

# **Richard H. Townley Scholarship**

*Central Sierra SWANA Chapter*

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## **\$3,000 in Scholarships Available**

The Richard H. Townley Scholarship is offered exclusively through the **SWANA Central California Sierra Chapter** to support students pursuing higher education and careers in the **solid waste and environmental services industry**.

Applications will be reviewed by the Sierra Chapter Scholarship Committee, and recipients will be announced following the review process.

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must be:

- Graduating high school seniors, current college students, or returning students
- Pursuing or continuing an associate or bachelor's degree

**AND meet one of the following:**

- SWANA Student Member (*free for full-time students*)
- SWANA Chapter Member
- Child or grandchild (including adopted children or stepchildren) of a SWANA member in good standing

 Join as a student member:

<https://swana.org/community/membership/student-membership>

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## **Apply Now**

**Submit the following:**

- Completed scholarship application form

- A typed essay (300–500 words) describing your educational and career goals and how they relate to the solid waste industry
  - At least one letter of recommendation (teacher, employer, or community leader)
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## **Application Deadline**

**May 15, 2026**

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## **Submit Applications To**

**[info@swanacal.com](mailto:info@swanacal.com)**

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## **About the Scholarship**

The Central Sierra SWANA Chapter Scholarship supports students who demonstrate strong educational goals, community involvement, and a connection to the solid waste industry. This program is committed to investing in the next generation of leaders in sustainability and environmental stewardship.

 For more scholarship opportunities:

<https://swana.org/community/awards-scholarships/scholarships>