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## Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara Announces Application Increase

**Santa Barbara, CA** — The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara has received 3,477 applications for financial aid in the 2023-24 academic year – an increase of more than 26 percent or 728 applicants over 2022’s total. The applications are currently under review, and awardees will be announced in May. Last year the Scholarship Foundation awarded \$7.7 million to 2,146 students throughout Santa Barbara County.

“This impressive application total speaks to a growing hunger in our community for access to postsecondary education,” said Interim Scholarship Foundation President and CEO Mary Dwyer. “We look forward to providing students and families countywide with critical financial assistance for college and vocational training once again this year.”

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara provides scholarships to Santa Barbara County students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or vocational studies. For more information, call 805-687-6065 or visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org).

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara is the nation’s largest community-based provider of college scholarships, having cumulatively awarded more than \$140 million to some 60,000 county students since its founding in 1962. A nonprofit organization, the Scholarship Foundation also provides free financial aid advising services. For additional information, visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org).

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