



Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

MACHADO FAMILY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

History of the Machado Family Community College Scholarship

This is the inaugural year for the Machado Family Community College Scholarship. The Santa Ana #794 Scholarship Committee wishes to provide a community college student with financial assistance to complete a transfer program to a four-year college or complete the necessary coursework to secure certification in their chosen career field. Eligible students must be planning to, or are currently enrolled in, a two-year program at the community college for the Fall 2026 term. Funding for this scholarship is provided by donations from the Machado family.

Scholarship Awards

For the 2026-2027 academic year, two scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded dependent on applicant qualifications.

Qualification of Applicants

To qualify for the Machado Family Community College Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following:

- Be currently enrolled as a community college student, or planning to enroll in an accredited two-year community college of their choice
- Possess a GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Be enrolled in a transfer program or a certificate program
- Be an Orange County resident
- Believe in God
- Be an American citizen
- Complete the Machado Family College Scholarship in its entirety
- Provide two letters of recommendation
- Complete an essay demonstrating financial need
- Provide a copy of their transcript; unofficial is acceptable
- No age restriction

Scoring of Applications

The Santa Ana Lodge Scholarship Committee will assess applications and select the winners. Winners will receive a “**Verification of Enrollment**” form to be completed **after** enrolling at the school you will be attending. When the Lodge receives that 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 16, 2026

Drop off, mail, or email to:

Santa Ana Elks Scholarship
c/o Sue McKee

1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705

ScholarshipsSantaAnaElks@gmail.com

**MACHADO FAMILY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 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 or area of certification	

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, is 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 and 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

Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, type an essay of no more than 500 words, double spaced, on the topic listed below. **The essay must be dated and signed.**

Explain the impact receiving this scholarship will have on you meeting your future goals.

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.

Letters of Recommendation

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

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. Order of pages in completed folder:
 - a. Application
 - b. Essay and optional essay – remember to sign and date
 - c. Transcript(s)
 - d. Two Letters of Recommendation (may be attached to the scholarship application, or may be emailed/mailed by the letter writer directly to Sue McKee, Scholarship Vice Chair at the address listed below)
 - e. Copies of any awards/certificates you wish to include (optional)

Thank you for applying for the Machado Family Community College 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 suemckee@cox.net

**Applications must be received at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge
no later than 5:00 pm January 24, 2026**

Bring or mail to:

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