



Darcy Aston Environmental Advocacy Scholarship

2025-26 APPLICATION

The Environmental Education Coalition of Napa County (EECNC) connects members of our community with the local environment. Through a network of local organizations, the coalition provides resources and support to promote sustainable living and to cultivate an appreciation of the natural world.

EECNC proudly offers six \$2,000 scholarships to Napa County students who embody Darcy's legacy of celebration and protection of the environment and support a sustainable environmental future.

PURPOSE

This scholarship is in honor of Darcy Lynn Aston. Darcy received a degree in Environmental Studies from UC Santa Barbara, and worked with EECNC, Napa Sanitation District, and agencies across California to provide meaningful environmental education for thousands of students. Darcy was a tireless advocate for the conservation of nature, water, and sustainability.

This scholarship is intended for graduating high school students, high school equivalent, and currently enrolled college students who intend to pursue studies in the natural sciences including but not limited to: conservation biology, wildlife biology, environmental science, natural resource management, ecology, sustainability, energy, waste, recycling, water, air, policy, agriculture, or a similar environmental field.

AWARD

Six applicants will be selected to receive \$2,000 each to support their pursuit of a sustainable environmental future.

Priority consideration will be given to students who have participated in volunteer activities related to sustainability, protecting people, land, air, water and wildlife, and environmental conservation locally.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must:
 - be a graduating senior at a Napa County public or private high school or high school equivalent
 - OR reside in Napa County and be currently enrolled in a college or training program
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- Applicant must indicate the post-secondary educational institution (college/university) or training program that they are enrolled in or plan to attend. The scholarship check will be issued upon proof of enrollment or registration at that institution.
- Priority consideration will be given to students who have participated in volunteer activities related to sustainability, protecting people, land, air, water and wildlife, and environmental conservation locally.

AWARD

Six scholarships of \$2,000 each.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application must be submitted by **March 31, 2026**, using the Google Form link below.

Awardees will be announced during the month of April and on stage at Earth Day Napa. Awardees will be issued a scholarship check after awardee has shown proof of enrollment and/or class registration.

TO APPLY VISIT

<http://bit.ly/darcy2026>

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

[Darcy Aston Scholarship \(napaenvironmentaled.org\)](http://napaenvironmentaled.org)

QUESTIONS?

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