

BILL YANEZ  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION  
**2024 Scholarship Program**



**“Once a Saint, Always a Saint”**

Bill Yanez was a legendary teacher, coach, and mentor at Santa Maria High School across four decades. He loved working with students from all backgrounds and abilities. Mr. Yanez valued a person's willingness to give back to the community, as he generously did. The scholarship selection criteria reflect those values.

**Available Scholarships:** Under the scholarship program, a \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a senior attending Santa Maria High School.

**Program Guidelines:**

- ★ Seeking graduating seniors with an interesting story that tells how they have encountered challenges or obstacles in life, including any record of volunteerism and/or participation in extracurricular activities.
- ★ Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, a total family annual income under \$75,000, and plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college or technical school.
- ★ Applicants must include the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application, attesting they are qualified for this scholarship program.
- ★ Scholarship will be awarded at Seniors Honor Night on May 22, 2024; funds will be released once proof of Fall 2024 enrollment is received. If delaying or deferring enrollment, students must show proof of acceptance in an accredited program within 15 months of graduation.
- ★ Applicants must attach two (2) Letters of Recommendation.

**Application deadline:** April 24, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.

**Return application package to:**

Christy Reasner  
College & Career Center, Santa Maria High School

Please submit any questions to: [andreanna.vierra3@gmail.com](mailto:andreanna.vierra3@gmail.com) or Andreanna Yanez-Vierra @ (650) 245-8492

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**2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

1.	Last Name: First Name:
2.	Mailing Address  Street:  City: State: Zip:
3.	Telephone Number: ( )  Email Address:
4.	Date of Birth  Month: Day: Year: Gender:
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)  <i><u>Please attach proof of GPA. Applicant's most recent school transcript is</u></i>
6.	<i><u>required.</u></i> Are you the first person in your family to go to college? YES ____  NO ____
7.	What are you interested in studying?

8.	<p><b>If necessary, please attach a separate sheet to answer the questions below:</b></p> <p>A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:</p>     <p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, sports and school-related volunteer activities:</p>     <p>C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:</p>     
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9.	<p>A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name:</p> <p>B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:</p>     
10	<p>List Family Gross Annual Income from your 2022 or 2023 Income Tax Form 1040 Line #22: \$</p> 

**11. Name and address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s)**

*Please include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.*

Name(s) :

Street:

City: State: Zip:

Home phone of parents or legal guardians:

Work phone:

12.	<p><b>Short Essay: <i>Please attach a separate sheet to answer the questions below.</i></b></p> <p>A. Tell us about your favorite high school class.</p> <p>B. Tell us about your favorite teacher and how they have impacted your academic goals.</p> <p>C. Tell us about any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond.</p> <p>D. Describe how volunteer or community service has shaped who you are today and what community service has taught you.</p>
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### Letters of Recommendation

13.

- A. Teacher Letter of Recommendation
- B. Adult Community Mentor Letter of Recommendation (*Non Family Member*)

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### **STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS**

By signing below, I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Bill Yanez Scholarship Foundation's program. (*Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.*)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must be present at Seniors Honor Night on May 22, 2024 to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to remit to the Bill Yanez Scholarship Foundation proof of Fall 2024 enrollment.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

**Signature of scholarship applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**

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**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**

*I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to Bill Yanez Scholarship Foundation.*

Name of Guidance Counselor submitting the application: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST:**

- ☐ Scholarship Application
- ☐ Short Essay
- ☐ Guidance Counselor signature
- ☐ School Transcript
- ☐ Teacher Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ Non Family Adult Community Mentor Letter of Recommendation

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**REMINDER:**

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