



## Canary Island Descendants Association of San Antonio (CIDA-SA) 2026 Academic Scholarship Program

**WELCOME 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES!**

**OUR PURPOSE:** The CIDA mission is to encourage and promote all educational studies as well as historical and genealogical research that enhance the historical, cultural and civic significance of the accomplishments of the sixteen original Canary Islands families who founded the *Villa de San Fernando*, now the City of San Antonio. <http://www.cida-sa.org/purpose.html>. The CIDA Scholarship Program serves as a vehicle to fulfill this purpose by offering monetary scholarships to high school seniors.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** Two scholarships may be awarded per year. One \$1200 scholarship may be awarded to a CIDA member (including junior members) and one \$1000 scholarship to a non-member.

**AWARD DISTRIBUTION:** Scholarships are awarded directly to the student after CIDA receives proof of college registration from the student. College (includes technical college) enrollment must in the following academic school year (2026-2027) to retain the award.

### **ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES:**

- High school seniors, including GED and home school students
  - CIDA members from any geographical location (includes Junior members)
  - **Nonmember residents in Bexar County and adjacent counties only**
- Minimum 3.0 GPA and submit official high school transcript
- A fully completed and signed application form
- Two-part essays double spaced, Times New Roman 12pt font and 1" margins
  - **Part 1-** Describe how your academic interest relates to or is inspired by the Canary Islanders history, genealogy, culture or civic significance (500-750 words). See <http://www.cida-sa.org>
  - **Part 2-** Explain your community service involvement and what you learned from it.
- Two recommendation letters by educators, clergy or civic leader who is familiar with the applicant (original signature)
- You may complete the application electronically, print and mail with the required documentation, or you can print the application and then complete it manually. Please be sure your handwriting is legible.
- Mail completed applications and accompanying documentation to:

**CIDA Education Committee**

**P.O. Box 12618**

**San Antonio, Texas 78212**

### **APPLICATION TIMEFRAMES**

- Students may start applying immediately
- Students must submit a complete application with essays, recommendation letters and school transcript and be postmarked not later than October 24, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Award recipients will be notified by February 15, 2026.
- Recipients will be announced at the CIDA Arrival Luncheon held in March 2026, and recipients will receive a courtesy ticket to the luncheon.

If guidance is needed with the scholarship application process, you may contact us at [cida.satx@gmail.com](mailto:cida.satx@gmail.com). A response will be provided within 5 business days.

**GOOD LUCK** to all of our scholarship applicants!



# Canary Islanders Descendants Association 2026 Scholarship Application

(Mark Only One): \_\_\_\_\_ CIDA Member      \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member

**All sections of this application must be completed.**

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>
Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 3.0 grade point scale or above) Attach your most recent <b>OFFICAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT</b> Class Rank: _____	<b>Two reference letters.</b> Return these completed documents in a sealed envelope. Letter must be from teachers/adult leader in an athletic program/clergy member/community project or volunteer program you have participated in.
School ID # _____ Counselor Name: _____ Day Time Telephone Number: _____ Counselor Email: _____	
Applicant Mailing Address: Street: _____  City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
Daytime Telephone Number: (      ) _____	
Applicant Email Address: _____	
Name of post-secondary school attending in the Fall 2026	_____

**CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:** Attach additional sheet if preferred.


## Two-Part Essay Prompt (500-750 words)

Describe how your academic interest relates to or is inspired by the Canary Islanders history, genealogy, culture or civic significance. Explain your community service involvement and what you learned from it. See <http://www.cida-sa.org> for information on CIDA.

Essay must be typed double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman or an equivalent font, with numbered pages and one-inch margins. In Part Two, explain your community service involvement and what you learned from it. This portion of the essay can be any length.

**A. The following items must be attached to this application form in order to establish your eligibility and to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.**

**B. Circle "YES" or "NO" to confirm you have attached each item as required.**

YES	NO	<b>Scholarship Application Form completed in its' entirety</b> <i>(Incomplete applications will not be considered)</i>
YES	NO	Attach High School <b>Transcripts</b> .
YES	NO	<b>Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.</b> Letters should be written and signed with significant knowledge of applicant's achievements.
YES	NO	<b>Completed and Typed Scholarship Essay.</b>

### STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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

**Please send all required materials to:**  
Canary Islanders Descendants Association  
P.O. Box 12618  
San Antonio, TX 78212

**Reminder: Complete applications with required documents must be postmarked not later than October 24, 2025 to be considered.**