

VERA TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Application instructions and eligibility criteria

Members of the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz are invited to apply for financial assistance from the Vera Taylor Scholarship Fund. There are two funding categories: 1) major grants for full-time or part-time students in traditional undergraduate institutions or graduate programs, and 2) continuing education mini-grants. The mini-grant program has a separate application; the attached form is for major grant applicants only.

Address questions to: Office@fccsantacruz.org

Eligibility criteria:

1. Any person who has been a member of the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz for at least one year preceding the application deadline may be eligible. Persons should describe their relationship to the church in their letter to the Committee.
2. There is no age limit.
3. Support may be requested for either undergraduate or graduate programs; however, graduate studies tend to be funded at a lower level than undergraduate studies.
4. Support may be requested for part-time studies and junior college programs; however, these tend to be funded at a lower level than full time, 4-year programs because they are less costly.
5. It is not necessary to demonstrate a particular level of financial need to be eligible.
6. The scholarship is for one year; applications must be submitted each year for continued support.
7. Applicants are expected to maintain a B (3.0) grade-point average, or equivalent.

Requirements:

1. This application form.
2. Most recent transcript from the current year (continuing applicants), or high school transcript (first-time college applicants), or final college transcript (first-time graduate applicants).
3. Proof of admission (first-time applicants).
4. A letter to the committee describing educational plans and career goals.
5. A digital photograph (.jpg)
6. A one-paragraph summary of goals, interests, and hobbies, suitable for publication in the FCC TowerNews

Application materials should be addressed to:

Vera Taylor Scholarship Committee
FCC Santa Cruz
900 High St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

VERA TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 1

Name _____ Date _____

Contact information

Mailing address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Parents' names _____

Parents' phone _____ Email _____

About you

Date you joined the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz _____

Church activities and involvement _____

Extracurricular activities during the past year _____

Employment (paid or unpaid) _____

About your education

Institution _____

Location (city, state) _____

Major field of study _____

Graduate

Full time

Undergraduate

Part time

Estimated date of completion (month/year) _____

Cost of tuition and fees _____ Room and board _____

How do you plan to pay for your education? _____

How many previous years have you received Vera Taylor support? _____

VERA TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2

Name _____

For continuing students:

Cumulative GPA _____ *Include your most recent **transcript** with this application.*

For new applicants:

High school GPA (college GPA for graduate applicants) _____ *Include your high school **transcript** with this application.*

*Also include a copy of your acceptance letter or **proof of enrollment** from your new institution.*

For all applicants:

Please attach a letter describing your educational plans and career goals (paper copy) and email or provide a CD with a digital photograph (.jpg) and one-paragraph summary of your goals, interests, and hobbies to mmale@baymoon.com.