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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 WESTERN DIVISION
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15 FREEDOM FROM RELIGION) Case No.: 2:16-CV-02487
FOUNDATION, INC., ANTELOPE)
16 VALLEY FREETHINKERS, and DAVID) VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR
DIONNE,) EQUITABLE RELIEF AND
DAMAGES

17 Plaintiffs,)
18 vs.)

19 ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH)
SCHOOL DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY)
20 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF)
TRUSTEE BOARD MEMBERS MICHAEL)
DUTTON, BARBARA WILLIBRAND, JILL)
21 McGRADY, DANA COLEMAN, and)
ROBERT DAVIS, in their official)
22 representative capacities,)

23 Defendants.)
24)

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

NATURE OF THE CLAIMS

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3 1. The case presents a question of viewpoint discrimination under the Free
4 Speech Clause of the First Amendment: can a public school that publishes scholarship
5 opportunities for students, including scholarships offered by religious organizations,
6 refuse to publish scholarships offered by two non-theistic organizations?

7 2. The Antelope Valley Union High School District (“District”) distributes
8 lists of scholarship opportunities to district students. For the past two years, the district
9 has refused to publish scholarship opportunities from the Freedom From Religion
10 Foundation (“FFRF”) and the Antelope Valley Freethinkers (“AVF”).

11 3. The Plaintiffs seek injunctive and declaratory relief under 42 U.S.C. §
12 1983 against the Defendant and nominal damages to redress this violation of free
13 speech, together with recovery of attorney’s fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. § 1988(b).

14 4. Underlying this case are substantive legal issues under the United States
15 Constitution and the California Constitution. Courts have consistently held that schools
16 and school districts may control whether or not non-school organizations may
17 distribute information on school grounds, but if the schools and school districts open a
18 limited public forum for speech, the control of the content of that speech must be
19 viewpoint neutral.

20 5. This case raises the same issue regarding Defendants’ conduct under the
21 California Constitution under the Liberty of Speech Clause, California Constitution
22 Article I, §2, and under California Civil Code Section 52.1.

23 6. Defendants’ conduct violates both the United States and California
24 Constitutions and deprives Plaintiffs under both. Accordingly, Plaintiffs ask this Court

1 to grant injunctive and declaratory relief and damages according to proof to redress the
2 plaintiffs' injury, and reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

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5 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6 7. This case arises under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the
7 United States and presents a federal question within this court's jurisdiction pursuant
8 to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

9 8. This is an action to remedy deprivations, actual and imminent, under
10 color of law, of individual rights secured to Plaintiffs by 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the
11 First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. The Court has subject matter
12 jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3) and (4). The Court has jurisdiction to
13 award costs and reasonable fees to prevailing plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. § 1988.

14 9. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction to hear the related claims under
15 the California Constitution arising from the same facts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

16 10. This is an action for a declaratory judgment, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
17 2201, and this court has the authority to provide injunctive relief under 28 U.S.C.
18 §1343 and Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

19 11. The Court also has jurisdiction under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

20 12. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 in that the events giving rise to
21 Plaintiffs' claims occurred within this judicial district.
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PARTIES

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2 13. Plaintiff Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) is a Wisconsin non-
3 stock corporation with its principal office in Madison, Wisconsin. As a national non-
4 profit educational charity under IRS Code 501(c)(3), FFRF works to defend the
5 constitutional principle of separation between church and state and to educate the
6 public about the views of non-theists. FFRF represents over 3,200 members in
7 California and about 23,500 nationwide.

8 14. Every year FFRF distributes thousands of dollars in scholarship money to
9 high school students who compete in its scholarship contests. In 2015, FFRF awarded
10 \$17,950 to college-bound high school seniors. Typically, about 10 to 20 high school
11 students win money each year. Winners are also chosen at the college and graduate
12 level.

13 15. Plaintiff The Antelope Valley Freethinkers (“AVF”) is a California non-
14 stock corporation with its principal office in Palmdale, California. As a non-profit,
15 educational charity under IRS Code 501(c)(4), AVF is dedicated to promoting a
16 rational worldview through fellowship, education, and community service.

17 16. Plaintiff David Dionne (“Dionne”) is the president of AVF.

18 17. Defendant Antelope Valley Union High School District (“AVUHSD”) is
19 a public school corporation operatin schools in Lancaster, California, which is within
20 the Central District of California.

21 18. Defendants Michael Dutton, Barbara Willibrand, Jill McGrady, Dana
22 Coleman, and Robert Davis are all current members of the AVUHSD Board of
23 Trustees and are sued in their individual, representative capacities.

FACTS

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3 19. The District distributes scholarship opportunities to its schools, which
4 pass them on to their students.

5 20. FFRF and Dionne, on behalf of AVF, sought to inform students of
6 scholarships via this system.

7 21. AVF’s scholarship asked for college-bound seniors to write essays on the
8 topic, “Being a Young Freethinker in the Antelope Valley.” See Exhibit 1.

9 22. AVF planned to award a total of \$1,750 to three winners.

10 23. The AVF essay prompt was:

11 A freethinker is someone who develops opinions based on science and
12 reason in contrast to faith and dogma. Write from a personal perspective
13 encounters you’ve had when you object to or raise logical- or evidence-
14 based challenges to statements of faith or dogma within your family,
15 your school, or the Antelope Valley at large. Perhaps you’ve been
16 ridiculed, harassed, or punished for speaking up against religion in the
17 classroom, at school events, in government, or within your family.
18 Perhaps you’ve been successful in convincing others of your position.
19 Discuss the effects on you and those around you as you’ve dealt with
20 these encounters.

21 24. FFRF planned to award more than \$7,500 in scholarships to high school
22 students in 2015.

23 25. FFRF sought to distribute two scholarship essay prompts in the District:
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1 “Young, bold and nonbelieving: Challenges of being a nonbeliever of
2 color.”

3 Write from personal perspective about experiences or challenges you
4 face, as a nonbeliever in a religious family or community, and minority
5 within the freethought community. Are there obstacles discouraging
6 diversity within the movement? What do you think could be done to
7 make freethought and nonbelief more attractive to America's nonwhite
8 communities? Include at least one paragraph about why you are a
9 nonbeliever.

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11 “Why I’m Good Without God: Challenges of being a young nonbeliever”

12 Write from personal perspective about your experiences or challenges in
13 the face of persistent stereotypes that atheists and other nonbelievers are
14 not moral. Explain how you're “good without God,” why religion is not
15 necessary for morality and may even be counterproductive. What can
16 you or others do to counter negative stereotypes about nonbelievers?
17 Include at least one paragraph about why you are a nonbeliever.

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19 26. On March 5, 2014 Dionne was informed by Executive Secretary to the
20 Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Rhonda Hickman, that scholarships
21 should be submitted to her, and that she in turn would email submitted scholarships to
22 the high school guidance departments to be distributed to interested students.

23 27. Dionne, on behalf of AVF, emailed a scholarship essay prompt on April
24 22, 2014 to Hickman.

1 28. Hickman confirmed receipt of the prompt in an April 29, 2014 email to
2 Dionne.

3 29. Dionne learned that Palmdale High School had not received AVF's
4 scholarship.

5 30. Dionne left voicemails for the District Superintendent Dr. David Vierra
6 on May 12 and again on May 13. Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Joy Bird
7 called Dionne on May 14, 2014 offering to help with the scholarship. Dionne emailed
8 Bird AVF's scholarship the same day.

9 31. On May 15, Bird emailed Dionne stating that the scholarship had been
10 received and was waiting for the approval of the Deputy Superintendent of Student
11 Services Jeff Foster. This was the first Dionne had heard of an approval process for
12 scholarships.

13 32. Deputy Superintendent Foster called Dionne on May 19 to explain that
14 the District was rejecting the scholarship because the wording of the essay prompt
15 would upset parents.

16 33. Dionne took notes on the conversation: "In a phone conversation
17 yesterday, [Foster] said he couldn't approve the scholarship the way it was worded
18 because it would upset some parents. In particular, he cited the following sentence as
19 particularly objectionable: 'Perhaps you've been ridiculed, harassed, or punished for
20 speaking up against religion in the classroom, at school events, in government, or
21 within your family.'"

22 34. Dionne offered to reword the prompt, but Foster told Dionne by email on
23 May 21, "We simply do not have the time to 'word smith' language that might be
24 acceptable to the district and yet meet the intent of your organization. If you wish to

1 consider a pursuit of this matter – I would invite this potential dialogue early next
2 spring, when we would have time to consider alternate language.”

3 35. The scholarship Dionne had submitted was not due until July 1, 2014.

4 36. FFRF sent the District a letter on July 8, 2014 objecting to the District’s
5 censorship of AVF’s scholarship and asking that the District approve and distribute the
6 scholarship opportunity. See Exhibit 2. FFRF did not receive a response and sent a
7 follow up letter on October 7, 2014.

8 37. Dionne emailed Foster on September 8, 2014 and again on September 23,
9 2014 asking to meet about revisions to the scholarship. Foster told Dionne on
10 September 29 that he had moved to another position, and his replacement, Greg
11 Nehen, would be contacting Dionne soon about the scholarship.

12 38. Nehen never contacted Dionne.

13 39. Dionne emailed another copy of the AVF scholarship to the District on
14 November 17, 2014.

15 40. In a December 10, 2014 the District’s General Counsel Bridget L. Cook,
16 responded to FFRF’s July 8 and October 7 follow up letters and Dionne’s second
17 request. See Exhibit 3.

18 41. Cook stated, “since the District is a limited public forum, we reserve the
19 right to determine what information we allow to be disseminated in our schools.”

20 42. Cook explained that the District was rejecting AVF’s scholarship
21 because, “The Antelope Freethinker’s initial proposed scholarship essay prompt
22 appears to promote anti-religious expression. Even if the phrase in question is
23 removed, the prompt still contains an aggressive undertone towards religion.”
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1 43. FFRF Co-President Dan Barker sent the District a letter on March 2,
2 2015 requesting that FFRF's annual high school essay contest be advertised to the
3 District's students as it regularly did for other organizations' scholarships. See Exhibit
4 4.

5 44. On April 23, 2015 Cook responded to FFRF's request: "the District will
6 not be distributing this scholarship information to students" because "[y]our
7 Foundation's proposed scholarship essay prompts appear to promote anti-religious
8 expression and contain argumentative undertones toward religion." See Exhibit 5.

9 45. Cook claimed that the District was a "limited public forum" which
10 "reserve[d] the right to determine what information we allow to be disseminated in our
11 schools."

12 46. Cook cited Board Policy 6142.2 as stating, "Staff shall not endorse,
13 encourage, or solicit religious or anti-religious expression or activities among
14 students."

15 47. Cook claimed that FFRF's proposed essay prompts "appear to promote
16 anti-religious expression and contain argumentative undertones toward religion.
17 Therefore, the District will not be distributing this scholarship information to
18 students." See Exhibit 5.

19 48. The District rejected both FFRF and AVF scholarships because they
20 "appear to promote anti-religious expression and contain argumentative undertones
21 toward religion."

22 49. The District's 2015 scholarship lists included scholarships that solicit
23 religious expression or contain religious elements.

1 50. The Quartz Hill High School Scholarship Bulletin for December-January
2 2015-2016 (see Exhibit 6) lists The “Playing with Purpose Award,” which requires the
3 applicant to be a “[c]ommitted follower of Jesus Christ.” The scholarship requires
4 applicants to “write at least one paragraph . . . describing how you have used, or would
5 like to use, your athletic ability to share your faith and/or to positively influence
6 others.” It also requires “at least one paragraph . . . describing how and when you
7 accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and what your present
8 relationship with Him means to you.” See Exhibit 7.

9 51. The Quartz Hill High School Scholarship Bulletin for December-January
10 2015-2016 lists the “John W. McDevitt Scholarship,” and the Antelope High School
11 National Scholarship Reference Sheet (see Exhibit 6) has a listing for “KNIGHTS OF
12 COLUMBUS:PRO DEO AND PROPATRIA SCHOLARSHIP NOT LOCAL,” both
13 of which require applicants to be a member or a child of a member of the Knights of
14 Columbus, a Catholic organization, and to be entering a Catholic college or university.
15 See Exhibit 8.

16 52. The Antelope High School National Scholarship Reference Sheet lists the
17 “Christian College Scholarship Drawing,” which according to its website requires
18 applicants to “have plans to enroll for the first time as a full-time student at a Christ-
19 centered Christian college or Bible college.” See Exhibit 9.

20 53. The Antelope High School National Scholarship Reference Sheet lists the
21 “Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards,” which requires applicants/nominees for the award
22 to be “self-identified as Jewish” and requires applications to describe their “Jewish
23 connection.”
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1 54. The Antelope High School National Scholarship Reference Sheet lists the
2 First Freedom Student Competition, whose 2014-2015 essay and video prompt was,
3 “This school year, students will select a religion or belief group from their local
4 community, state or region that was or is a minority group. They will research and
5 analyze its history as it encounters issues of religious freedom and equality, and then,
6 by written essay or video production, present their evaluation of how this group's local
7 history compares to the broader narrative of U.S. history and First Amendment law.”

8 55. The Antelope High School National Scholarship Reference Sheet
9 includes two scholarships aimed at LGBT students, the Point Scholarship for LGBT
10 students and the Queer Foundation’s essay contest.

11 56. The Antelope High School National Scholarship Reference Sheet lists the
12 National Rifle Association’s essay scholarship, which asks, “What does the Second
13 Amendment mean to you?”

14 57. The Antelope High School National Scholarship Reference Sheet
15 includes a scholarship named for L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of the religion of
16 Scientology.

17 58. FFRF wrote Cook on July 20, 2015 calling for the District to immediately
18 approve and distribute both FFRF’s and AVF’s scholarships. The letter was co-signed
19 by Attorney David Kaloyanides and stated FFRF’s intention to litigate the matter if the
20 District did not reverse its “censorship and content-based, viewpoint discrimination
21 against the nonreligious.” The District did not respond.

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23 **GROUNDS FOR RELIEF**

24 **First Ground for Relief: Federal Free Speech Clause Violation**

1 59. Plaintiffs incorporate and adopt each and every allegation in the
2 preceding paragraphs numbered 1 through 58 as though fully set forth herein.

3 60. The Defendant's censorship of AVF and FFRF amounts to government
4 suppression of free speech, in violation of the Free Speech Clause of the First
5 Amendment to the United States Constitution.

6 61. The Plaintiffs wished to exercise their freedom of speech through the
7 Defendant's system of offering scholarship opportunities to its students.

8 62. The Defendant approved scholarship opportunities that solicited religious
9 speech, required applicants to be religious, and dealt with the historically controversial
10 topics of homosexuality and guns.

11 63. The Defendant censored Plaintiffs' speech because their message is
12 nonreligious, critical of religion, and controversial. This unequal treatment amounts to
13 viewpoint discrimination and violates the First Amendment.

14 64. The Defendant lacks a compelling state interest, a substantial state
15 interest, or a rational basis for censoring the Plaintiffs' speech.

16 65. The Defendant's censorship of Plaintiffs is not narrowly tailored to meet
17 any legitimate government objective.

18 66. The Defendant's violation of Plaintiffs' right to free speech has caused,
19 and will continue to cause Plaintiffs to suffer undue and actual hardship and
20 irreparable injury. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's violation of
21 Plaintiffs' rights, Plaintiffs have suffered in the past, and will continue to suffer in the
22 future, direct and consequential damages, including but not limited to the loss of the
23 ability to exercise their constitutional rights. The Court should find the Defendant's
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1 censorship unconstitutional and award the Plaintiffs appropriate relief under law and
2 equity.

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4 **Second Ground for Relief: Federal Equal Protection Clause Violation**

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6 67. Plaintiffs incorporate and adopt each and every allegation in the
7 preceding paragraphs numbered 1 through 66 as though fully set forth herein.

8 68. The Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment requires that
9 the government treat similarly situated persons and groups equally.

10 69. The Defendant has a policy and custom of promoting religious
11 scholarship opportunities that solicit religious speech and require membership in
12 certain religions, while refusing to promote atheistic scholarship opportunities.

13 70. The Defendant denied Plaintiffs equal access to its scholarship
14 distribution system as compared to similarly situated organizations.

15 71. The Defendant's practices and actions violate fundamental rights held by
16 Plaintiffs, including its right to free speech.

17 72. The Defendant lacks a compelling state interest, a substantial state
18 interest, or a rational basis for its disparate treatment of Plaintiffs.

19 73. The Defendant's censorship of Plaintiffs is not narrowly tailored to meet
20 any legitimate government objective.

21 74. The Defendant's violation of Plaintiffs' right to equal protection has
22 caused, and will continue to cause Plaintiffs to suffer undue and actual hardship and
23 irreparable injury. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's violation of
24 Plaintiffs' rights, Plaintiffs have suffered in the past, and will continue to suffer in the

1 future, direct and consequential damages, including but not limited to the loss of the
2 ability to exercise their constitutional rights. The Court should find the Defendant's
3 disparate treatment of Plaintiffs unconstitutional, and award the Plaintiffs appropriate
4 relief under law and equity.

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7 **Third Ground for Relief: Deprivation of Plaintiffs' Rights under California**
8 **Constitution**

9 75. Plaintiffs incorporate and adopt each and every allegation in the
10 preceding paragraphs numbered 1 through 74 as though fully set forth herein.

11 76. Defendant's censorship of AVF and FFRF amounts to government
12 suppression of free speech, in violation of the Free Speech Clause of the First
13 Amendment to the United States Constitution.

14 77. The Plaintiffs wished to exercise their freedom of speech through the
15 Defendant's system of offering scholarship opportunities to its students.

16 78. The Defendant approved scholarship opportunities that solicited religious
17 speech, required applicants to be religious, and dealt with the historically controversial
18 topics of homosexuality and guns.

19 79. The Defendant censored Plaintiffs' speech because their message is
20 nonreligious, critical of religion, and controversial. This unequal treatment amounts to
21 viewpoint discrimination and violates Article I, §2 of the California Constitution.

22 80. The Defendant lacks a compelling state interest, a substantial state
23 interest, or a rational basis for censoring the Plaintiffs' speech.

1 81. The Defendant’s censorship of Plaintiffs is not narrowly tailored to meet
2 any legitimate government objective.

3 82. The Defendant’s violation of Plaintiffs’ liberty of free speech has caused,
4 and will continue to cause Plaintiffs to suffer undue and actual hardship and
5 irreparable injury. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant’s violation of
6 Plaintiffs’ rights, Plaintiffs have suffered in the past, and will continue to suffer in the
7 future, direct and consequential damages, including but not limited to the loss of the
8 ability to exercise their constitutional rights. The Court should find the Defendant’s
9 censorship unconstitutional and award the Plaintiffs appropriate relief under law and
10 equity.

11 83. Defendants have, under color of federal and state statutes, ordinances,
12 regulations, policies, custom, and usage, deprived Plaintiffs of rights secured by the
13 California Constitution, entitling them to a remedy.

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16 **Fourth Ground for Relief: Defendants’ Conduct Violates Plaintiffs’ Rights of
Liberty of Speech Under the California Constitution.**

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18 84. Plaintiffs incorporate and adopt each and every allegation in the
19 preceding paragraphs numbered 1 through 83 as though fully set forth herein.

20 85. California Civil Code Section 52.1 authorizes a claim for relief “against
21 anyone who interferes, or tries to do so, by threats, intimidation, or coercion, with an
22 individual’s exercise or enjoyment of rights secured by federal or state law.” *Jones v.*
23 *Kmart Corp.*, 17 Cal.4th 329, 331, 70 Cal.Rptr.2d 844, 949 P.2d 941 (1998).

1 86. Defendant’s censorship of AVF and FFRF amounts to government
2 suppression of free speech, in violation of the Free Speech Clause of the First
3 Amendment to the United States Constitution.

4 87. The Plaintiffs wished to exercise their freedom of speech through the
5 Defendant’s system of offering scholarship opportunities to its students.

6 88. The Defendant approved scholarship opportunities that solicited religious
7 speech, required applicants to be religious, and dealt with the historically controversial
8 topics of homosexuality and guns.

9 89. The Defendant censored Plaintiffs’ speech because their message is
10 nonreligious, critical of religion, and controversial. This unequal treatment amounts to
11 viewpoint discrimination and violates the First Amendment to the United States
12 Constitution and Article I, §2 of the California Constitution.

13 90. Defendants have acted under color of law in their official capacities as
14 the governing body of the Antelope Valley Union High School District and its
15 individual Board of Trustee Members in their elected, official, individual
16 representative capacities.

17 91. The Defendants lack a compelling state interest, a substantial state
18 interest, or a rational basis for censoring the Plaintiffs’ speech.

19 92. The Defendants’ censorship of Plaintiffs is not narrowly tailored to meet
20 any legitimate government objective.

21 93. The Defendants’ violation of Plaintiffs’ liberty of free speech has caused,
22 and will continue to cause Plaintiffs to suffer undue and actual hardship and
23 irreparable injury. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant’s violation of
24 Plaintiffs’ rights, Plaintiffs have suffered in the past, and will continue to suffer in the

1 future, direct and consequential damages, including but not limited to the loss of the
2 ability to exercise their constitutional rights. The Court should find the Defendants'
3 censorship unconstitutional and award the Plaintiffs appropriate relief under law and
4 equity.

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6 **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

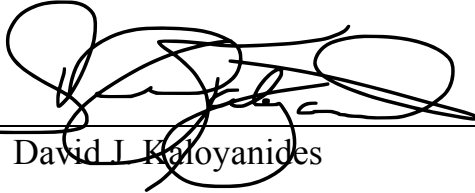
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8 94. An actual controversy exists between the parties as to whether the
9 Defendant's censorship of nonreligious Plaintiff organizations violates the Free Speech
10 Clause and the Equal Protection Clause.

11 95. Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request the following relief:

- 12 a. Declaratory judgment that Defendants' conduct of refusing to publish the
13 Plaintiffs' scholarship opportunities violates Plaintiffs' rights protected by the
14 First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution;
- 15 b. Declaratory judgment that the customs and practices of the Defendants which
16 include religious viewpoints and exclude nonreligious viewpoints violate the
17 same provisions of the United States Constitution;
- 18 c. Permanent injunction enjoining the Defendants and its agents and employees
19 from engaging in viewpoint discrimination in publishing scholarship
20 opportunities;
- 21 d. Damages according to proof for past violations of Plaintiffs' constitutional
22 rights;
- 23 e. An order awarding Plaintiffs the costs of this action including reasonable
24 attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988(b);

- 1 f. An order awarding Plaintiffs the costs of this action including a reasonable
2 attorney's fee under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, California
3 Civil Code § 52.1(h), and under the substantial benefit doctrine;
4 g. Such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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8 David I. Kaloyanides

9 Dated: April 12, 2016

10 Andrew L. Seidel PHV Pending
11 Madeline Ziegler PHV Pending
12 Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.

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VERIFICATION

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I, the undersigned Plaintiff, have read this Verified Complaint. The allegations set forth are true and correct based on my own knowledge and upon information provided to me.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 12 day of April, 2016.

Annie Laurie Gaylor
Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.

By: Annie Laurie Gaylor
Print Name

Its: Co-President
Title

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Antelope Valley Freethinkers

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By: David Dionne

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EXHIBIT 1



Inaugural High School Senior Essay Scholarship

For College-Bound High School Seniors

First Place – \$1,000

Second Place – \$500

Third Place – \$250

Eligibility: High school seniors graduating spring 2014 in the Antelope Valley who are college bound in fall 2014.

Essay Topic: Being a Young Freethinker in the Antelope Valley

A freethinker is someone who develops opinions based on science and reason in contrast to faith and dogma. Write from a personal perspective encounters you've had when you object to or raise logical- or evidence-based challenges to statements of faith or dogma within your family, your school, or the Antelope Valley at large. Perhaps you've been ridiculed, harassed, or punished for speaking up against religion in the classroom, at school events, in government, or within your family. Perhaps you've been successful in convincing others of your position. Discuss the effects on you and those around you as you've dealt with these encounters.

Length: 500-700 words. Include word count. Submit typed, double-spaced essay with standard margins.

Other Requirements: Choose your own title. Do not include a resume. Please staple. Place your name and essay title on each page. Include a separate paragraph biography identifying your age, birthdate, hometown, the college or university you will be attending in the fall, intended major and interests or high school achievements. Include your name, mailing address, phone number(s), and e-mail address. Winners will be asked to send verification of student enrollment. Essay must be submitted both by mail and e-mail by deadline (see below).

By applying, the Applicant grants to Antelope Valley Freethinkers, Inc. ("AVF") a non-recoverable, non-exclusive, and perpetual license to publish and use Applicant's name, image or likeness, and the essay or the text of the essay, accurately reproduced, in any form or format selected by AVF, and represents that the essay is the original work of the Applicant. Applicant

shall retain any copyright interest in the essay that does not substantially interfere with AVF's use of the license hereby granted.

Winners agree to provide a photograph suitable for reproduction. Winners agree to attend an AVF meeting before the end of the 2014-15 school year. Scholarship awards are granted in the sole discretion of AVF and AVF reserves the right to withdraw the offer of scholarship in its sole discretion upon, *inter alia*, unavailability of funds, failure of entries to meet standards set by the judge(s), or failure of the winning Applicant to provide proof of enrollment in a college or university by October 17, 2014. Winners will be announced on August 1, 2014. Scholarships will be awarded no later than November 1, 2014. All Winners will receive a free one-year membership in AVF. Note: AVF monitors for plagiarism.

Deadline: July 1, 2014

Mailing specifications: Mail postmarked no later than July 1, 2014 to:

**High School Essay Contest
Antelope Valley Freethinkers
40915 40th St. West
Palmdale, CA 93551**

Email: Email your essay no later than July 1, 2014 to avfreethinkers@yahoo.com with subject heading "Essay [Full Name]," e.g., Essay Albert Einstein. Please follow all instructions. **Guidelines are also posted at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Antelope-Valley-Freethinkers-Scholarship-2014/739863369377942>**

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EXHIBIT 2

FREEDOM FROM RELIGION *foundation*

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July 8, 2014

SENT VIA U.S. MAIL & E-MAIL

dvierra@avhsd.org

Dr. David Vierra
Superintendent
Antelope Valley Union High School District
44811 North Sierra Hwy.
Lancaster, CA 93534

Re: School District's Denial of Freethinker Scholarship

Dear Superintendent Vierra:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation ("FFRF") to object to Antelope Valley Union High School District ("District") denying Antelope Valley Freethinker's proposed scholarship. We were contacted by a local complainant. FFRF is a nationwide nonprofit organization that represents more than 20,000 members across the country, including more than 3,200 members in California. Our organization works to protect the constitutional principle of separation between state and church.

It is our information and understanding that Antelope Valley Freethinkers ("Antelope Freethinkers") contacted the District about sponsoring a scholarship for local high school students. The Antelope Freethinkers were told by the District that the proposed scholarship would have to be approved by the District. After District approval, the proposed scholarship and accompanying information would be sent to various high school guidance departments, who would then distribute it to interested students. The Antelope Freethinker's proposed scholarship contained an essay prompt, which read:

"A freethinker is someone who develops opinions based on science and reason in contrast to faith and dogma. Write from a personal perspective encounters you've had when you object to or raise logical- or evidence-based challenges to statements of faith or dogma within your family, your school, or the Antelope Valley at large. Perhaps you've been ridiculed, harassed, or punished for speaking up against religion in the classroom, at school events, in government, or within your family. Perhaps you've been successful in convincing others of your position. Discuss the effects on you and those around you as you've dealt with these encounters."

We understand that the District denied the proposed scholarship because its accompanying essay prompt stated, "Perhaps you've been ridiculed, harassed, or punished for speaking up against religion in the classroom, at school events, in government, or within your family." We also understand that the District felt the aforementioned phrase would upset some of the parents of students. After the Antelope Freethinkers offered to remove the phrase in question, the group was informed by the District that it was too late in the current school year to discuss the Antelope Freethinkers' proposed scholarship.

It is unconstitutional and inappropriate for the District to deny approval of the Antelope Freethinker's proposed scholarship simply because the scholarship and its essay prompt are nonreligious in nature. Public schools must be *neutral* in matters of religion and nonreligion. As the Supreme Court has said, "the 'First Amendment mandates governmental neutrality between religion and religion, and between religion and nonreligion.'" *McCreary County v. ACLU*, 545 U.S. 844, 860 (2005) (quoting *Epperson v. Arkansas*, 393 U.S. at 104). See also *Everson v. Board of Ed. of Ewing*, 330 U.S. 1, 15-16 (1947); *Wallace v. Jaffree*, 472 U.S. 38, 53 (1985).

As a constitutional principle, it is irrelevant whether or not parents and students would feel upset by the essay prompt, which accompanied the Antelope Freethinker's proposed scholarship. As the Supreme Court eloquently stated, "[F]rom the standpoint of freedom of speech and the press, it is enough to point out that the state has *no* legitimate interest in protecting any or all religions from views distasteful to them which is sufficient to justify prior restraints upon the expression of those views. *It is not the business of government in our nation to suppress real or imagined attacks upon a particular religious doctrine . . .*" *Joseph Burstyn, Inc. v. Wilson*, 343 U.S. 495, 505 (1952) (emphasis added).

It is also inappropriate to censor a call for stories from nonreligious students who have been bullied. While the non-religious are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population by religious identification—at nearly 20% by national average and one-third who are under the age of 30,¹ this still makes nonreligious students a part of the numerical minority. It is a fact that many nonreligious students face bullying in public schools because of their nonreligious viewpoint.² The District should not be censoring the personal stories of those who have been bullied for their personal beliefs; it should be instead encouraging these students to come forward and share their stories. If there was a proposed scholarship with an accompanying essay prompt asking students to tell their personal stories of bullying or discrimination on account of their race, sex, religion—such as being a Christian, Jew, Muslim, or any other religion—would the District prohibit the scholarship and accompanying essay prompt?

The District must be neutral in matters of religion and nonreligion. Given that (1) censorship is unconstitutional in the first place, and (2) this censorship is not the fault of the Antelope Freethinkers, the District must immediately approve and distribute scholarship opportunities to all District families. We request that the District take immediate steps to ensure that it is being neutral when deciding what scholarships to approve. Please inform us, at your earliest convenience, of the steps you are taking to address this matter.

Sincerely,



Andrew L. Seidel
Staff Attorney

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¹ "Nones on the Rise: One-in-Five Adults Have No Religious Affiliation," Pew Research Center, The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life (October 9, 2012) *available at* <http://www.pewforum.org/Unaffiliated/nones-on-the-rise.aspx>.

² See, e.g., James Hamblin, "Bullied for Not Believing God," *The Atlantic*, Sept. 13, 2013, <http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/09/bullied-for-not-believing-in-god/279095/>.

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EXHIBIT 3



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December 10, 2014

Andrew L. Seidel, Esq.
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PO Box 750
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Re: Freethinker Scholarship

Dear Mr. Seidel:

Please accept our apology that you did not receive communication in response to your letter over the summer. I did not realize that the letter was not transmitted.

The District desires to promote positive relationships between schools and the community in order to enhance community support and involvement in its schools. Moreover, the District believes that free inquiry and exchange of ideas are essential parts of a democratic education.

However, since the District is a limited public forum, we reserve the right to determine what information we allow to be disseminated in our schools.

Board Policy 6142.2 states, "In order to respect each student's individual right to freedom of religious practice, religious indoctrination is clearly forbidden in the public school... Staff shall not endorse, encourage, or solicit religious or anti-religious expression or activities among students."

The Antelope Freethinker's initial proposed scholarship essay prompt appears to promote anti-religious expression. Even if the phrase in question is removed, the prompt still contains an aggressive undertone towards religion.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the matter. Also, accept my apology on behalf of the District.

Sincerely,

Bridget L. Cook
General Counsel

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Cc: David Vierra
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EXHIBIT 4

FREEDOM FROM RELIGION *foundation*

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March 2, 2015

SENT VIA U.S. MAIL & E-MAIL JFoster@avhsd.org

Mr. Jeff Foster
Deputy Superintendent
Antelope Valley Union High School District
44811 North Sierra Hwy.
Lancaster, CA 93534

Re: School District's Denial of Freethinker Scholarship

Dear Mr. Foster:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) to request the Antelope Valley Union High School District to advertise the Freedom From Religion Foundation's scholarship for high-school seniors. We understand that AVUHSD does this regularly for other organizations' scholarships.

The scholarship information appears below my signature. Of course, we'd be happy to provide the text in a digital format if that works best for AVUSD.

If you choose not to distribute this scholarship to students, please state, in writing, your reasons.

Sincerely,



Dan Barker
FFRF Co-President

2015 William J. Schulz High School Essay Contest

Why I'm Good Without God: Challenges of being a young nonbeliever or Young, bold and nonbelieving: Challenges of being a nonbeliever of color

For College-Bound High School Seniors

First place: \$3,000

Second place: \$2,000

Third place: \$1,000

Fourth place: \$750

Fifth place:— \$500

Sixth place - \$400

Optional honorable mention(s): \$200

Eligibility: North American high school seniors who graduate in spring 2015, going to college in fall 2015.

Choose one of the topics below:

- “Atheist/nonbeliever of color” prompt: Write from personal perspective about experiences or challenges you face, as a nonbeliever in a religious family or community, and minority within the freethought community. Are there obstacles discouraging diversity within the movement? What do you think could be done to make freethought and nonbelief more attractive to America’s nonwhite communities? Include at least one paragraph about why you are a nonbeliever.
- “Why I’m Good without God” prompt: Write from personal perspective about your experiences or challenges in the face of persistent stereotypes that atheists and other nonbelievers are not moral. Explain how you’re “good without God,” why religion is not necessary for morality and may even be counterproductive. What can you or others do to counter negative stereotypes about nonbelievers? Include at least one paragraph about why you are a nonbeliever.

Length: 500 to 700 words.

Other requirements: Essays must be submitted both by mail and email by postmark deadline. No faxes. Type, double-spaced essays with standard margins and staple. Include word count. Place name and essay title on each page. Choose own title and include a one-paragraph biography on separate page at end of essay. Include name, age and birth date, hometown, university or college, year in school, intended major and interests, name, city and state of high school and date of graduation as well as intended college. Don't attach a resumé.

Provide both summer and fall 2015 addresses (campus and home), phone numbers and email addresses for notification. Winners may be asked to send verification of student enrollment. FFRF monitors for plagiarism. *Do not write under or over word minimums and maximums.* For chance to win \$50 bonus, indicate the name of the secular school or college club you belong to or join the Secular Student Alliance (free at www.secularstudents.org/studentmember) and mention it. The bonus is provided by a kind couple.

Deadline: Postmarked no later than June 1, 2015. Winners announced in August.

Submission rules: Essays must be both mailed (postmarked) and emailed no later than June 1, 2015 to highschoolessay@ffrf.org with subject heading "Essay [and Your Full Name]," e.g., Essay Voltaire, and send to:

High School Essay Contest
FFRF
PO Box 750
Madison WI 53701

About William J. Schultz: This competition is endowed by William J. Schultz, a member of FFRF who died at 57. He was a farm boy who became a chemical engineer and built paper-producing mills around the world. He cared deeply about FFRF's work.

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April 23, 2015

Andrew Seidel, Esq.
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Madison, WI 53701

Re: FFRF Scholarship

Dear Mr. Seidel:

The Antelope Valley Union High School District is in receipt of your letter to Jeff Foster, Deputy Superintendent, concerning information on your Foundation's scholarship and essay contest. While the District desires to promote positive relationships between schools and the community in order to enhance community support and involvement in its schools and believes that free inquiry and exchange of ideas are essential parts of a democratic education, we, as a limited public forum, reserve the right to determine what information we allow to be disseminated in our schools.

Board Policy 6142.2 states, "In order to respect each student's individual right to freedom of religious practice, religious indoctrination is clearly forbidden in the public school...Staff shall not endorse, encourage, or solicit religious or anti-religious expression or activities among students."

Your Foundation's proposed scholarship essay prompts appear to promote anti-religious expression and contain argumentative undertones toward religion. Therefore, the District will not be distributing this scholarship information to students.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget L. Cook".

Bridget L. Cook
General Counsel

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cc: J. Foster
G. Nehen
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S. Williams

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EXHIBIT 6

QHHS SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

DEC/JAN 2015-2016

Date Due	Scholarship	Criteria for Selection
Various Each scholarship has a different due date. Check each website.	Asian Pacific Fund \$Various Follow the links to the right	⇒ Senior ⇒ Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund Filipino Bar Association of Northern California Legal Scholarship Helen and L.S. Wong Memorial Scholarship Human Capital Scholarship Jack and Jeanette Chu Scholarship Fund Lapiz Family Scholarship Maria Elena Yuchengco Memorial Journalism Scholarship Sang Chul Lee and Donald O. Cameron Memorial Scholarship Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship Tina Yeh Memorial Fund REGISTER ONLINE: www.asianpacificfund.org
Monthly	Varsity Tutors Scholarship \$1,000	⇒ Must be 16 or older ⇒ Monthly essay topic contest ⇒ http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship
December 30, 2015 March 30, 2016 June 30, 2016	L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future \$500 - \$5,000	⇒ No age given ⇒ Works of prose up to 17,000 in length ⇒ Not having been published before ⇒ http://www.writersofthefuture.com
December 30, 2015 March 30, 2016 June 30, 2016	L. Ron Hubbard Illustrators of the Future \$500 - \$4,000	⇒ No age given ⇒ Themes of Sci Fi and Fantasy Illustrations welcome ⇒ Not having been published before ⇒ http://www.writersofthefuture.com/
December 1, 2015	NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest \$1,000	⇒ Essays will be judged in two categories: senior (grades 10 through 12) and junior (grades 9 and below), with separate prizes awarded to the winners in each category. Four awards will be offered in each category, for a total of eight awards. ⇒ https://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx
December 1, 2015	Science, Math and Research Transformation Scholarship Various	⇒ 18 years of age by August 1, 2015 ⇒ U.S. Citizen ⇒ Able to participate in summer internships at DoD laboratory ⇒ 3.0 or higher GPA ⇒ Pursuing degree in one of these disciplines: Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture or Ocean Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Oceanography, Physics, Electrical Engineering, Geosciences, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Information Sciences, Materials Sciences and Engineering, Biosciences, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Cognitive, Neural and Behavioral Sciences, Computer and Computational Sciences ⇒ Full tuition paid, stipend, Health insurance allowance, Book allowance, Mentoring, Employment placement ⇒ Handout avail in Career Center ⇒ http://smart.asee.org/apply
December 4, 2015	Elks National Foundation Scholarship	⇒ Senior ⇒ Must show financial need

	\$1,000 - \$15,000 for 4 years (total of \$4,000 to \$60,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Must show leadership ⇒ Must provide exhibit or your achievement by newspaper article, letter or commendation for community service, or art project. ⇒ Info sheet in Career Center ⇒ http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm
December 5, 2015	Steven J Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ High School Student ⇒ Applicants must have demonstrated on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the United States at least within the last 12 months. Added consideration is given to students working to fight childhood hunger. ⇒ Volunteer services must be helping non-family members. ⇒ http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp
December 8, 2015	Milken Family Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Senior ⇒ GPA of 3.6 unweighted and higher ⇒ Minimum composite SAT I Reasoning score of 1850 or ACT score of 28 ⇒ Active participation in community service activities ⇒ A record of leadership ⇒ Financial or other obstacles ⇒ U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residency ⇒ Admission to 4 year university in Fall of 2016 ⇒ IF you qualify download form at www.milkenscholars.org and bring to Mrs. Cowan by December 8th.
December 14, 2015	Mean Stinks Scholarship \$up to 10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Senior ⇒ To enter, students are asked to share how they will bring an end to bullying once and for all while living the Mean Stinks mantra of spreading nice to make a positive impact on those around them. Students must be 17 or older to enter, and winners will be chosen by a panel of sponsor-selected judges. ⇒ www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_mean_stinks_scholarship.8956.php
December 15, 2015	AXA Achievement \$2,000 - \$10,000 ONLY the 1st 10,000 Applications will be accepted. First come-First Served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Senior ⇒ U.S. legal resident with valid Social Security number ⇒ Must apply and enroll in an accredited college or university in the Fall ⇒ Ambitious, goal setter, respectful ⇒ www.axa-achievement.com
December 15, 2015	Burger King Scholars Program Up to \$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Senior ⇒ GPA of 2.5 or higher ⇒ Work experience, Extracurricular activities and/or community service is helpful in selection criteria ⇒ https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/
December 15, 2015	Letters About Literature Contest Sponsored by Target Up to \$500 Target Gift Card \$10,000 reading Grant for school or community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Grades 9-12 ⇒ A personal letter (500-800 words) to an author of a book explaining how his/her work somehow changed your view of the world or yourself. ⇒ http://lettersaboutliterature.org
December 18, 2015	NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Senior ⇒ If you own your own small business

		⇒ www.NFIB.com/YEA
December 18, 2015	Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest \$200 to \$400	⇒ Between ages of 14-18 ⇒ Design a poster highlighting job safety and health for teens. ⇒ http://www.youngworkers.org
December 20, 2015	Out-Of-The-Box Thinking Scholarship \$1,500	⇒ High school student ⇒ Must submit transcript ⇒ Interested in innovation, marketing and retail, specifically with regard to pet products. Whether an idea for a cat/dog feeder, or perhaps a unique point of sale retail concept, the scholarship is designed to push applicants to think differently. ⇒ http://www.litter-robot.com/blog/out-of-the-box-thinking-scholarship/
December 31, 2015	Shout It Out Scholarship 2015 \$1,500	⇒ 9-12 Grade (Over 13 years of age) ⇒ Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia ⇒ Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2019) in an accredited post-secondary institution ⇒ Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the scholarship topic: "If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?" ⇒ http://www.scholarshipexperts.com
December 31, 2015	Top Ten List Scholarship \$1,500	⇒ High School Student ⇒ Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship." ⇒ This unique scholarship gives you the chance to show us what's truly special and different about you. Get creative, be serious, or tug at our heart strings. Whatever you do, you only have ten reasons to convince us, so make each one count. ⇒ https://sams.scholarshipexperts.com/applicant/showScholarshipApplication.htm?scholarshipAppId=10742&sourceid=null
December 31, 2015	Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship \$1,000	⇒ High School Student ⇒ The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship is a merit-based program that helps students fulfill their dreams of a higher education. The scholarship is named for Gen and Kelly Tanabe, best-selling authors on education, whose generous donations fund this program. ⇒ http://www.genkellyscholarship.com
January 7, 2016	GE- Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program \$10,000 Renewable	⇒ Senior ⇒ Must embody the characteristics of President Ronald Reagan at school, in the community, in the workplace, and at home. ⇒ Leadership / Drive / Integrity / Citizenship ⇒ www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships
January 8, 2016	Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest \$200 to \$400	⇒ Between ages of 14-18 ⇒ Design a poster highlighting job safety and health for teens. ⇒ http://www.youngworkers.org
January 13, 2016	Gates Millennium Scholars Program	⇒ Seniors ⇒ African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American ⇒ Citizen of the U.S. meeting the Federal Pell Grant

		<p>eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Minimum GPA of 3.3 Unweighted and enrolling full time in the 16-17 school year. ⇒ Meets Federal Pell Grant Eligibility criteria (find out at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov) ⇒ Leadership, community service ⇒ Online www.gmsp.org
January 15, 2016	Dell Scholars \$20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Senior ⇒ Minimum GPA of 2.4 ⇒ Demonstrated need for financial assistance ⇒ Planning to enter a 4 year school in the Fall. ⇒ Handout in the Career Center ⇒ http://www.dellscholars.org/HowToApply.aspx ⇒ Application opens November 1, 2015
January 20, 2016	Ronald McDonald House Charities - U.S. Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Senior ⇒ GPA of 2.7 or higher ⇒ RMHC/Asia: Applicant must have at least one parent of Asian-Pacific heritage. ⇒ RMHC/African-American Future Achievers: Applicant must have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage. ⇒ RMHC/HACER®: Applicant must have at least one parent of Hispanic/Latino heritage. ⇒ RMHC/Scholars: All students are eligible to apply regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin. ⇒ http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships
January 20, 2016	California Association of Collectors, Inc. \$1,500 to \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Senior ⇒ 1 page essay on “Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Financial Credit During Your College Years” ⇒ Online at www.cacesf.org
January 24, 2016	Education For All Photography Contest \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Seniors ⇒ The California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators and Fagen Friedman.com awards photographers for depicting diversity, collaboration, and achievement. ⇒ Rules and criteria at www.fagenfriedman.com
January 24, 2016	Why Education Matters Scholarship Contest \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Seniors ⇒ Scholarship candidates submit an essay of 700 words or less on “Why Education Matters” ⇒ Rules and criteria at www.calsa.org or www.fagenfriedman.com
January 30, 2016	Schwartz Scholarship Fund \$Undisclosed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Junior or Senior ⇒ Legal California resident ⇒ Family income of less that \$150,000 ⇒ 3.25 minimum GPA ⇒ Online application: www.schwartzscholarshipfund.org
February 1, 2016	Playing with Purpose Award \$300 up to \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Sophomore, Junior, Senior ⇒ Maintaining a “C” average or higher ⇒ Currently in a varsity level sports ⇒ Committed follower of Jesus Christ. ⇒ www.playingwithpurpose.org
February 3, 2016	National Peace Essay Contest \$1,000 up to \$10,000 Trip to Washington D.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Grades 9 -12 ⇒ 1500 word essay on “Governance, Corruption, and Conflict” ⇒ See Mrs.Cowan for criteria

		⇒ http://www.usip.org/ed/npec/index.html
February 14, 2016	American Physical Society Minority Scholarship \$2,000	⇒ Senior ⇒ Black, Hispanic or Native American US Citizen ⇒ Majoring in Physics ⇒ Contact: minority@aps.org or http://www.aps.org
February 15, 2016	National Co-Op Scholarship Program \$Various Amounts	⇒ Seniors ⇒ 3.5 GPA or higher ⇒ Must apply to one of the following Partner Institutions by their application deadline: Clarkson University, Johnson & Wales University, Merrimack College, Rochester Institute of Technology, State University of New York Oswego, The University of Toledo, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Wentworth Institute of Technology ⇒ www.waceinc.org
March 1, 2016	The Maureen L. & Howard N. Blitman, P.E., Scholarship to Promote Diversity in Engineering	⇒ Senior ⇒ A member of an underrepresented ethnic minority in the field of engineering: African-American, Hispanic, or Native American, ⇒ has been accepted into an ABET-accredited engineering program at a four-year college or university, and ⇒ is a U.S. citizen. - See more at: http://www.nspe.org/resources/students/scholarships/maureen-l-howard-n-blitman-pe-scholarship-promote-diversity#sthash.xViWKGn2.dpuf
March 1, 2016	John W. McDevitt Scholarship	⇒ Senior ⇒ A member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing, the son or daughter of such a Knight, the son or daughter of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of his death. ⇒ A U.S student entering freshman year of a bachelor's degree program at a U.S. Catholic college or Catholic university. ⇒ Request an application: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/about/contact/scholarships.html
March 1, 2016	Ellen Masin Persina Scholarship \$5,000	⇒ Senior ⇒ Minority, accepted to college and plan to major in Journalism and have a minimum 2.75 GPA ⇒ Must demonstrate an ongoing interest in journalism through work in high school or other media ⇒ Submit essay of 1 page as to why you want to pursue a career in journalism ⇒ http://www.press.org
March 1, 2016	Society of Exploration Geophysics \$500-\$3,000	⇒ Senior ⇒ Pursuing a career in geophysics, physics, mathematics and/or geology ⇒ Contact: scholarships@seg.org or http://www.seg.org/education/student-and-early-career/scholarship-process
March 20, 2016	Anthem Essay Contest \$30 - \$2,000	⇒ 9 th / 10 th Grader ⇒ Must read novel <i>Anthem</i> by Ayn Rand and complete 600-1200 word essay on one of three choice topics. (see website for details) ⇒ Pick up criteria – handouts from Mrs. Cowan ⇒ http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.org/Anthem.aspx

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March 25, 2016	California Wine Grape Growers Foundation \$2,000 or \$8,000	⇒ Seniors ⇒ Parent or legal guardian is employed by a California Wine Grape Grower ⇒ www.cwggf.org
March 25, 2016	Robert Miller Scholarship \$500 to \$1,000	⇒ Senior ⇒ Must be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and majoring in Viticulture or Enology. ⇒ www.cwggf.org
April 30, 2015	Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising \$ one-year tuition scholarship	⇒ Senior ⇒ Exceptional talent and interest in Fashion Design, Visual Communications, Interior Design, Digital Media, Fashion Merchandising, Graphic Design or Product Development. ⇒ www.Fidm.edu/go/fidmscholarships
April 26, 2016	Fountainhead Essay Contest \$50 - \$10,000	⇒ 11th / 12th Grader ⇒ Must read novel The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand and complete 800-1600 word essay on one of three choice topics. (see website for details) ⇒ www.aynrand.org/contests
June 1, 2016	Animation Career Review \$1,000	⇒ Senior ⇒ Intends to pursue an animation related field at an accredited post-secondary school or college. ⇒ Has a demonstrable record of academic success. ⇒ Has a passion and drive for an animation and/or design related career. ⇒ Scholarships may be used at any accredited post-secondary school or college. ⇒ http://www.animationcareerreview.com/animationcareerreviewcom-aspiring-animation-professional-scholarship-program
June 14, 2016	Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Up to \$4,000	⇒ Junior or Senior ⇒ Essay of 500-1000 words on: Every generation faces new challenges and new problems. What do you think is the biggest difference between your generation and older generations? How do you think these differences will affect the future of our country and/or your career choice? ⇒ Submit essay online: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com
June 17, 2016	Big Sun Scholarship	⇒ Senior ⇒ Attending college in the Fall and will be involved in sports at the campus ⇒ http://www.bigsunathletics.com

Generic Scholarships:

DiscoverStudentLoans.com/Scholarship
http://scholarshipguidance.com/all_scholarships.php

SENIORS:

- **Applying to University of Virginia?** Please go to www.jeffersonscholars.org to apply for their scholarship.

- **MUSIC Scholarship Auditions for Mount Saint Mary's University** are January 23rd, February 6 and April 2nd.
- Register to receive emails of available scholarships that match your interests at www.scholarshipexperts.com
- Applying to **Clarkson University, Drexel University, State University of New York Oswego, University of Cincinnati, Johnson & Wales University, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Rochester Institute of Technology, The University of Toledo or Wentworth Institute of Technology????** Make sure you apply for the National Co-op Scholarship Program at www.waceinc.org. Due by February 14, 2015
- Applying to **Fresno State University?** Then apply to the President's Honors Scholarship. Once you receive your student ID then the application can be found at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/scholarships/scholarshipapplication>
- **Side note:** All Cal State and UC's offer presidential "type" scholarships..... Look on their websites! You need to be Proactive in looking for these. They will not inform you they are open and they all have hard deadlines. (*Meaning they will not accept them late!*)
- ***REMEMBER*** the **Local Scholarship Application is due December 11th**. We will **NOT** send out reminders to your classrooms. This application is used to determine which students will be considered for the Local Scholarships given by our community. If you do not turn this in you will not have the opportunity to apply for these that are given out at our Senior Awards Night in May. This is a hard deadline!

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EXHIBIT 7



E-Form
Online Application Form

Section I:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Athlete First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>
Athlete Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	City:	<input type="text"/>
Home Telephone: (sample:555-555-5555)	<input type="text"/>	State:	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address:	<input type="text"/>	Zip:	<input type="text"/>
I'm applying for the:	<input type="text"/>		
Date of Birth: (sample: mm/dd/yy)	<input type="text"/>	Height:	<input type="text"/>
Gender:	<input type="text"/>	Weight:	<input type="text"/>
How did you hear about this scholarship program:	<input type="text"/>	Graduation Date:	<input type="text"/>

Section II:

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name:	<input type="text"/>	High School Address:	<input type="text"/>
High School Telephone: (sample:555-555-5555)	<input type="text"/>	City:	<input type="text"/>
Athletic Director's Name: (sample: John Smith)	<input type="text"/>	State:	<input type="text"/>
Athletic Director Email:	<input type="text"/>	Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>
Nominator Name:*	<input type="text"/>	Nominator Telephone:*	<input type="text"/>
Nominator Title:*	<input type="text"/>	Nominator Email:*	<input type="text"/>
Principal Name:	<input type="text"/>	Guidance Counselor Name:	<input type="text"/>
Principal Email:	<input type="text"/>	Guidance Counselor Email:	<input type="text"/>

***If you were not nominated for this scholarship please enter yourself as the**

Section III:

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Please select the sport, the position(s) you play, and the awards you have received for each sport.

List your primary sport (your best sport) in the section labeled "Sport 1" followed by your secondary and tertiary sports in the sections labeled "Sport 2" and "Sport 3" if applicable.

List your highest or most prestigious award in the section labeled "Award 1" and your next highest award in the section labeled "Award 2." If the Award you received is not listed under "Award 1" or "Award 2", please write it in the section labeled "Other Awards."

Primary Sport	Secondary Sport	Tertiary Sport
Sport 1: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Sport 2: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Sport 3: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Primary Position: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Primary Position: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Primary Position: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Secondary Position: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Secondary Position: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Secondary Position: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
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Coach's Name: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>(sample: John Smith)</small>	Coach's Name: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>(sample: John Smith)</small>	Coach's Name: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>(sample: John Smith)</small>
Coach's E-mail: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Coach's E-Mail: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Coach's E-Mail: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

Section IV:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Please give your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) based on a 4.0 grade scale. Weighted GPA may exceed 4.0.

If you have not yet taken the SAT and/or ACT test(s), please select "Not Taken" from the drop down menu(s).

Unweighted GPA: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	SAT Score: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Weighted GPA: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	ACT Score: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Number of Students in your Graduating Class: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	

Section V:

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

Do you attend church regularly?: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	If denomination is not listed please enter it here: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Name of Church: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Name of Pastor: (sample: John Smith) <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Denomination: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Name of Youth Pastor: (sample: John Smith) <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

Please list **Christian** activities, mission experience, community service, clubs, groups, and leadership positions in the space provided below: (sample: FCA President, Young Life, Rescue Mission Volunteer, etc.)

Please write at least one paragraph in the space below describing how you have used, or would like to use, your athletic ability to share your faith and/or to positively influence others.

Please write at least one paragraph in the space below describing how and when you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and what your present relationship with Him means to you.

In addition to being eligible for the SportQuest Playing With Purpose scholarship, we will automatically create a "student athlete profile" which will be made available to 1,650 colleges and universities throughout the United States for scholarship opportunities.

I do **NOT** want the SportQuest Playing With Purpose program to release my "student athlete profile" to colleges and universities for potential scholarship opportunities.

Would you be interested in playing collegiate sports? *If your answer is yes, then please check the box.*

Upon completion of this form click the continue button **only once** and wait for the following page to appear.

To the best of my knowledge the information above is true and accurate

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EXHIBIT 8

Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council awards Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships annually to U.S. students, who will be entering [The Catholic University of America](#) in Washington D.C., or other **Catholic colleges** or **Catholic universities** in the United States. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the earnings of the scholarship trust.



An applicant must be:

1. Entering freshman year of an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree at a **Catholic college** or **Catholic university** in the United States.
2. A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, the son or daughter of such a member or deceased member, or a member in good standing of the Columbian Squires. (Not limited to Fourth Degree members.)

The scholarships of \$1,500 each are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and are renewable each year of study, pending satisfactory academic performance, to a total of four years.

Students applying to The Catholic University of America indicate their eligibility for a Knights of Columbus scholarship on the university's admission application.

Incoming freshmen planning to attend other **Catholic** colleges or **Catholic** universities may obtain applications for Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships after Oct. 1 by using this [application order form](#).

Completed applications must be received by the Knights of Columbus Department of Scholarships by **March 1** of the following year.

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EXHIBIT 9

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SCHOLARSHIP	WEBSITE	DEADLINE
Abbott & Fenner Scholarship	HTTP://WWW.ABBOTTANDFENNER.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS.HTM	6/15/15
AB540 Information	http://www.ab540.com/	Varies
ACT Poster Contest	http://www.actstudent.org/postercontest/	TBD
AES Scholarship	http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm	10/6/14
AFA Teens	www.afateens.org	2/15/15
AFL-CIO STUDENTS OF WORKING FAMILIES	WWW.UNIONPLUS.ORG/BENEFITS/EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIPS/UP.CFM	01/31/2015
AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship	APPLICATION WILL BE IN THE CAREER CENTER	06/01/2015
American Chemical Society	www.acs.org/scholars	3/1/15
American Federation of Musicians	www.afm.org/young-musicians/scholarships	Varies
American Medical Technologists' Scholarship program	http://www.americanmedtech.org/SchoolsStudents/ScholarshipsAwards.aspx	3/1/15
American Physical Society	WWW.APS.ORG/PROGRAMS/MINORITIES/HONORS/SCHOLARSHIP/INDEX.CFM	February
Army ROTC Scholarships	WWW.GOARMY.COM/ROTC/SCHOLARSHIPS.JSP	See a recruiter
Art Institute	WWW.ARTINSTITUTE.EDU/COMPETITIONS/HIGHSCHOOLCOMPETITIONS.ASPX	Varies
Asian Pacific Fund	www.asianpacificfund.org	TBD
Asian Reporter	www.asianreporter.com/Scholarships.htm	Varies
ASPIASF Scholarship	http://apiast.org/scholarship_apiast.html	01/9/2015
Association of Latino Professionals	HTTP://ALPEA.ORG/INDEX.CFM?FUSEACTION=PAGE_VIEWPAGE&PAGEID=354	TBD
AVC Chamber of Commerce Work Ethics Scholarship	www.avchambers.com	4th Week in Feb.
AVC Foundation Scholarship	www.avc.edu/foundation/scholarships.html	TBD
AXA Achievement	WWW.AXA-ACHIEVEMENT.COM	TBD
Bank of America Student Leaders Program	http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_studentleaders	TBD
Big Sun Scholarship	http://www.bigsunathletics.com/	6/9/15
Black Excel	WWW.BLACKEXCEL.ORG	Varies
Bonner Scholar Scholarships	http://www.bonner.org/	Contact Admissions
Burger King Scholars Program	http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php	TBD
CHAFEE GRANT PROGRAM (Foster Youth)	www.chafee.csac.ca.gov	Varies
Cal Scholarships	http://alumni.berkeley.edu/services/scholarships	Varies
California Farm Bureau Scholarship	http://www.cfbf.com/programs/scholar/index.cfm	TBD
Campbell Family Scholarship	http://www.banfieldcharitabletrust.org/scholarships/	6/30/15
Capex	http://www.capex.com/	Scholarship Search
Careers and Colleges	www.careersandcolleges.com	Scholarship Search
Christmon Scholarship	http://christmon.com/scholarship/	TBD
Christian College Scholarship Drawing	WWW.CHRISTIANCONNECTOR.COM	Varies
CNCDA Scholarship	http://www.cncda.org/foundation.asp	TBD
Coca-Cola Scholars Program	WWW.COCA-COLASCHOLARS.ORG	10/31/15
College Answer	WWW.COLLEGEANSWER.COM	Scholarship Search
College JumpStart Scholarship	http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/	10/17/14
College Week Live	WWW.COLLEGEWEEKLIVE.COM	Varies
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute	http://www.chci.org/scholarships/	TBD
CSPAN's Student Cam 2013 Competition	http://www.studentcam.org/	1/20/15
Courage to Grow Scholarship	http://couragetogrowscholarship.com	8/31/14
Delete Cyberbullying Scholarship	http://www.deletecyberbullying.org/scholarship/	6/30/15
Discover Scholarship	https://www.discover.com/student-loans/scholarships/award.html	TBD
Disney Dreamers Academy	https://www.disneydreamersacademy.com/	10/31/13
DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS	WWW.SCHOLARSHIPAMERICA.ORG	Scholarship Search
Dupont Challenge	http://thechallenge.dupont.com/rules	TBD
EDU Inc.	www.eduinconline.com	Scholarship Search
Edwards Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship	Available in the Career Center late Fall	03/2015
ELKS	http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mys.cfm	12/2014
Fastweb	www.fastweb.com	Scholarship Search
FIRE Contest	http://www.thefire.org/student-network/essay-contest/	TBD

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SCHOLARSHIP	WEBSITE	DEADLINE
First Command Education	www.firstcommand.org	Varies
FLAG (Study Abroad Scholarship)	http://www.usagemannscholarship.org/apply-flag/	11/17/2014
Flavor of the Month Scholarship	http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/showScholarshipDetail?scholarshipid=1003657	TBD
Fleet Reserve Association Essay Contest	www.FRA.ORG/CONTENT/FRA/ABOUTFRA/SCHOLARSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS.HTM	VARIES
Foot Locker Scholar Athletes	http://www.dosomething.org/footlocker	TBD
Easy Aid	http://www.easyaid.com/scholarships.html	SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
Genes Millennium Scholars	www.GMSP.ORG	1/14/2015
GE Reagan Foundation Scholarship	http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-REFScholarships.aspx	TBD
Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship	http://akscholarship.com/	12/31/14
Get Up Get Active Scholarship	http://www.getupgetactive.org/scholarship/	10/31/14
Goya Foods Culinary Scholarship	HTTP://HSF.NET/goya12.ASPX	TBD
Gruid Scholar	http://www.quilidhealth.org/Programs-And-Services-Overview/Awards-And-Scholarships	1/15/15
Hispanic Heritage Fund	HTTP://www.HISPANICHERITAGE.ORG	9/30/14
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	www.HSF.NET	VARIES
Horatio Alger Scholarship	www.HORATIOALGER.ORG	10/25/14
Illustrators of the Future	www.WRITERSOFTHEFUTURE.COM	QUARTERLY
IMAGINE AMERICA FOUNDATION	www.IMAGINE-AMERICA.ORG	VARIES
Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship	http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/programs.php	2/15/2015
KINGHTS OF COLUMBUS:PRO DEO AND PROPATRIA SCHOLARSHIP NOT LOCAL	http://www.kofc.org/un/en/scholarships/index.html	Varies
Latino College Dollars	HTTP://www.LATINOCOLLEGEDOLLARS.ORG/	SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
Life Lessons	http://www.lifehappens.org/life-lessons/	TBD
Life Parts Express Scholarship	http://www.forliffpartsincalifornia.com	6/30/15
LM Scholarship	http://www.forkittrainingvancouver.com/training.php	5/31/15
Los Angeles Legal Secretaries Association Scholarship	http://www.lsi.org/scholarship.php	04/1/2015
Macy's Hispanic Scholarship Program	http://www.hsf.net/macys.aspx	TBD
Make the U Scholarship Program	www.codgate.com/haziau	TBD
Masons of California Scholarships	www.FREEMASON.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP-CENTER/INDEX.HTM	VARIES
Mensa Foundation Scholarship	http://mensafoundation.org/	1/15/15
Mentor Aid	www.mentoraid.com	SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
Migrant Workers	www.MIGRANT.NET	VARIES
Milken Scholars	www.mf.org/scholars	01/2015
Minorities in Physics	www.minoritiesinphysics.org	VARIES
Monsanto Ag Scholarship	http://www.americasfarmers.com/growcommunities/	11/30/2014
M/SNBC	http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/23446019/from/ET/	SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
My Right To Vote	http://www.ioefossinstitute.org/je-foss-institute-programs/educational-scholarships/	10/19/14
NAEHcy Letendre Education Fund Scholarship	http://www.naehcy.org/letendre-scholarship-fund/scholarship-application	6/16/14
National Achievement Scholarship program	www.NATIONALMERT.ORG/NAASP.PHP	INFORMATION ONLY
National Foster Parent Association	http://nfpaonline.org/nfpascholarship	TBD
National Honor Society Scholarship Program	www.NHS.US	CHECK WEBSITE
NACWIT Aspirations in Computing Award	http://www.aspirations.org/	VARIES
New Look Laser Tattoo Removal Scholarship	http://www.newlooktouston.com/New_Look_Scholarship.html	6/30/15
Next Star Foundation	http://nextstarfoundation.org/scholarships/dono-named-scholarships/	VARIES
NIFIB	www.NIFIB.COM/YEA	12/18/2014
NJHA Scholarship Fund	http://nhascholarshipfund.org/	1/31/2015
Nordstrom Scholarship	http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/nordstrom-cares-scholarship	MAY 1ST
NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest	www.nradefensefund.org	12/1/2014
Orphans (foster care)	www.ORPHAN.ORG	FOR FOSTER STUDENTS

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SCHOLARSHIP	WEBSITE	DEADLINE
Point Foundation (LGBT Scholarship)	www.pointfoundation.org	VARIES
Princeton Prize in Race Relations	http://www.princeton.edu/prize/application/	01/31/2015
Profile in Courage Essay Contest	www.jfkcontest.org	1/5/15
Prudential Spirit Awards	www.prudential.com/community/spirit	11/4/2015
Que Lleva Café Scholarship (For Undocumented Students)	http://www.ca-core.org/que-lleva-cafe-scholarship-program	TBD
Questbridge	www.questbridge.org	9/26/2014
Ron Brown Scholar Program	www.ronbrown.org	11/1/14
Ron Hubbard Illustrators of the Future Contest	http://writersoftware.com/contest-rules	QUARTERLY
Ronald McDonald	www.mhc.com/what-we-do/mhc-u-s-scholarships/	1/20/2015
Scholarship Experts	www.scholarshipexperts.com	SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
Scholarships for Minorities	HTTP://WWW.FREE4U.COM/MINORITY.HTM	SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
Scouting	www.nesa.org	TBD
Sculptors	http://www.nationalsculpture.org/nss/index.cfm/fa/cProg.scholarships	TBD
Sedary & associates Scholarship	http://www.surelawyers.ca	TBD
Society of automotive engineers	HTTP://STUDENTS.SAE.ORG/AWDSCHOLAR/SCHOLARSHIPS/ENGSCHOLAR	VARIES
Southern California Edison	https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/edisonscholars/	TBD
Southern California Twins club Scholarship	http://www.scmotc.org/	TBD
SportQuest Playing W/ Purpose Scholarship	www.playingwithpurpose.org	02/1/2015
Stand Out Student Scholarship	http://www.collegepeas.com/money/	TBD
State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship Program	www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighbor scholarship	TBD
Student Insights	www.student-view.com	TBD
Stokes Educational Scholarship Program	https://www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities_4_u/students/stokes.shtml	11/15/15
Sullivan Leadership Award	www.seattleu.edu/sullivan	11/15/14
Suntrust	https://www.suntrusteducation.com/Scholarships/Sweepstakes/index.html	VARIES
Hungry for Education Scholarship	http://assets.fmnia.com/cf/dmny/jp/foin/join_hfe_test.asp?inputsource=hfe	TBD
Teen Writing Contest	www.nextstepmag.com/shoutout	SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
Technicians in Plumbing, HVAC or Electrical Scholarship	http://nexstarfoundation.org/scholarships/	TBD
The College Expo	www.thecollegeexpo.org	VARIES
Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund	www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org	VARIES
Thurkum Oiam Award	www.lewished.org/diller/teenawards	TBD
Traffic Safety Scholarship	https://www.trafficsafetystore.com/resources/teen-safe-driving-scholarships?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Halloween+Newsletter&utm_content=Halloween+Newsletter+CID_4010ebd69fa47693a6a2179c3afb0b&utm_source=CampaignMonitor&utm_term=See%20the%20complete%20list%20of%20scholarship%20opportunities	VARIES
Tylenol Scholarship	http://www.tylenol.com/news/subplyschol	TBD
United Friends of the Children	www.unitedfriends.org/youthaccess/youth_res_scholarships.html	FOR FOSTER STUDENTS
United States Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation	www.marine-scholars.org	VARIES
USSSP	www.usenateyouth.org	10/1/2014
VA Mortgage Center Military Education Scholarship	http://www.vamortgagecenter.com/scholarships.html	10/31/15
Valley Youth Cheer & Football Scholarship	www.vfw.org	EMAIL FOR INFO
Ventures Scholars	www.venturescholar.org	CHECK WEBSITE
Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition	www.vdc.org	11/15/2014
Wal-Mart Scholarships	http://foundation.walmart.com/cou-focus/associate-scholarships	QUARTERLY
Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship	http://www.gwcf.org/AppDownload.html	1/15/2015
Wendys Heisman	www.wendysheisman.com	10/3/14
What About Peace	http://www.globalexchange.org/peace/campaigns/whataboutpeace	TBD
Young Arts	www.artsawards.org	10/17/14
Zinch.com Various Scholarships	www.zinch.com/static/college-scholarships.html	VARIES