



## **Robert J. Allen Memorial Scholarship**

Santa Maria, CA

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The Robert J. Allen Memorial Scholarship intends to support those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Furthermore, this scholarship aims to bring awareness and support to those whom suicide profoundly impacts, namely friends, acquaintances, and most importantly, family.

Scholarship recipients will be selected on a combination of merit and financial need. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000 and will go directly to the recipient's choice of further education. The number of scholarships awarded will depend on funding.

The application cycle opens on 1 March and closes 30 April.

Applications should include the following:

1. Biographical data.
2. Photo of the applicant (to be used in website, newsletter, or social media posts).
3. Two letters of recommendation, one being of a personal nature (coach, manager, etc.), one from academic support (teacher, counselor, etc.).
4. Responses to three short answer questions.
5. Essay response.
6. Cover letter (optional).

Students can email completed applications to [robert.j.allen.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:robert.j.allen.scholarship@gmail.com). Acceptable formats include any combination of .pdf, .docx, .jpeg, or .png.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

Good luck!

Serena M. Gardner  
Scholarship Manager

## Robert J. Allen Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College, University, or Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Attachments:**

1. Photo of applicant
2. 2 Letters of recommendation (1 personal, 1 academic)
3. Responses to short answer questions
4. Essay
5. Cover letter (optional)

### **Short Answer Questions (< 250 words):**

1. What clubs, sports, and extracurricular activities have you participated in during High School? Which leadership positions, if any, have you held?
2. How are you intending to finance your personal training and education?
3. What would you like to like to accomplish within the next 10 years, either personally or professionally?

### **Essay Question (500-1,000 words): Choose one.**

1. How has the suicide of a loved one affected you? How do you anticipate using this experience to help others?
2. What are some actionable items that society could implement that would reduce the number of suicidal acts from occurring? In your opinion, how could society best support the loved ones left behind?