

*The Black Caucus*

AT UCSF

DR. VIVIEN T. THOMAS  
SCHOLARSHIP

2025 INVITATION TO APPLY



Empowering high school seniors from underserved communities in California's San Francisco and Alameda counties by offering renewable scholarships to support their continued education.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2025 at 11:59 PM



# Scholarship Information & Eligibility Requirements

Apply

## Purpose:

The Dr. Vivien T. Thomas Scholarships aim to support high school seniors from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged communities in San Francisco and Alameda counties. These scholarships are awarded based on financial need, as well as academic achievement and civic engagement demonstrated throughout high school and the first year of college. The award provides a minimum of \$500 annually and is renewable for one additional year. Semi-finalists will be selected by the Black Caucus Scholarship Committee, according to the General Eligibility criteria, with final recipients chosen based on a personal interview and oral presentation. Full terms and conditions for renewal will be provided to all first-year scholarship recipients.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ Academic good standing - Unweighted GPA minimum 2.5
- ✓ Full-time high school senior from a disadvantaged/disinvested community, enrolled in an accredited high school (See our website for details)
- ✓ Demonstrated financial need (See our website for details)
- ✓ Declared intention to enroll in one of the following:
  - Four-year accredited college or university
  - Two-year accredited community college
  - Accredited business trade or vocational school
- ✓ Submission of the completed application package:
  - Online Application
  - Student Transcript w/ GPA
  - Letter of Recommendation
  - Essay\*
  - Apply: [2025-Scholarship Application](#)  
(Application Opens January 13, 2025)



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# Scholarship Information, Notifications & Contacts

## Essay Topics\*:

Please submit an essay on one of the following topics: "How My Continued Education Will Benefit My Community" or "How My Continued Education Will Transform My Life." (Essays must be at least 300 words and a maximum of 650 words.)

## Final Selection:

Applicants selected as semi-finalists will complete the following:

- Panel Interview
- Five Minute Oral Presentation

## Notifications:

Successful applicants will be notified in writing and invited to attend an awards presentation ceremony. (Ceremony details TBD)

## Contact Info:

UCSF Black Caucus Scholarship Committee Email:  
[BCSC@ucsf.edu](mailto:BCSC@ucsf.edu)

UCSF Black Caucus Scholarship Website:  
<https://blackcaucus.ucsf.edu/scholarships>

UCSF Black Caucus Scholarship Committee Members:

*Armanda Edwards-Newman, Co-Chair*  
*Renyea Colvin, Co-Chair*  
*Anthony Amaro*  
*Aaran Callahan-Smith*  
*Gayle Wilson*

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