



EMILY SCHOTT
RED BULL
RECIPIENT



\$172,500
SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE
AWARDED IN 2025-2026

Category Descriptions:

- Graduate Program - \$2500 scholarships (3) will be awarded to candidates who are current or incoming students with one or more years of graduate work remaining, adults looking to return to graduate school to further their career.
- General Education, Trade School, or Technical School - \$2500 scholarships (15) will be awarded to students that are entering or continuing to College, Trade School, or Technical School.
- Community College - \$1000 scholarships (13) will be awarded to students applying to a 2-year community college or applying to start the Retail Management Certificate Program.
- Retail Management Certificate Program Graduates - \$2500 scholarships (6) will be awarded to the student that has completed the RMCP and are now applying to a community college or university to continue their education.
- Adversity Scholarships - \$2500 scholarships (15) will be awarded to individuals who have overcome personal adversities and have demonstrated admirable gains in academic standings.
- Memorial Scholarships - \$2500 scholarships (2) will be awarded as a special recognition scholarship.
- \$12,000 awarded to the CGA (California Grocers Association) CGA Educational Foundation.
- \$45,000 awarded to WAFC (Western Association of Food Chains) Supports the USC Food Industry Management Programs.



2024-2025
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

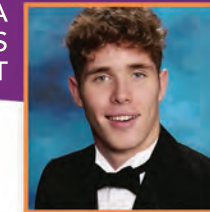
Jaide	Dixon	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Naomi	Chiwai	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Vincent	Arnone	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Kricket	Hinders	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Kaili	Fisher	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Adriana	Walls	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Joshua	McBride	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Haley	Kaneshiro	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Kenneth	Chang	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Kari	Peterson	Albertsons/ Vons/Pavilions
Matthew	Wunsch	ASR / C&H Sugar
Brianna	Donnelly	Barilla America
Jenissa	Hepton	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Claudia	Rissley	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Kaylie	Freeland	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Caleb	Hudgins	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Jonathan	Clark	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Samuel	Jimenez	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Angelina	Chavez	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Melanie	Reyes-Cruz	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Dakota	Kuhlman	Coca-Cola
Tyler	Garcia	Del Monte Foods Inc.
Jake	Garcia	Del Monte Foods Inc.
Sonija	Lam	Gelson's
Nicholas	Lam	Gelson's
Kyra	Smolik	Gelson's
Danika	Bocanegra	Golden West Packaging
Yahir	Albort	Manzana Products Co., Inc.
Diego	Garcia	Northgate González Market
Guadalupe	Santos	Northgate González Market
Ryan	Gonzalez	Northgate González Market
Nallely	Vasquez-Palafox	Northgate González Market
Paulina	Medina	Northgate González Market
Camila	Padilla	Northgate González Market
Ninette	Calderon	Northgate González Market
Cintha	Perez	Northgate González Market
Marlenne	Camacho	Northgate González Market
Rocio	Zepeda	Northgate González Market
Israel	Calvillo	Northgate González Market
Jacob	Lozano Bolanos	Northgate González Market
Michelle	Safransky	Ralps Grocery Co (Kroger)
Chelsea	Linares	Ralps Grocery Co (Kroger)
Joseph	Ruiz	Ralps Grocery Co (Kroger)
Michelle	Deyski	Ralps Grocery Co (Kroger)
Nicole	Safransky	Ralps Grocery Co (Kroger)
Emily	Schott	Red Bull North America
Anthony	Estrada	Smart & Final, Chedraui USA
Aidan	Nasser	Smart & Final, Chedraui USA
Fatma	Ali	Smart & Final, Chedraui USA
Krishni	Patel	Smart & Final, Chedraui USA
Jonah	McLaughlin	Stater Bros. Markets
Unique	Cervantes	Stater Bros. Markets
Melanie	Gallegos	Stater Bros. Markets
Amy	Diaz	Superior Grocers

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SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM

2025-2026

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"I'M BEYOND THANKFUL FOR RECEIVING THIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF \$2,500 AS IT WILL GO VERY FAR INTO HELPING ME FURTHER MY EDUCATION AT RICE UNIVERSITY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO THANK ALL THE SPONSORS DEARLY FOR HELPING SO MANY SCHOLARS LIKE ME ACHIEVE THEIR EDUCATIONAL DREAMS."
- JACOB LOZANO BOLANOS / NORTHGATE GONZÁLEZ MARKET RECIPIENT



2025-2026 EASY 3 STEP PROCESS

- Create an account
Go to <https://aim.applyists.net>
Use Program Key: ILLUMINATORS
- Fill out the application on the ISTS Portal
- Write a simple brief 250-word essay or create a video

Should you need any additional assistance, please call ISTS (International Scholarship and Tuition Services) directly at (615) 777-3750

SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION TIMELINE

- Scholarship Application Submission opens on **September 9, 2024**
- Applications must be completed and submitted no later than **March 10, 2025**

WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS?

ISTS is a third party that does the analysis of each application and chooses the winners of the IEF scholarships.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- *High school senior, full-time college student, returning college student, or an adult returning to part time or full-time college.
**You do not have to be a student pursuing a career in the food industry to apply.*
- Must be employed in the food industry or a *direct relative of a current member of the Illuminators, California Grocers Association, Western Association of Food Chains, or Grocery Retailer.
**Direct relative is defined as an aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, child or stepchild, sibling or grandchild.*

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

GENERAL EDUCATION any graduating high student who is entering or continuing to College, Trade School, or Technical School.

ADVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded to individuals who have overcome personal adversities, or exhibit unusual needs, and have demonstrated admirable gains in academic standings.

GRADUATE PROGRAM candidates who are current or incoming students with one or more years of graduate work remaining, or adults looking to return to graduate school to further their careers.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE students applying to a 2-year community college or applying to start the Retail Management Certificate program.

RETAIL MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM GRADUATES that have completed the RMCP and/or applying to a community college or university to continue their education within the food industry.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Once a recipient has been selected and completed the acceptance protocol, the award will be sent by check payable to the student's school of choice and mailed directly from ISTS to the recipient. The check will be mailed from ISTS no later than **July 25, 2025**.

The Funds will be applied against the recipient's educational expenses for tuition, fees, books, etc.

Funds must be used within a 12-month period from the date announced.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES
FOR THEIR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF THE IEF.**



FOUNDATION



IEF MISSION STATEMENT

The Illuminators Educational Foundation provides college scholarships to further the education of members and families of the Illuminators, Western Association of Food Chains, and the California Grocers Association.

Illuminators Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports educational aspirations for students who want to further their education.



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