



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLISHERS AND AUTHORS
NorCalPA.org

\$1,000 scholarship

Northern California Publishers and Authors (NCPA), an organization serving writers and independent publishers in the Sacramento area, announces its 2017 college scholarship competition.

[2017 NCPA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

Eligibility: College-bound seniors in the Sacramento area who are interested in pursuing a career in writing, journalism, or publishing.

Deadline: Tuesday, March 1, 2017.

Award: \$1,000, paid directly to the college of the winner's choice to support tuition.
Winner will be honored at the NCPA Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 23, 2016.
Semi-finalists will receive a Certificate of Participation.
Excerpts from top applications may appear in an NCPA publication.

For more information: Visit <https://norcalpa.org/Scholarship> or contact Scholarship Chair June Azevedo at June@AzevedoPrintAndDesign.com.

NCPA SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

There are two parts to the application.

Part I. - A set of five short-answer questions. Each answer is worth a maximum of 10 points, totaling 50% of the overall score.

Part II. - An original work (fiction, non-fiction, personal story) of 750 to 1,000 words. The portion is worth 50 points, or 50% of the overall score.

Eligibility

- Open to a graduating high school senior.
- Must reside or attend school within the Sacramento area.

Application

- All narrative must be the student's original work not previously published in a professionally edited publication.
- The personal story must have been written in the current school year.
- The application is to be submitted as a 12-point font, double-spaced Microsoft Word document.
- The deadline for applications is March 1, 2017.
- The application is to be submitted online to sharon@sharonsdarrow.com with a subject line: 2017 College Scholarship Program

Competition judging

- Entries will be evaluated for content, development, clarity, grammar, punctuation and originality. A committee convened by NCPA will judge the entries to determine the winner. Semi-finalists will receive a certificate of participation. The decisions of the judges are final.
- Scoring will be completed and the winner notified no later than April 10, 2017.

Award

- The winner will be announced on the NCPA website and in the newsletter. The winning student, accompanied by an adult (relative or teacher), will be honored at the NCPA Awards Banquet scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2016. Additional guests are welcome; tickets can be purchased at: www.norcalpa.org.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the finance office of the winner's choice. If the money is not used within two calendar years from the date the winner is notified, the winnings will (become null and void).
- Excerpts from top applications may appear in an NCPA publication, as space permits.

**2016 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLISHERS AND AUTHORS**

Student's Name	Email	Grade
Phone	Back-up Phone	
High School	District	
English or Journalism Teacher	Department	
Teacher's Email	Telephone	Best hours to reach
<p>Certification By submitting this application, I pledge that I meet the eligibility and application requirements listed on page 2. I give permission for my application to be included in whole or in part in an NCPA publication. I understand that my work may be edited in accordance with standard editing practices.</p>		

PART I

Questions – Responses up to 200 words each – Do not duplicate answers.

1. What are your interests and goals related to writing, journalism or publishing? How do you plan to use your time in college to advance these goals? (10 points)
2. What have you done to prepare yourself to become a writer, journalist, or publisher? Include extracurricular activity, if any - writer's group, newspaper class, year book club, etc. (10 points)
3. Describe what you have written – journals, short stories, poetry, creative writing assignments, etc. Have any been published? If so, where? (10 points)
4. Name a writer (author, journalist, biographer, etc.) whom you admire and explain why. (10 points)
5. Describe an aspect of writing form or content that you think makes a piece of writing (a book or article or blog post or email or whatever) “good.” (10 points)

PART II

An original work (fiction, non-fiction, personal story) of 750 to 1,000 words.

Submit a 750-1,000 word story (fiction or non-fiction) to show your originality as a writer, journalist, or publisher.