



Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders

Legacy Scholarships

DVL HONOREES AWARD

APPLICATION PERIOD:

January 2 through March 20, 2026

All applications must be received by the High Desert Community Foundation no later than 5pm, March 20, 2026. IMPORTANT: Handwritten, incomplete or late applications will not be considered by the Committee. Scholarship Award amount is \$500.00

Prior to submitting your application, please read carefully the eligibility criteria & requirements for the DVL Honorees Scholarship at www.dvlproject.com and the guidelines for writing the personal statement which are included with this application.

The Honorees

The DVL Honorees are represented by nearly two hundred men and women recognized in the High Desert region since 2009 for their achievements and their service to their communities. Their inspirational achievements span the visual and performing arts, not for profit leadership, entrepreneurship, medicine, law, education, military service, and both business and public service agency leadership.

Because the DVL Honorees as a group are committed to "...paying it forward..." they funded this award to encourage outstanding students who have demonstrated their achievements in the classroom or in public service to further their achievements. Like the DVL Honorees themselves, student applicants from a broad range of disciplines, community service activities, and representing many creative and academic talents will be given consideration by the Selection Committee.

Students who have inventions, artwork, or audio recordings of their creative works or perhaps examples of their publications are required to submit photos or copies of them along with their applications for consideration by the Selection Committee.

Personal Statement

As part of the application for the DVL Honorees Award, applicants are required to write a *Personal Statement* (Note: you are cautioned against simply "recycling" personal statement/ essays used for college applications or other scholarships.)

In 300 typed words or less, describe the influences on your creative or academic talents or on your community service activities. These influences—positive or negative—can be an instructor, a pastor, a family member, friend or even a particular event.

Eligible Student Criteria

- Who are between the ages of 18 years old and 24 years old" eligible students will be at least 18 years old by December 30, 2026, and no older than 24 years old by July 1, 2026
- Who are graduating high school seniors with a *minimum* 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale, or who are continuing enrolled post-secondary students with a *minimum* 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale, AND

- Who are graduating from *regionally accredited* public or private high schools by July 1, 2026 eligible students include those graduating from charter high schools, religiously affiliated high schools or home schools or home school programs in the High Desert region and which are *regionally accredited*" OR
- Who are enrolled in a *regionally accredited* post-secondary institution.

*Note: students enrolled in or planning to attend an institution that is **not** regionally accredited are **not eligible** for consideration for the scholarship.*

- All students must be residents of California for *at least* three (3) years and who are graduating or have graduated from a regionally accredited high school in the High Desert region.

After you have read again the brief description above of the *DVL Honorees*, complete the application and combine it with the other materials required for submission and mail it to the Committee:

Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders Legacy Scholarships Committees
c/o High Desert Community Foundation
 Post Office Box 2028 Apple Valley, CA 92307

PLEASE NOTE: Applications must be typed and completely filled out. Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be considered by the Committee.



Application for the DVL Honorees Legacy Scholarship

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name_____

Gender: Female_____Male_____

Address_____

City_____, CA Zip Code_____

Cell phone_____or Message phone_____

E--mail address_____

1. EDUCATION

Last high school attended_____

Dates attended (Month/ Year)_____Graduate? Yes_____(Month/Year) __No

School/Institution currently attending or planning to attend_____

Start date or proposed start date_____

Planned course of study, education or career goals_____

2. **Resume**. Include a resume of two (2) pages or less as part of this application. **Note: A resume that exceeds the page requirements may not be considered by the Committee.**
3. **Letter of reference.** Please attach *at least one but no more than two letters* of reference that support your application. **Note: Letters must be typed and must not exceed 300 words. Letters not typed or those which exceed 300 words may not be read by the Committee.**
4. **Official/Certified Transcripts** are required of all students as part of the application package. Before the scholarship is awarded to the successful applicant, a final Official Transcript will be required to be submitted to DVL. Applicants graduating from high school also must include a "letter of acceptance" from the institution they plan to attend. Applicants currently enrolled in a post: secondary institution must present evidence of "academic progress" from an institutional official *at the counselor level or above from the institution in which they are enrolled.*
5. **Institution Accreditation.** *For applicants to be eligible for the Legacy Scholarship, all education institutions to be considered by applicants or in which they are enrolled must be "regionally accredited."* Accreditation information usually can be obtained from the Registrar of the institution.
6. **Personal Statement.** Write a personal statement as directed in the first part of this application.
7. **A submission of art work is required if applicable.**

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of my application or of any scholarship award granted to me.

Printed name _____

Signature _____ Date _____