



Susan K. Beatty Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements

CHEA intends to award a \$1,000 scholarship each year to one graduating home educated student who is continuing education at a college, university, or career or vocational school.

Please review this instruction sheet and Application Form Cover Sheet carefully so you understand the requirements.

Applications must be submitted to CHEA no later than March 30, 2026. The Scholarship Application Cover Sheet and all attachments must be typed. No handwritten applications will be accepted.

Applications not submitted in proper order or by the deadline will be automatically disqualified. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet *all* of the following criteria:

Student Eligibility

1. Applicants must have been privately homeschooled (not enrolled in a public school program), with their parents teaching them at home at least 51% of the time and at least 51% of the academic subjects, for at least the last four years.*
2. Applicants must be at least 16 by December 1 and no older than 19 on June 30.
3. Applicants' parents must have been CHEA Members at least since August 1, 2025 and maintain their membership through July 31, 2027.
4. Applicants must be accepted for admission to a college (including community college), university, or career/vocational school the following August/September of the next school year.
5. Applicants must be able to attend the Saturday morning Opening Session of the Annual Convention, if selected to receive the Scholarship. CHEA will provide for transportation and one night's housing for the scholarship winner and one parent if he or she lives more than 100 miles from the Convention site.

*For the purposes of this scholarship, the student must have been taught at home by his/her parents at least 51% of the time and at least 51% of the academic subjects to be considered homeschooled. Courses taken other places, i.e. college courses taken during high school, co-op courses, etc., should be noted.

Employees and staff of CHEA, Board of Directors, Regional Advisory Board Members, or their immediate families are not eligible for the scholarship.



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The following items are to be submitted, in the order listed:

- Current CHEA Scholarship Application**
- Signed Permission to Print & Photographic Release Forms (two pages at the end of this packet).** CHEA may wish to print the scholarship winner's essay and/or photograph in one or more of its publications and/or on the website (www.cheaofca.org). CHEA may wish to print essays submitted by other candidates.
- Two Letters of Recommendation.** Applicants should select an adult from two different categories from the following:
 - Support group or PSP leader
 - Co-op teacher
 - Community group leader (such as American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, 4-H, etc.)
 - Volunteer supervisor
 - Employer
 - Pastor, church elder, or small group leader
 - Parent or legal guardian who has acted as the primary teacher of record

Letters could include the length of time the author has known the student, assessment of the student's spiritual maturity, leadership and volunteer work, academic achievement, character development, and areas of special achievement, and the student's potential as a representative of private Christian home education to his/her community and future college.

Letters should refer to the student as "candidate," "student," "young person," etc. and should be no more than one page in length.

- Essay from the student** addressing the student's home education experience (academics and any extracurricular activities) and Christian faith and how these prepared them for and influenced them toward their chosen field(s) of study and plans for the future.
 - Essay should be approximately 500 - 800 words and may be edited for length, content, and/or grammatical style prior to publication by CHEA's Communications Team.
 - Essays should include a title.
- Student transcript** of high school work, including first semester of the current year's work. Courses taken during high school which were taught either outside the home or by someone other than the parent should be clearly designated.
- SAT, ACT, or CLT scores** (*optional*)
- Letter of acceptance** from the college, university, or career/vocational school which the student plans to attend. If the applicant has not received a letter of acceptance from the college in time to include it with his/her application, the rest of the application should be sent to CHEA by the March 30 deadline. The college's letter of acceptance must be submitted by April 30, 2026.

Application Requirements Continued

All application requirements should be compiled and submitted to CHEA by the applicant in one email. Applications must be submitted to scholarship@cheaofca.org by 11:59 p.m. on March 30, 2026. Please contact us at scholarship@cheaofca.org or by phone at 562-864-2432 if an alternate submission method is necessary.

Applicants will be notified by email of the scholarship results by the first week of May. **No funds will be issued to the student. The scholarship award will be sent directly to the college to be applied to the student's tuition or curriculum costs.** In the event the student does not attend the college in the fall term, he must notify CHEA no later than September 1 indicating the reason for the delay. CHEA will hold the scholarship funds until the spring term. Otherwise, the scholarship will be forfeited.



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Application

STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name of Student: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Email Address: _____ Student Cell: (_____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Home Educated Since: _____

College or School Attending in Fall 2025: _____

Intended major or career course: _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Names of parents or legal guardians: _____

Parent Email Address: _____ Parent Phone: (_____) _____

OTHER INFORMATION

CHEA Members Since (MM/YY): _____

How have you been involved with CHEA? Please include any events (virtual or in-person) you have attended or volunteered at (students and/or parents). _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

How has CHEA impacted your homeschool experience? _____

Are you part of a homeschool community (support group, PSP, co-op, etc.)? If so, which one?

Scholarship Permission to Print

I, (print name) _____, hereby grant the Christian Home Educators Association of California, Inc. (CHEA) permission to print the work described below in any of its publications, including but not limited to *The Support Network News*, *The CHEA Connection*, www.cheaofca.org website or blog, brochures, social media, etc.

I further grant CHEA the right to reproduce, edit, distribute, perform and display the work in whole, in part, or in any derivative form, including but not limited to translation into other languages.

I retain all other rights, including rights to publish or sell the work, however I agree to notify CHEA if such publication or sale is likely to occur within 180 days of CHEA's publication or use. This provision is to allow CHEA to avoid publishing material that is already available to CHEA Members or the public by other means.

I certify that I am the only author of the work and I am the exclusive owner of all the rights transferred in the agreement. I further certify that the work is original except for any copyrightable material included in the work for which I have obtained permissions and that the work does not infringe any third party's copyright, trademark or other proprietary rights; is not libelous, obscene or otherwise contrary to the law; and does not violate any third party's right of privacy or publicity. I also certify that all statements of fact in the work are true and based upon deliberative research; that all instruction and advice in the work is harmless and not negligent or defective; and that I have full power to enter into this agreement and will not enter into any other agreement that conflicts with the rights granted to CHEA in this agreement.

Description of Work: Student Essay for CHEA Scholarship

(Title of Work)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If Student is a Minor)

Scholarship Photographic Release

I (print name) _____, hereby give to Christian Home Educators Association of California unrestricted rights and permission to copyright and use, reuse, publish, and republish photographic portraits or pictures of:

_____ (initial) me, an adult age 18 or older,

_____ (initial) my child, (print child's name) _____, a minor,

Or in which my child may be included intact, or in part, composite or distorted in character or form, without restrictions as to changes of transformations, or reproduction thereof in color or otherwise, made through any and all media now or hereafter known for illustration, art, promotion, advertising, trade, or any other purpose whatsoever.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____