

SONOMA CHAPTER CLSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by

January 23rd, 2026

Mail to:

SONOMA COUNTY CLSA

P.O. Box 11217, 1200 Coddington Center. , Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Or Email to: Thomas@phelpslandsurveyors.com

Application Instructions

Each applicant must submit a complete application package postmarked by the application deadline. The package must include the following:

1. A **completed** application form.
2. Submit a brief, yet complete, essay indicating educational objectives, future plans of study, activities related to the profession, any surveying-related work experience, how you have promoted the profession and your financial status and degree of need.
3. Submit at least one letter of recommendation, from the current calendar year (2025-2026), from a faculty member familiar with the students work. It is the student's responsibility to coordinate and verify their faculty letters. **Applications received without a letter of recommendation will not be accepted.**
4. Submit a complete and **official** transcript through May of the year prior to when the award will be presented **OR** submit a signed (by Reg Parks) class curriculum form proving that you are currently enrolled in CESGT classes, preferably surveying related courses.
5. The Application must have clear and concise handwriting or be typed. Incomplete, improperly completed and late applications **will not be accepted**.
6. If you are one of the top selected candidates you will be asked to **attend an interview** in person. The interview will be held **Thursday February 12th and/or Monday February 16th, between 5:00-8:00pm.**
7. Scholarships will be **awarded** at the Sonoma County Chapter CLSA meeting on **Wednesday March 11th**. Attendance is highly suggested but not mandatory.

**It is the obligation of the applicant to ensure that applications be postmarked by:
January 23rd, 2026**

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Application Tips List: Included at the end of this application, please review them.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

Applicants must be students in good standing enrolled in a minimum of 6.0 units in the CESGT program at Santa Rosa Junior College. Applicants will be selected based on the correctness of their application, the content of their essay, a review of their transcripts, their GPA and their successful participation in a panel interview.

Below is a list of Scholarships that are available.

1.) Sonoma County Memorial Scholarship \$500.00 Must be currently enrolled in any of the 3 CESGT programs. Civil Engineering, Geospatial (GIS) and Surveying Technologies	2.) Righter/Meininger Scholarship \$500.00 Must be currently enrolled in Surveying Technology Program
3.) The Benchmark Scholarship \$1,000 Must be currently enrolled in Surveying Technology Program.	

Full Name:

Current Address:

City, State, Zip:

Hometown County (e.g. Sonoma County, etc.):

Email:

Phone (cell)

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Full Name

Are you a U.S. Citizen?

Yes No

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Birth date

Student I.D. Number

Are you now, have you, or will you receive any financial aid during the current school year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe.

Toward what degree and/or license will you be working and when do you expect to receive it?

Colleges and universities attended, including the one in which you are currently enrolled. Arrange in sequence, listing your current institution first. (Submit transcripts for each)

College or University	State	Dates of Attendance	Major

Do you hold any licenses/certifications?

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LSIT

☐ Other ____

Have you completed a survey merit badge through Scouting or an equivalent from another youth organization?

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Yes If yes, through what organization ____

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No

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Full Name

List all scholastic honors, scholarships (full name of scholarship and amount) and awards you have received (include CLSA Education Foundation Scholarships and all other scholarships).

Are you a member of CLSA?

☐ State Level ☐ Chapter Level (Chapter Name___) ☐ Student Chapter Level

List all other professional organization/service club memberships.

List all professional conferences, seminars and/or meetings attended.

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Due to the number of applications received, if your application does not include the mandatory items as mentioned above, the application will be rejected.

By signing below, I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate. I further certify that if for any reason subsequent to receiving a scholarship award, I elect to substantially alter my proposed study plan, I will immediately inform the CLSA Education Foundation and if requested, I will return the money paid to me. I hereby authorize CLSA to use my name for promotional purposes (e.g. listed on CLSA Website and publications).

Signature of applicant

Date

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Application Tips List

List the names of the scholarships you have received in the past on your application.

- 1) Always include your home town and County.
- 2) Confirm with your faculty advisor that he/she will write you a good recommendation before you apply.
- 3) More than one letter of recommendation can help.
- 4) Be specific and detailed with your explanation regarding professional involvement with student and professional organizations. Include your future plans (such as where you would like to work). Include any land surveying work experience.
- 5) Be honest and forthcoming in your essay. It can be difficult to talk about financial need, however, this is a consideration in the selection process.
- 6) Neatness counts. It is required that the application and essay be typed. Handwritten applications and essays will NOT be accepted. Pay attention to detail. Spelling, grammar and content are important in your essay!
- 7) Be professional & courteous with your responses, think of this as a job resume.
- 8) **Don't wait until the last minute. Early applications can be amended. Late applications that are missing information will be rejected.**

Lastly, if you receive an award, a Thank You letter goes a long way. Many people spend countless volunteer hours on fund-raising efforts to support these scholarships. Sometimes it's a golf tournament (lots of hours in preparation), sometimes it's a seminar or two and sometimes it's a portion of membership dues that fund your scholarship. A little information on what these scholarships mean to you will go a long way to inspire the many Sonoma County CLSA members that put in so many hours during the year to support these scholarship efforts.