



The Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande

2021 Kiwanis Scholarship

The Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande offers scholarships to the youth of Casa Grande for their continuing education. These scholarships are awarded based on students who excel in the classroom, while outside committed to volunteering and community involvement. Recipients of a Kiwanis Scholarship are typically achievers, who stand out among their peers. Considering these factors, the Kiwanis Scholarship application process is competitive, and the award distinguishes the recipient. This is consistent with the mission of the Casa Grande Kiwanis Club to support the children of Casa Grande.

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 seven 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 31st 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 is 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 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.

5. Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande:

This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to encourage students to pursue their educational dreams locally. It is intended for a student who has little financial resources and support available to them.

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).

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.

6. Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande:

This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to encourage students to pursue their educational dreams locally. It is intended for a student who has little financial resources and support available to them.

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).

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.