



## 2026 ARTESIA D.E.S. SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Artesia D.E.S. offers annual scholarships to its members and their children who are pursuing degrees in higher education. Below are the requirements and instructions for completing the application.

### **Who is Eligible for a Scholarship?** *(All applicants must meet the following two categories.)*

1. A graduating high school senior who has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher education and will commence studies in Fall 2026, **and/or** a student currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning or trade school.
2. Applicants must be a member **or** the child of a member in good standing of Artesia D.E.S. for at least two (2) consecutive years and **must not have previously been awarded an Artesia D.E.S. Scholarship.**

### **Award Acceptance Criteria:**

1. Applicants who actively participate in local, culturally related Portuguese activities, including but not limited to folklore, the Artesia D.E.S. Filarmónica, Artesia D.E.S. Soccer Club, or other Portuguese-based youth groups (e.g., LUSO), will receive priority consideration for fifty percent (50%) of the scholarships. These recipients must provide proof of active participation in their discipline for at least one (1) full year prior to the scholarship award date.
2. Recipients must remain full-time students (a minimum of 12 units per semester) during the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded.
3. Scholarship funds will be disbursed once the student provides verification of completion of one academic quarter or semester with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0, as verified by official grade reports.

### **How Do I Apply for a Scholarship?**

1. Applications can be found by visiting [www.artesiades.org](http://www.artesiades.org).
2. Please mail or drop off the following by **May 1, 2026**, to:

**Artesia D.E.S. Hall - Scholarship Fund**  
11903 Ashworth Street  
Artesia, CA 90701-4112

- a. A completed 2026 Artesia D.E.S. Scholarship Application.
  - b. A typewritten ESSAY of 1,500 words or less, discussing your academic interests, career objectives, and how your participation in Portuguese culturally related activities and/or events have influenced your life and personal growth (further details provided on application).
  - c. Three (3) letters of recommendation (further details provided on application).
3. Additional Information:
    - a. Applicants with questions may contact Madyson Costa at (562) 743-8792.
    - b. An interview may be required for finalists.
    - c. The awards will be announced and presented at the Festa do Espírito Santo on July 26, 2026.



# 2026 ARTESIA D.E.S. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**IMPORTANT:** Application must be submitted by **May 1, 2026.**

## Section 1: Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: Your Relation to the Artesia D.E.S. (Please check all boxes that apply to you.)

- I am a member of the Artesia D.E.S. and have my own personal identification number. Member #: \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a son/daughter/ward of a member of the Artesia D.E.S.

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** List of Portuguese culturally related groups you belong to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3: Educational Information

Current School Attending:

Name of School Location Current Status

Schools Attended (ninth through twelfth grades):

Name of School Location Period Attended

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Name of Selected College (high school students only): \_\_\_\_\_

Application Status: Date Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Conditionally Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain if other: \_\_\_\_\_

What major/career are you preparing for? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If you are a graduating senior, please have the information below completed by your high school office personnel.

Number of students in class: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Section 7: Letters of Recommendation/References

Provide three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who will vouch for the candidate's academic standing, character and personality. At least one letter must be from the Principal, Dean, or Counselor who can verify participation in any extracurricular activities. Another from a teacher of the high school attended or current college professor. The third may be from any other source except a relative. Individuals writing letters are to include their titles or position.

Name the three (3) persons whose written references you have included in this application.

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