

Elks National Foundation and State Scholarships for 2019-2020

Elks National Foundation Programs

2019-20 Most Valuable Student Scholarships:

- Open to any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. Must be seeking a 4-yr. college degree.
 - Applications available beginning August 5, 2019, on the website. www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm Deadline for entry Nov. 5, 2019,
 - Be sure to review the MVS “**Frequently Asked Questions**” to familiarize yourself with the requirements and applying instructions.
 - Must have taken either the ACT or SAT on or before October 5, 2019.
- Winners from the Lodge advance to District, District to State and State to National level competition.
- National level: There are 500 four-year scholarships, ranging from \$1000 per year to \$12,500 per year at National level. Examples are: Two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000.
- All level judging is based on the following criteria.
 - Financial need, leadership, academic achievement and record, and community involvement.
- The completed application must be entered online on or before November 5, 2019

Keep in mind that it does not matter where the student goes to school; it only matters where the student lives.

California-Hawaii Elks Association Program

Vocational Grant:

- The program is open to anyone residing in California or Hawaii, who is a citizen of the United States of America and planning to pursue an eligible vocational/technical course resulting in a certificate or two-year degree and leading to employment opportunities. The program is open to male and female applicants who will be judged on an equal basis. While graduating high school seniors may apply, it is not limited to high school students – in fact, it is open to all prospective students who require training or retraining to compete in the workplace.

- The Vocational Grant is for one academic year, with an option to renew for one additional year. This grant may be used only for usual and required costs of student's course of study; that is, for tuition and fees, room and board (if living on campus) and books & supplies. Payment will be made to the school. Awards will be between \$500 and \$2,000 for an academic year depending on length of course. **Students planning to transfer to a four year school to pursue a Bachelor's Degree are not eligible to apply.**
- Applications are available by downloading the form from the website.
- www.chea-elks.org/vocationalgrant.html Click on the "Vocational Grant Application" hyperlink.
- Applications are judged on motivation, need, skills, grades, and overall brochure.
- The completed application is due to the Scholarship chairman, Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the Elks Lodge having jurisdiction in the area of the student's legal residence.
- Apply 3 months to 6 months before the course begins

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