

Coronado Democratic Club \$500 CHS Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Application

By the age of 12 Malala was writing a blog about her life under the Taliban using a pseudonym. Because of her activism she was shot in the head by a terrorist as she left school. Her attack sparked international outrage and support. For subsequent extensive and extraordinary work, she became the youngest-ever Nobel Laureate at age 17 for the Nobel Peace Prize. Since then, she completed her college education in England and continues her activism for girls and women's rights in areas of oppression through the Malala Fund. Malala is a model for the spirit of democratic values and ideals. It is because of her diligence in leadership and activism for those living in oppression that this scholarship is dedicated.

This scholarship is for students who are pre-registered or registered to vote as Democrats. If you are 16-17 years old, you can pre-register to vote at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>. The purpose of this scholarship is to support a Coronado High School senior who best models Malala's spirit through activism.

Please note: All essay content must be original. **The use of AI or other sources of information on the essays must be cited as sources of information for the application to be considered.** If a committee member discovers content from a source that is not cited, the application will be disregarded.

APPLICATION:

1. **Personal Statement:** that does not exceed 500 words and includes 1) Your educational objective(s) and/or career plans; 2) Involvement in Political, Campus, and Community Activities; 3) Your financial need; 4) Any additional information that you would like the committee to know about you.

Personal Statement will be evaluated on 1) political, campus/community engagement, 2) academic achievement and challenges encountered in pursuing your academic goals, 3) financial need, and 4) grammar and composition.

2. **Short Essay Prompts:** Answer these prompts in 300 words or less for each one.
 - a. How are you currently involved in the political process for example from small/local to larger/national levels, etc.?
 - b. What does it mean to you to be a Democrat and how do you live those values?
 - c. Discuss two political issues that are important to you, including how you think the Democratic Party should act and advocate on the issues.

Prompts will be evaluated on 1) level of involvement in our political process in the past and now, 2) demonstrated understanding of our democracy 3) demonstrated understanding of what membership in the Democratic Party means, 4) clear identification of two issues, why they are important to you, and what you will do and hope the party will do to make a difference on these issues in the future.

SUBMISSION:

1. Using Microsoft Word, type your responses for:
 - a. Personal Statement
 - b. Short Essay Prompts
2. Email the document to: coronadodems.membership@gmail.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2025