



Instructions for CBCA's 2026 Scholarship Program

Clayton Business & Community Association (CBCA) was founded in 1984 with the intent that it be an organization for the good of the entire community. Today CBCA has more than 200 members from all walks of life within Clayton and nearby cities. CBCA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.

Some of the activities CBCA organizes include: Art & Wine Festival, Oktoberfest, BBQ & Brews Festival, and Holidays in the Grove events. All of the profits raised by our various efforts are returned to the community in the form of donations and to support many charitable groups, Clayton's schools, and numerous civic improvements.

As part of our efforts to give back to the community, each year CBCA provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are going to continue their education. CBCA scholarships are one-year scholarships, to be disbursed in two installments. In 2026 the total amount to be awarded among the students selected to receive scholarships is \$50,000.

Any student applying for a CBCA scholarship must reside in the Clayton zip code of 94517, be a high school senior with plans to enroll in an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or trade school, and carry at least 12 academic units per quarter/semester. Written applications will be reviewed by the CBCA Scholarship Committee and finalists will be interviewed by the Committee members.

The applicants will be judged based on criteria that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Extra-curricular activities, including community service activities and volunteering
2. Academic achievement
3. Written and oral communication skills
4. Completeness of the application

All applications must be **received either:**

- 1) **by mail** at CBCA, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 436, Clayton, CA 94517, with post-mark no later than **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**, or
- 2) **by email** sent to tuija.catalano@gmail.com, with transmittal no later than 5 pm on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**.

Applications that are not submitted in a timely manner will not be considered. Please read these instructions and the required list of attachments on the application form carefully, and include all items with the application.

Questions regarding the Scholarship Program can be directed to the Scholarship Committee Chair, Tuija Catalano, either via email (tuija.catalano@gmail.com) or by phone (925-404-4255).

**** All applicants will be notified of their status no later than the end of the school year.****



2026 Scholarship Application Form

NAME: _____
First Middle Last D.O.B.

ADDRESS: _____
Street address City State Zip code

CONTACT: _____
Phone Number Email address Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

COLLEGES APPLIED TO (Your top 3 only): **ACCEPTED?** **MAJOR?**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

QUALIFICATIONS: Each applicant must be a high school senior who plans to attend, and confirms enrollment in, an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or trade school, and carry at least 12 academic units per quarter/semester.

ESSAY ATTACHMENTS: Below are four (4) essay question options. Please pick any two (2) questions, and submit your responses with your application (limited to a response no longer than one (1) page per question).

- A. Select a community activity or an existing condition in Clayton, and explain how it has affected you and the community (whether positively or negatively), and whether (and how) you would change it in any way.
- B. What has been the most important event in your life and how has it affected you?
- C. Who is/was the most influential person in your life and why?
- D. Select a recent world news event and describe your reaction thereto, e.g., Do you agree? Disagree? Explain how you might handle it.

OTHER REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS - Please include all of the following items with your application:

- Most recent transcript (at minimum showing grades from 9th thru 11th school years);
- Resume, limited to one (1) page (including key extra-curricular activities, club membership(s), community involvement, elected school position(s), outside job(s) held, etc.);
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (not from your school teacher, family member, or a minor); and
- A small sized photo.

I declare that all of the information contained herein is true and correct:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed application packet must be either mailed to: CBCA, ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 436, CLAYTON, CA 94517, WITH POST-MARK NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026, or emailed to: tuija.catalano@gmail.com NO LATER THAN 5 pm ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.