



## VHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

**Deadline to apply: April 2, 2018 (applies to both juniors AND seniors)**

**Applications accepted via:**

**<https://applyforgrants.calfund.org/SpectrumWebPortal>**

The Venice High School Scholarship Program stands as a lasting tribute to many generous people, organizations and businesses who have made supporting our students in their quest of higher education a priority. Information on the criteria for the specific awards can be found at: <http://www.venicehighalumni.com/scholarships.htm>

The award is administered by the California Community Foundation. This scholarship award and others are made possible through the time, effort and monies that are donated by the graduates and friends of Venice High School.

Announcements will take place at the Venice High School Senior Awards Ceremony.

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Juniors: must have been enrolled at Venice High School for 3 years**
- **Seniors: must have been enrolled at Venice High School for 4 years**
  
- Full time student (12 units or more/6 classes)
- Must be a U.S. citizen or national or a U.S. permanent resident
- Must submit financial information by way of the FAFSA Student Aid Report
- Must be available to attend the Mandatory Senior Awards Night\*

\*Applicants must be present to receive the award or the scholarship award will be forfeited.

Application Attachments (submitted online)

- FAFSA Student Aid Report\*\* (**Seniors Only**): a paper or electronic document that gives you some basic information about your eligibility for federal student aid as well as listing your answers to the questions on your FAFSA.
  - Please redact (black out) all TIN/SSN numbers

- Current Venice High School Transcripts that list both weighted and unweighted LAUSD GPAs
- Personal Essay – see additional instructions on essay prompts
- Letter of Recommendation (optional)

For any questions, please contact: [scholarships@calfund.org](mailto:scholarships@calfund.org).

### **To apply**

- 1) Go to <https://applyforgrants.calfund.org/SpectrumWebPortal>
- 2) Register as a “Scholarship Applicant”
- 3) Upon registering click “Find Scholarships”
- 4) Search for Venice High School Alumni Association & click the link
- 5) Enter the password: [VHSAA18](#)

### **Personal Essay Directions**

- Essay Directions: You will have 2 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 1 of the 2 personal essay questions. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words. Which question you choose to answer is entirely up to you, but you should select the question that is most relevant to your experience and that best reflects your individual circumstances.
1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
  2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.