

**KIWANIS CLUB OF BERKELEY
2024 KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Dear Applicant:

Each year the Kiwanis Club of Berkeley Foundation awards a number of scholarships to deserving graduating seniors from the cities of Berkeley, Albany and El Cerrito. Since our scholarship program was started in 1998, we have awarded scholarships ranging between \$500 and \$10,000 each, and totaling over \$990,000.00

To be considered for the scholarship program, applicants must submit a completed application, three essays, one official transcript and two letters of recommendation.

The Scholarship Committee, based on the strength of the application, will consider applicants who demonstrate academic ability, leadership, a commitment to serve their school and community. For obvious reasons, Kiwanis, as a service organization, is especially interested in community service.

All scholarships are to be used to defray the cost of education. Our checks can be written either to the institution/facility or to the recipient/parent as reimbursement for allowed expenditures (fees, tuition, books, equipment, supplies, board and room). Travel expenses and study outside the 50 United States will not be supported. A single student shall not be awarded more than one Kiwanis scholarship and the financial condition of the applicant or the family will not be a consideration. Certificates will be provided to student winners. These scholarships will expire if not exercised before July 1, 2029.

Application forms and Recommendation forms are available from your high school counselor or at: <http://berkeleykiwanis.org>. Click on “scholarship”.

APPLICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE **POSTMARKED BY February 22, 2024**. **No hand delivered application packets will be accepted.**

I will accept emailed letters of recommendations (on letterhead or signed on the recommendation form) and transcripts, if your high school prefers emailing transcripts (tamara.paradis@gmail.com).

Failure to follow the above requirements will void the scholarship application.

If you have any questions, contact me at **925-878-9321** or tamara.paradis@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Tamara J Paradis

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

PLEASE PRINT in BLOCK LETTERS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
Street, Apt # City State, Zip code

EMAIL _____ **CELL NUMBER** _____ **HOME PHONE NUMBER** _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

COUNSELOR/ADVISOR _____ **PHONE OR EMAIL** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES APPLYING TO _____

The Scholarship Committee, based on the strength of the application, will consider applicants who demonstrate academic ability, leadership and moral integrity, a commitment to serve their school and community, and the greatest incentive to continue development of their life goals. For obvious reasons, Kiwanis, as a service organization, is especially interested in community service.

DIRECTIONS

- A. Prepare 3 essays (not hand written):
1. Compose an essay about yourself, your life experiences, your goals. (500 words maximum)
 2. Describe your extra curricular activities (sports, clubs, etc.) and your work (paid or volunteer) experience and why you are involved in them. (600 words maximum)
 3. Describe one time you have made a difference or impacted a person or a group for the better. (300 words maximum)
- B. Provide one copy of the Letter of Recommendation Form to **one scholastic** (school related) reference and **one non-school reference** (total of two references). The completed Recommendation (form and letter) may be returned to you (in a sealed envelope suitably identified) for submission or mailed directly to the address below.
- C. Obtain or order an official transcript from your high school. It may be mailed directly to the address below, emailed to tamara.paradis@gmail.com, or included in your packet.
- D. Gather together your essays, a copy of this application completed, your transcript, and recommendation forms and letters (those not being mailed directly), but no other materials, and mail in a large envelope (**DO NOT FOLD OR STAPLE**) to:
- Tamara Paradis
PO Box 1148
Lafayette, CA 94549

ALL SUBMISSIONS (YOURS, REFERENCES, TRANSCRIPT) MUST BE MAILED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS, POSTMARKED BY **FEBRUARY 22, 2024**.

If you wish to contact the Kiwanis Scholarship Chair, contact Tamara Paradis at 925-878-9321 or tamara.paradis@gmail.com

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RECOMMENDATION FOR: _____
(Applicant's Full Name)

YOUR NAME AND OCCUPATION: _____
(Name)

(Occupation)

(Email or Phone Number)

Please return this form to the applicant or mail directly to the above address. Your recommendation may be placed on letterhead, but please include **(do not staple)** this form with the letterhead (it is important that we have your signature and contact information). The committee would appreciate your recommendation typed.

Your recommendation should include how long and in what context(s) you have known the applicant and why, in your opinion, she/he would merit this scholarship.

Your recommendation letter must be postmarked by **FEBRUARY 22, 2024**.

Mailing Address:
Tamara Paradis
PO Box 1148
Lafayette, CA 94549

You may email me your reference (tamara.paradis@gmail.com). You will need to include a scan of this document with your signature.

Signature: _____

Date: _____