



Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders

Legacy Scholarship

ANNA SUGI

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* requirements for the **ANNA SUGI DVL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP** at www.dvlproject.com and the guidelines for writing the personal statement which are included with this application.

Please note: The **Anna Sugi Legacy Scholarship Award for Young Women** is open to female students only who meet all eligibility requirements for the DVL Legacy Scholarship Awards. All other DVL Legacy Scholarship Awards are open to both male and female students.

For this Legacy Scholarship, female student applicants will demonstrate a continuous commitment to service in community organizations—not for: profit secular or religious affiliate—that benefit women and girls through advocacy, education, or healthcare services.

Because Ms. Sugi's *Today's Woman Foundation* grew from her advocacy for women, applicants whose current extracurricular activities, academic studies and future education and career plans lead logically to the improvement of the status of women will be of special interest to the Selection Committee.

Personal Statement

As part of the application for the **Sugi Scholarship**, 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 a woman living currently or in history who has influenced your thinking, your education and your career aspirations. These influences—positive or negative— can be an instructor, a family member, an event or other sources. Your essay should provide insight into your current thinking about the roles of women and your expectations for future study and career choices.

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 the brief description provided about Ms. Anna Sugi, the *Legacy Honoree*, complete the application and combine it with the other required materials 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 NOTE: Applications must be typed **and completely filled out.**

Handwritten **or incomplete** applications **will not** be considered by the Committee.

Anna Sugi

September 20, 1960 – December 16, 2010

Born in a small town in the southern region of Italy known popularly as “the heel of the boot,” young Anna immigrated to Southern California in the 1980’s. She found work first as a clerk in the front office of a large medical group, but eventually worked her way up to group administrator. She then became a partner in one of the largest medical groups in the area.

Anna Sugi demonstrated excellence and perseverance through her example of a strong work ethic and her commitment to others. She was deeply committed to her community, and in spite of her tireless work schedule, she always made time for others in need. She founded the *Today’s Woman Foundation* which recognized other women in the community who embodied her beliefs in the power of education and independence.

In 2009, Anna died from an aggressive form of breast cancer. But through her two outstanding children, both physicians, she leaves to women and girls a legacy of inspiration in this scholarship for young women of the High Desert.

Application for Ms. Anna Sugi Scholarship

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name_____

Gender: Female_____Male_____

Address_____

City_____, CA Zip Code_____

Cell phone_____or Message phone_____

E--mail address_____

2. EDUCATION

Last high school attended_____

Dates attended (Month/ Year) _____ Graduate? Yes____ No____

School/Institution currently attending or planning to attend_____

Start date or proposed start date_____

Planned course of study, education or career goals_____

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3. **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.**
 4. **Letter of Reference.** Please attach *at least one but no more than two letters* of reference that support your application. **Note: All 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.**
 5. **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.*
 6. **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.

7. **Personal Statement.** Write an original personal statement as directed in the first part of this application.

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_____