

**San Bernardino Countywide Gangs & Drugs Task Force
2026 Horace Boatwright Memorial Scholarship**

(Please download and complete the application electronically; do not handwrite)

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Criteria: The applicant must be a current high school senior in San Bernardino County who will be graduating from high school, has overcome adversity, and is continuing their education at a college, trade, technical school, or joining the military.

APPLICANT Information (Complete electronically)			
Name: (as listed on government-issued ID)			
PERSONAL Email:			
High School Name:		School District:	
Name of college or branch of service you plan to attend:			
Select the type of higher education you plan to complete:		<input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> Community College <input type="checkbox"/> Trade or Technical School <input type="checkbox"/> Military (completion of basic training will be required)	
Home Address:			
City & Zip Code:			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Person Providing Letter of Recommendation			
Name:		Email:	
Phone # and ext. if applicable:			

Applicant (student) Signature:		Date:	
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 13, 2026 | **AWARD SELECTION DATE:** April 3, 2026

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Scholarship Application
- 2) *Student Essay (see below)
- 3) **One signed letter of recommendation from a liaison, teacher, counselor, pastor, or community leader (see below)
- 4) School Transcript (awards are not based on GPA; however, your transcript must show academic improvement)

***STUDENT ESSAY:** Essay must be written by the student, typed, maximum of two pages, double-spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font **and must answer all of the following questions:** 1) Describe your adversity (challenges and/ or hardships), and did it impact your education? If so, how? 2) Explain how you overcame adversity. 3) State the college, trade, or technical school you plan to attend. 4) Describe your educational and career goals.

****LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (must be signed):** Provide one page letter describing the student's involvement with homelessness, foster care (current or former), probation, or other high-risk circumstances. The letter should also highlight how the student has overcome adversity and describe their educational goals.

**Donald English, Executive Director of San Bernardino
Countywide Gangs and Drugs Task Force**

Brenda Dowdy, Scholarship Chair

Please email complete application and required documents to:
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