



Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

THE McCALLA SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM 2026-2027

History of the McCalla Scholarship

The Robert McCalla Scholarship was established in November 2020 to honor Bob McCalla as he received his 70-year membership pin from the Santa Ana Elks #794. He served the Lodge on many levels and in many capacities, including Exalted Ruler and District Deputy Grand Exalter Ruler. He was the Building Committee Chairman and oversaw the building of the new Santa Ana Elks Lodge which opened in June 2019. Education was always extremely important to Bob. It was his hope that this scholarship would provide a deserving candidate the assistance needed to achieve future educational and career goals. Funding for this scholarship is provided by donations from family, friends and Santa Ana Elks #794 members.

Scholarship Award

For the 2026-2027 academic year, five scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded dependent on applicant qualifications. The winners will be eligible to have the scholarship renewed.

Qualification of Applicants

To qualify for the McCalla Scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following:

1. Be currently enrolled as a high school senior, college student, or be ready to enroll in a college of their choice;
2. Plan to attend an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, or vocational school in the upcoming school year;
3. Be a resident of Santa Ana, Tustin, or Irvine;
4. Believe in God;
5. Be an American citizen;
6. Be a person who participates in school, community, and employment opportunities;
7. Complete the McCalla Scholarship application in its entirety.
8. Provide/attach a copy of your transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).
9. Provide/attach letters of recommendation from each of the following: (1) a teacher, (2) a counselor, (3) a community member (total of 3 letters of recommendation)

Scoring of Applications

The Santa Ana Elks Scholarship Committee will assess applications and select the winners. Winners will receive a “**Verification of Enrollment**” form to be completed **after** you have enrolled at the school you will be attending. Upon receiving the completed form and the required documentation of enrollment, a check will be sent as described on the verification form. If you elect to delay using the scholarship in the academic year for which it was awarded, a written request must be made to the Scholarship Chair. The scholarship must be used within 18 months of its receipt.

**Applications must be received at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge
no later than 5:00 pm January 9, 2026**

Drop off, mail, or email to:

Santa Ana Elks Scholarship Committee
c/o Sue McKee
1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705
ScholarshipsSantaAnaElks@gmail.com

McCALLA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026-2027

Personal Information

Name		Date of birth	
Street Address			
City, State & Zip			
Telephone Number			
Email address			

School currently attending	
School planning to attend	
Anticipated major	

By checking this box, I affirm that I am a United States citizen ☐

By checking this box, I affirm that all of the information set forth in this application, including all the documents submitted, are true and correct to my knowledge and that no information or materials have been falsified in any way ☐

Work Experience

List jobs you have held during the past 3 years. Start with the most recent. You may include work even if you were not paid. List approximate total hours worked, not average hours per week.

Specific Nature of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Total Hours

Community Service

List community service you performed during the past 3 years, starting with the most recent. List approximate **total** hours.

Specific Nature of Community Service	Organization	Dates of Service	Total Hours

Honors and Awards

List scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors and awards received during grades 9 through 12. Indicate the year received, state the nature of the award, and select the level of recognition. Please do not abbreviate names of awards. You may include copies of any significant awards which you want to emphasize. Please refer to the page titled "Instructions for Organizing Final Application" for placement of these copies.

Grade Level(s) received (indicate 9, 10, 11, and/or 12)	Honor/Award	Level of Recognition			
		School	State	National	Inter- national

Leadership Activities

List your principal leadership roles in the order of importance to you.

Activity / Organization	Grade Level(s) received	Hours per week	# of weeks	Positions Held / Honors Received

Extracurricular Activities

List your extracurricular activities in the order of importance to you.

Activity / Organization	Grade Level(s) received	Hours per week	# of weeks	Positions Held / Honors Received

Essay

On a separate document, submit an essay of no more than 500 words, double spaced, on the topic listed below.

Using one of the leadership roles or extracurricular activities you listed as being important to you, describe what impact the experience had on you, what you contributed, what you learned about yourself, and how the experience has influenced your plans for the future.

Letters of Recommendation

Provide/attach **three letters of recommendation** from each of the following: (1) a teacher, (2) a counselor, (3) a community member.

OPTIONAL: Special Circumstances Essay

On a separate document, submit an essay of no more than 250 words, double-spaced, regarding anything you would like to add demonstrating any hardships you have overcome or other special circumstances you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider when reviewing your application.

OPTIONAL: Test Scores & Awards

Although test scores are no longer required to complete this scholarship application, you have the option of attaching your **test score reports** (e.g. ACT, SAT) to this application for consideration. You may also attach any **awards or certificates** you have received for consideration.

Instructions for Organizing Final Application

1. The application and attachments may be submitted **via email** to:
ScholarshipsSantaAnaElks@gmail.com

Or you may print it and **submit a hard copy** to: Santa Ana Elks Scholarship Committee, c/o Sue McKee, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

2. **Include all of the following:**
 - a. **Application**
 - b. **Essay** and optional essay, test scores, or awards/certificates
 - c. **Transcript**
 - d. **3 Letters of Recommendation** (may be attached to the scholarship application, or may be emailed/mailed by the counselor directly to the address/email listed above)

Thank you for applying for the McCalla Scholarship.

All applicants will be notified following judging which will be completed on or before the end of February 2026.

Questions regarding completion of this application?
Please contact Sue McKee at (714) 345-0414 or email: suemckee@cox.net

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