



2026 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

TWO \$1,500 AWARDS

APPLICATIONS DUE 5PM, Friday, March 20, 2026

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation is soliciting applications for its annual academic scholarship for Ranch residents in their senior year in high school. This year, two students will be awarded \$1,500 each to help defray the costs of higher education. To be eligible for the scholarship, each student must:

1. Submit a completed application form by the established deadline (5pm, Friday, March 20th in the Ranch House or by email kencarylfoundation@gmail.com); The first scholarship criteria will be on Community Service. The second scholarship option will focus on Civil Discourse.
2. Submit an OFFICIAL transcript as of the end of the first semester of his/her senior year in high school;
3. Submit a copy of acceptance letter from the accredited post-secondary institution he/she will be attending the semester following high school graduation;
4. Have been a Ken-Caryl Ranch resident for at least six months prior to submitting this application;
5. Have an overall high school grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) as of the end of the first semester of his/her senior year in high school;
6. Not be related to any current Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation Board member.
7. Choose one or both of the two scholarship categories, Community Service or Civil Discourse, and provide a one page self-written essay (using AI is not permitted to write the essay) related to the topics below:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The first scholarship focus is community service. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, the applicant must include a one- page self-written essay on community service which describes: 1. what the applicant thinks is meant by community service, and 2. his/her own contributions in the way of community service

CIVIL DISCOURSE

The second scholarship focus is on civil discourse. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, the applicant must include a one-page self-written essay on any controversial subject showing how to compromise and solve a problem. In summary, vigorous disagreements, expressed with civility and respect strengthen our pluralistic nation.

Application forms are available at the Ken-Caryl Ranch House, the Ken-Caryl Ranch website (www.ken-caryl ranch.org), and many of the local high school postgraduate centers.

\$1,500 COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Must be received by 5pm, March 20, 2026
By email kencarylfoundation@gmail.com
or by mail ->

Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation
7676 South Continental Divide Road
Littleton, CO 80127

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive the Community Service scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Submit a completed application form by the established deadline (the application is to include a **one-page self-written** essay on community service which describes: 1. what the applicant thinks is meant by community service, and 2. his/her own contributions in the way of community service);
2. Submit an **OFFICIAL** transcript as of the end of the first semester of his/her senior year in high school;
3. Submit a copy of acceptance letter from the accredited post-secondary institution he/she will be attending the semester following high school graduation;
4. Have been a Ken-Caryl Ranch resident for at least six months prior to submitting this application;
5. Have an overall high school grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) as of the end of the first semester of his/her senior year in high school;
6. Not be related to any current Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation Board member.

The following information is confidential and will be used only to determine scholarship eligibility and to make awards. Completion and submission of this application constitutes authorization for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation to contact references and schools to verify the accuracy of the submitted information. **Submission of an application or essay acknowledges permission by the applicant and his or her legal guardians for publication of the essay in Life at Ken-Caryl community newspaper, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation website and participation in a publicized award ceremony.**

Signature of Applicant

Legal Guardian if under 18 as of March 20, 2026

Date

PERSONAL DATA

Name

Ranch Resident Since

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone ()

Email

EDUCATIONAL DATA

High School Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Grade Point Average as of December 31, 2025:

REFERENCES

List the names and phone numbers of up to three persons who can verify your community service activities:

| | NAME | PHONE |
|---|------|----------|
| 1 | | () |
| 2 | | () |
| 3 | | () |

\$1,500 CIVIL DISCOURSE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive the Civil Discourse scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Submit a completed application form by the established deadline. The application is to include a **one- page self-written** essay on any controversial subject showing how to compromise and solve a problem. Vigorous disagreements, expressed with civility and respect strengthen our pluralistic nation. Conformity leads to stagnation. In summary, explain how vigorous disagreements, when expressed with civility and respect, strengthen our pluralistic nation. Some examples of topics an applicant could use:
 - a. Should media reporting should be impartial, telling readers, and viewers the facts objectively and without opinion or bias. If so, how do we address the issue?
 - b. Universal conscription. Israel makes male & female citizens serve in the military for 2 years. Should the US do it?
 - c. Can we close the coal fired plants before we have enough green energy to replace the electricity made from coal?
 - d. Would term limits help make a better Congress?
 - e. Does no bail no jail help prevent crime?
 - f. Should we keep the Electoral College?
 - g. What or how can we regulate guns, without repeal of second amendment?
2. Submit an **OFFICIAL** transcript as of the end of the first semester of his/her senior year in high school;
3. Submit a copy of acceptance letter from the accredited post-secondary institution (includes vocational schools) he/she will be attending the semester following high school graduation;
4. Have been a Ken-Caryl Ranch resident for at least six months prior to submitting this application;
5. Have an overall high school grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) as of the end of the first semester of his/her senior year in high school;
6. Not be related to any current Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation Board member.

The following information is confidential and will be used only to determine scholarship eligibility and to make awards. The odds of being awarded are 1 in 15 or less typically. Completion and submission of this application constitutes authorization for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation to contact references and schools to verify the accuracy of the submitted information. **Submission of an application or essay acknowledges permission by the applicant and his or her legal guardians for publication of the essay in Life at Ken-Caryl community newspaper, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation website and participation in a publicized award ceremony.**

Signature of Applicant

Legal Guardian if under 18 as of March 20, 2026

Date

Name

Ranch Resident Since

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone ()

Email

EDUCATIONAL DATA

High School Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Grade Point Average as of December 31, 2025: