



Norma Hapgood Scholarship Application

Established 1999

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2026

The Vya Conservation District is offering Surprise Valley High School and Gerlach High School graduating seniors who meet the criteria below the opportunity to be awarded a \$500 renewable scholarship. Homeschool or charter school students living within Surprise Valley, or the boundaries of the Vya Conservation District may also apply.

ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Must have attended Surprise Valley High School or Gerlach High School for two years and be a graduate of either school or be a homeschool or charter school student living in Surprise Valley or within the conservation district boundaries.
- B. Must be planning to attend, or continue attending, a recognized post-secondary institution or a vocational technical institution.
- C. Must be planning a career in one of the following fields:
 1. Natural resources
 2. Agriculture or veterinary medicine
 3. Technical fields such as surveying, map making or engineering.
 4. Automotive or diesel technology
 5. Fire sciences
 6. Welding

REQUIREMENTS:

1. A graduating high school senior with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in their first seven semesters, as demonstrated by an official school transcript.
2. For students already enrolled in a post-secondary approved educational institution (four-year college, two-year college, or a vocational/technical training institute):
 - A. Requires an overall GPA of 2.0 or better in the two semesters prior to applying.
 - B. One completed academic year at a vocational/technical training institute.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Fill out the cover sheet and mail it to the address below along with the following documents:

1. Write an essay of 500-1,000 words focusing on:
 - a. Your educational and career goals.
 - b. Life experiences that have created interest in your chosen career path and have influenced the goals you have set.
 - c. Your plan for attaining those goals.

The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and printed on white paper.

2. Provide an official transcript of your grades showing your overall GPA:
 1. High School Seniors: the first seven semesters of high school
 2. For those already enrolled in a post-secondary school, the previous completed semester(s) before applying for the scholarship.
3. Provide two letters of recommendation.
4. Mail the application to:

Vya Conservation District
NRCS Field Office
221 W. 8th St.
Alturas, CA 96101-3215
Attn: Vya Administrative Assistant
5. To download a copy of our online application, go to www.vyacd.org
6. To contact us, go to vyaconservationdistrict@vyacd.org
7. You may also submit your application online. Please contact us for a link.

AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP:

Awarding of the scholarship will be made at the sole discretion of the Vya Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:

Payment will be made upon receipt of the recipient's:

- A. For 2/4 Year College: First semester official transcript for 12 or more credit hours with official university proof of continued enrollment.
- B. For Trade School: Official transcript upon completing first year.

Norma Hapgood Scholarship Cover Sheet

NAME: _____

ADDRESS (Physical): _____

ADDRESS (Mailing): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

(Attach applicant photo below)