



Lois Van Der Leun Scholarship

for Graduating High School Seniors

Through a local Foster Grandparent Program, Lois Van Der Leun volunteered in elementary classrooms at CCDS for over 10 years and well into her 90's. CCDS alumni knew her as Grandma Lois. She especially enjoyed reading classic books to the children and modeled many life skills. So began the special relationship between CCDS and Grandma Lois. Although she's no longer with us, her legacy lives on in this scholarship and through the lessons she taught our students: live a healthy lifestyle, keep reading, help others, and always be kind.



Chico Country Day School established this scholarship with a generous donation by our former teacher, Carol Masters, and through the inspiration of Grandma Lois. The Lois Van Der Leun Scholarship will be awarded to a candidate who graduated from CCDS Middle School and is currently a high school senior graduating with the Class of 2026. An individual is eligible to apply if he or she meets the eligibility criteria. All applications are evaluated based on a completed application and a one-page essay. The scholarship amount is up to \$300.

Deadline and Selection Dates:

Application Deadline: May 15, 2026 (must be postmarked by 5/15/2026)

Winner Announced: At the annual CCDS Bridging Ceremony. Winners will also be featured on CCDS social media channels over the summer.

Scholarship awards will be payable to the recipient upon proof of his/her enrollment into an accredited four-year or two-year public or private university or college.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Chico Country Day Middle School graduate
- Graduating high school student
- Applicant must have plans to be enrolled in an accredited two or four-year college/university for Fall 2026

Submission Requirements:

- Completed Scholarship Application (incomplete applications will not be considered)
- A typed one page, double-spaced essay answering the following question: Looking back, how did CCDS shape the way you approach learning, collaboration, or problem solving in high school? How will these skills continue to help you navigate college?

Scholarship Application

Candidate Information:

First Name, Last Name		Email Address
Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		Candidate's Mobile Phone
High School	Street Address, City, State, Zip	
Administrator or Counselor Name	Phone	Email Address

Authorization:

By agreeing to this statement, I verify that I have read all the eligibility criteria and meet all criteria. I certify the accuracy of this completed form. If selected to receive this scholarship, I authorize both the college of my attendance and Chico Country Day School to exchange any information necessary in the administration of the scholarship. I also authorize the publication of my name and photo in a scholarship announcement to the public, including the local newspaper, the school newsletter and school website. I understand that by submitting this application that I am not guaranteed to receive any award or scholarship. I also understand that to receive this award, I must apply for and gain admission to a two or four-year college or university.

By signing below, I certify that the essay I submit with my completed application is my own original work, and I understand the use of generative AI technologies will be grounds for disqualification.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian _____

(If you are under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must sign)

For questions, please contact Cori Williams at cwilliams@chicocountryday.org