CASA offers educational and vocational scholarships to support current or former foster youth. Scholarships are awarded on a rotating basis; there is no specific deadline for applications.

Depending on which scholarship you are awarded, the Scholarships are $500 or $1,000/year and applicants may reapply for up to five years. The scholarship may be for college (at least 9 units per semester based on an annual review), vocational training, or other accredited educational pursuits. Applicants must demonstrate acceptance into an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational program. High School seniors are eligible to apply and can list the accepting college(s) or program.

The scholarship is paid directly to the applicant. The funds are not restricted; the use of the scholarship is at the youth’s discretion to support their educational or vocational pursuits.

Applicants can apply for one scholarship per year. When an application is approved, the applicant will be notified which scholarship they are receiving.

The CASA Scholarships include:

1. The Kathleen Akao Memorial Scholarship

To honor the work and memory of Kathleen Akao, a highly respected and dedicated dependency court judge for Santa Cruz County, CASA of Santa Cruz County established the Kathleen Akao Memorial Scholarship.

1. The Bill McCabe Memorial Scholarship

To honor the dedication and memory of Bill McCabe, his family has established the Bill McCabe Scholarship. Bill was a CASA Advocate for 3 years and was an exceptional volunteer.

1. The Doug and Diane Deaver Scholarship

This scholarship honors foster youth pursuing their college educations. Recipients of this award will meet Diane and Doug Deaver, who are delighted to support educational pursuits of students.

1. The Emerging Jedi Scholarship honors the educational pursuits of those with strength of character, good citizenship and those addressing adversity in their lives.

Please return the attached application and the supporting materials to:

Scholarship Committee at CASA of Santa Cruz County

813 Freedom Boulevard

Watsonville, CA 95076

Once all materials are received, notification of a decision will be mailed within 30 days.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS

NEW Applicants - if this is your first CASA scholarship application:

1. Fill out CASA Scholarship Application Form.
2. Attach two letters of recommendation from a foster parent, your CASA advocate, a social worker, a teacher, or an employer.
3. Attach a statement of 300-500 words that speaks briefly to the following:
   * Your experience in foster care
   * Why you want to further your education/training
   * Why you should be considered for a CASA Scholarship
4. Attach a copy of an acceptance letter and class schedule/transcript from an accredited college, university, or vocational training program. If you are a continuing student, attach a copy of your most recent transcript and schedule for upcoming/current term.

*Thank you.* We salute you for pursuing a promising future and look forward to reviewing your information. Please call CASA at 831-761-2956 with any questions you might have.

🞎 New applicant

Please type or print clearly.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Address, City, Zip at time of application (and where check should be mailed.)

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4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Will attend/Currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List school or vocational institution

6. What year/s were you in foster care? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. What county/ies were you in foster care? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Did/Do you have a CASA Advocate? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_Unsure

Who? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Still in contact? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you have someone supporting you in reaching you educational goals? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. How did you hear about the CASA Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. If you receive the Deaver or Emerging Jedi Scholarship, are you willing to meet the donors?   
 \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Include this page with your required supporting materials. Rev. June 2018

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Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

References Verified: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Classes/Training Verified: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Distribution/Check Info: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded in Spreadsheet: Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Donor Notified:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_