



# The Evening Star

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## SCHOLARSHIPS!

That's right, the new year is in full swing and the latest local scholarship applications are here. **These are opportunities you don't want to miss!**

First, the **Community Foundation of Sonoma County** is offering a wide variety of scholarships. Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2010, to qualify.

Second, the Bailey Foundation scholarship is available. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2010, to qualify. **One Empire College student WILL receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Bailey Foundation!** Keep reading to find out how to apply!



### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SONOMA COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS



The Community Foundation of Sonoma County is offering **10 scholarships** for which Empire College students may qualify! You can apply for **all** scholarships using one application packet. Please use the checklist below to ensure that you have completed and included all the necessary paperwork in your application package:

- Printed Scholarship Checklist with completed items checked off (available online)
- Completed application (complete the **college** form online and print)
- One (1) official copy of your transcript (See Margareta Campbell, Registrar)
- Your Personal Statement answers (guidelines available online)
- Go to **[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**, apply for 2010/11 FAFSA, print out your SAR report
- Letter of Recommendation, if required (available online)

**Go to [www.sonomacf.org/apply\\_for\\_scholarships.shtml](http://www.sonomacf.org/apply_for_scholarships.shtml) to download all necessary forms.**

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#### Visualized Thoughts from Space:

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SONOMA COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

(See instructions on the front!)

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## Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Sonoma County ..... \$1,000

Who can apply: Students of Hispanic descent

What do I need: Demonstrate financial need (SAR report)  
Write a one (1) to two (2) page essay describing family background, personal accomplishments and challenges, career goals, demonstrated leadership and anticipated relationship within the Hispanic community

## Helen Kellum Scholarship ..... \$1,000

Who can apply: All students

What do I need: Demonstrate financial need (SAR report)  
Demonstrate academic ability (2.0+ GPA)  
Demonstrate realistic goals (in your personal statement)

## My Future is in Healthcare Scholarship ..... \$500

Who can apply: Medical students - Preference given to low-income, bicultural students

What do I need: Be enrolled in at least 6 units  
Demonstrate financial need (SAR report)  
Demonstrate academic ability (2.5+ GPA)

*Special requirements: In your personal statement, explain why you are interested in a career in the health field and describe your plan to achieve that goal. Talk about instances that demonstrate your interest in the health field, such as your volunteer activities, your educational pursuits, and your work experience.*

## Michael F. O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship Fund ..... \$2,000

Who can apply: Paralegal, Legal Office Administration and Legal Secretary students

What do I need: Be enrolled

*Hint: It is not required, but we recommend researching the life and work of Michael F. O'Donnell, "a brilliant litigator, who was distinguished by the qualities of supreme decency, honesty, humility and humanity." When you write your personal statement, take these qualities into consideration; they are the definition of the individual to whom they wish to award a scholarship.*

## 100 Black Men of Sonoma County Scholarship ..... \$1,000

Who can apply: Students of African American descent

What do I need: Be enrolled

*Hint: Take a look at the website for the 100 Black Men of Los Angeles at <http://www.100bmla.org> to find out more about what qualities the organization values. When a reviewer is looking at your application, he or she is going to be on the look out for those qualities.*

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### Affirmative Thoughts from Space:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." ~Nelson Mandela

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## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SONOMA COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

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### **Redwood Empire Estate Planning Council Scholarship ..... \$1,000**

Who can apply: Students pursuing a career in business, law, or accounting

What do I need: Be enrolled

### **Sands for a Sustainable Future Scholarship ..... \$1,000**

Who can apply: All students

What do I need: Two (2) letters of recommendation (form available online)  
An essay of less than two (2) pages - The essay should demonstrate a passion and commitment toward developing a career that has the capacity to improve existing conditions and create a lasting, sustainable legacy for future generations which:

1. Identifies a resource which is fragile or dwindling
2. Describes a problem (economic, environmental or cultural) resulting from the weakness or disappearance of this resource
3. Articulates strategic and realistic steps toward sustaining or renewing this resources

*Hint: Don't know how your field of study relates to sustainability efforts? Go online and look up sustainability in relation to your major! You may be surprised to see what people in your field are doing to ensure that the resources we are enjoying today are available for the people of tomorrow.*

### **Sonoma County Medical Association ~ Health Careers Scholarship ..... \$1,000**

Who can apply: All medical students

What do I need: Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement (3.0+ GPA)  
Provide evidence of Sonoma County residency  
Provide evidence of enrollment in a Sonoma County school (Letter from Empire)  
A one (1) page essay describing why you are pursuing a career in medicine and the steps you have taken to achieve this goal  
Two (2) letters of recommendation from instructors or close associates who are not related to you (form available online)

### **Andrea Vicini Memorial Scholarship ..... \$1,000**

Who can apply: Students of Italian descent

What do I need: Be enrolled

*Hint: This scholarship will be granted to a student who demonstrates a love of the Italian language and who values education. Try to incorporate these concepts into your personal statement. Tell the reviewers why being Italian is important to you and what education means to you.*

### **Andy Wallstrum Memorial Scholarship ..... \$1,000**

Who can apply: Students who graduated from Lawrence Cook Middle School in Santa Rosa

What do I need: Demonstrate improvement in your grades or behavior  
One (1) letter of recommendation from an instructor or college administrator verifying improvement in your academic grades or behavior (form available online)

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#### **Scholarly Thoughts from Space:**

"Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army." ~ Edward Everett

# Empire College Degree Students

*Don't miss this opportunity!*

**A \$5,000 Bailey Foundation Scholarship could be yours!**

The Bailey Family Foundation wants to encourage people to continue their education by awarding scholarships to students who have demonstrated scholastic achievement and financial need.

They offer one scholarship to an Empire College student who meets the following criteria:

- **Have a Grade Point Average of 2.5 or better**
- **Demonstrate financial need**
- **Are enrolled or accepted to Empire College and will be attending through July 31, 2010.**
- **Are United States residents**
- **Are pursuing their undergraduate (AA) degree**



## **To apply:**

- Contact the Department of Education to let us know you are applying. We will be asked to verify your academic information if your application is selected.
- Complete the scholarship application online, which includes writing an essay of no more than 300 words acquainting the Foundation with your goals, and describing the community service or other activities that have influenced your life.

**WEBSITE ADDRESS: [www.bailey-family.org](http://www.bailey-family.org)**

**Contact Vickie Savino for more information today!**

**DEADLINE for application acceptance is March 15**

*If you are selected as the recipient of this award, your information WILL be verified.*