

The Tom Thomas Leadership and Community Service Scholarship

The Tom Thomas Leadership and Community Service Scholarship is intended to assist students who are or were Upland residents or who attend or attended Upland schools who plan to pursue education beyond high school to eventually provide a leadership role in their community.

Longtime community leader and advocate Tom Thomas died unexpectedly from a bicycling accident in February 2022. His dedication and service to Upland is immeasurable, including his 20 years as a member of the Upland City Council, four years as an Upland Planning Commissioner and leadership positions with countless organizations that benefited the community and its citizens, including chair of the Upland Community Foundation.

Among his many achievements and accomplishments, Tom co-founded and was an annual participant in the Tour de Foothills, one of the top bicycling events in California. He was on the boards of Foothill Family Shelter, Upland Sister City Association, Upland Police Foundation, Friends of the Upland Library and Cooper Museum. His community service and generosity also aided the Friends of Upland Animal Shelter, Inland Valley Repertory Theatre Ophelia's Jump, Samaritan Counseling Center, Upland Skate Park, Upland Police Foundation and the Pacific Electric Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail.

With an especially strong interest in water, Tom was president of the boards of the San Antonio Water Company, West End Consolidated Water Company, Six Basins Watermaster and Pomona Valley Protective Association, and he served on the boards of the Agua De Lejos Water Facilities Authority and Chino Basin Watermaster and was a member of the Regional Wastewater Policy Committee under IEUA and the Upland Public Works Committee.

The scholarship program grants awards without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

Awards

- ❖ Awards are not based solely on academic merit or financial need.
- ❖ Top candidates, as determined by the scholarship committee, may be invited to interview for the scholarship.
- ❖ If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award of up to \$5,000.
- ❖ Awards are not renewable, but students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.
- ❖ Awards are for undergraduate study.
- ❖ Applicants will be notified no later than April 2024.
- ❖ The Upland Community Foundation processes scholarship payments on behalf of the Tom Thomas Scholarship Committee. Payments are made in a single installment in fall 2024.

Required Documents

As part of your application, you must upload the following document(s):

- Proof of current or past enrollment/attendance at a school in Upland, California.
- Proof of current academic standing (most recent transcripts or grade/credit report and proof of enrollment or letter of acceptance to college, university or vocational school for fall 2024*)

*Please submit when available.

Applications are not considered complete unless all required documents are submitted.

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Qualifications:

- Scholarship recipients will be selected based on information included in the application essay, self-declared academic information, leadership and participation in school and community activities and work experience.
- Scholarship recipients must be a current or former Upland resident who has attended or is attending an Upland school.
- Plan to enroll in full-time or part-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or a vocational-technical school for the 2024 fall semester.

- College, University or Vocational School for fall 2024: _____

- If known, Major or Field of Study (optional): _____

Application:

- Include a personal statement (maximum 250 words per question) that addresses the following questions:
 - Why would this scholarship be meaningful to you?
 - Have you been involved with any types of community service or leadership activities? If so, please list and explain each role. (optional: include a letter of reference from your supervisor for these activities)
 - What are your future educational and/or career goals?
 - How would this scholarship help you achieve your educational and/or career goals?
- Include any additional documents or materials that demonstrate your interest.

By signing this application, I hereby confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information I have provided here within and attached is accurate, and I authorize the Tom Thomas Scholarship Committee to verify my information, as appropriate for the awarding of this scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applications must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2024

Send to:

Tom Thomas Leadership and Community Service Scholarship
353 Emerson St., Upland, CA 91784

OR

Email to:
TomThomasScholarship@gmail.com

For Office use only:

Date Received _____ By (name) _____ Initials: _____