazel, an outstanding and dedicated Kiwanis member and longtime coach in the Casa Grande Union High School District. Al came to Casa Grande in 1948 and coached football, track, and basketball for more than 50 years. Mr. Van Hazel has been recognized by many organizations for his coaching talents and for his generosity to students. As a coach he taught students many lessons about life on and off the field, so it is fitting that this scholarship continues in his name to help the youth of our community today.

##### **Who may apply:**

Seniors graduating from a public, private, or parochial school in the Casa Grande area with plans to attend Central Arizona College as a full-time student in the upcoming fall semester.

##### **Amount of Scholarship:**

\$1,000 (\$500.00 per semester for one school year). These funds are deposited on account at Central Arizona College.

##### **Criteria:**

Scholarship is awarded based on the application, interview with a demonstrated financial need being a heavily weighted component to students with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

#### **3. Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande Robert “Bob” Mitchell Scholarship:**

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Bob Mitchell, a dedicated Kiwanian and active member of his community. Bob served as a teacher for 32 years. He also served as mayor of Casa Grande and as Deputy City Magistrate. Bob's teaching career and his civic commitments had a widespread impact on thousands of students in Casa Grande. This scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance and encourage students to pursue their educational dreams. It is intended for a student who intends to stay in-state for their college degree.

##### **Who may apply:**

Seniors graduating from a public, private, or parochial school in the Casa Grande area with plans to attend any post-secondary educational institution in Arizona as a full-time student in the upcoming fall semester.

**Amount of Scholarship:**

\$1000.00(\$500.00 per semester for one school year) These funds are distributed directly to the student at the beginning of each semester.

**Criteria:**

Scholarship is awarded based on the application, interview with a demonstrated financial need being a heavily weighted component to students with a GPA of a 3.0 or higher.

**4. Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande Jerry Stein Scholarship:**

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Jerry Stein, a member of the Casa Grande community and a dedicated and active Kiwanian. Jerry served as a Kiwanis past president and was actively involved in various Casa Grande youth activities. Jerry was proud to serve his community as a pharmacist for over 20 years and was committed to the health and well-being of the Casa Grande community.

**Who may apply:**

Seniors graduating from any public, private, or parochial school with plans to attend a post-secondary educational institution in the United State in the upcoming fall semester. Applicants will be pursuing studies in the field of pharmacy, pharmacy technician, and/or other studies in the medical field.

**Amount of Scholarship:**

\$1000.00 (\$500 per semester for one school year). These funds are distributed directly to the student at the beginning of each semester.

**Criteria:**

Scholarship is awarded based on the application, applicant's chosen field of study (reference "Who may apply"), student interview and a demonstrated financial need being a heavily weighted component to students with a GPA of a 3.0 or higher.

**5. Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande Al Nader Legion of Honor Scholarship:**

This scholarship is established to honor Al Nader, a member of the Casa Grande Kiwanis Club since 1952, serving as its President in 1985-1986. Al is a World War II veteran, retired educator: teacher, coach, principal and (second-longest tenured) superintendent in the Casa Grande Union High School District. Al was recognized by Kiwanis International, receiving the Legion of Honor for 65 years as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande and his dedication and commitment to serving the children of the community and greater Casa Grande Valley.

**Who may apply:**

Seniors graduating from a public, private, or parochial school in the Casa Grande area with plans to attend any post-secondary educational institution in the United States as a full-time student in the upcoming fall semester.

**Amount of Scholarship:**

\$1,000.00 (\$500 per semester for one school year). These funds are distributed directly to the student at the beginning of each semester.

**Criteria:**

Scholarship is awarded based on the application, interview and a demonstrated financial need being a heavily weighted component to students with a GPA of a 3.0 or higher.

**6. Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande Angelina Culberson Technical/Trade/Vocational Scholarship.**

This scholarship was established to honor Angelina Culberson, the mother of a Casa Grande Kiwanis Club member. Angelina was an advocate of education, but not just college rack education. She herself did not have an opportunity to attend a university but was a highly skilled individual in a trade that helped support her family. This scholarship is intended for those students who may not be college bound. Instead, these students are pursuing an alternative pathway to their career by attending an educational institution to receive specialized training in a particular job skill. At the end of this training, students will receive a diploma or certification to prepare them for a licensing exam, or an immediate apprenticeship in a trade.

**Who may apply:**

Students must be currently enrolled and on track to graduate from the Casa Grande Union High School District with plans to enroll in a post-secondary technical/trade/vocational program or school.

**Amount of Scholarship:**

Four separate scholarships of \$500.00 each will be paid out to four separate recipients upon proof of enrollment in a technical/trade/vocational program or school. Scholarship is awarded based on student application, interview, and financial need to students with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

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