



Vietnamese-American Scholastic Achievement Awards (VASAA)

2025-2026

The Vietnamese-American Scholastic Achievement Awards (VASAA) Committee is pleased to announce the following special awards for 2025-2026. The purpose of these special awards is to assist and empower Vietnamese-Americans to become future leaders through education, leadership, community involvement and civic engagement. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of Vietnamese heritage who are currently enrolled in an accredited high school, college, or university in Sacramento County or vicinity.

*All application must be submitted/postmarked by **July 18, 2026** to be considered.*

❖ American Furniture Galleries (AFG) Community Service, Leadership and Academic Excellence Award for College/University Student (two awards available; \$1,000 for each recipient)

Eligibility: Currently enrolled in an accredited community college or university in Sacramento County or vicinity and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Requirement: Submit the completed application along with a one- to two-page typed essay (Times New Roman, font-size 12, double space) describing your extracurricular activities and/or involvement in the community; the lessons you have learned from those experiences; and your vision for building a strong Vietnamese-American community. Provide a minimum of two references (must be a counselor/teacher/supervisor/community leader).

❖ High School Sportsmanship Award (1 award available; \$1,000; sponsored by Pickleball 4 Youths)

Eligibility: Must be a high school student in the Sacramento County or vicinity; maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; must have served at least one full season or academic year in a role (e.g., Team Captain, Student Council Officer, Club President, Lead Volunteer Coordinator, or other related roles).

Requirement: Submit the completed application along with a short essay describing a specific challenge or challenges you encountered while serving in this role and detailing the actionable steps you took to overcome it.

❖ American Furniture Galleries (AFG) Academic Excellence, Community Service, and Leadership Award for High School Senior (two awards available; \$500 for each recipient)

Eligibility: Must be a graduating senior (Grade 12) attending a high school in Sacramento County or vicinity during the 2025–2026 school year; and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0.

Requirement: Submit the completed application along with a one- to two-page typed essay (Times New Roman, font-size 12, double space) describing your extracurricular activities and/or involvement in the community; the lessons you have learned from those experiences; and your vision for building a strong Vietnamese-American community. Provide a minimum of two references (must be a counselor/teacher/supervisor/community leader).

◆ **American Furniture Galleries (AFG) Top High School Student Awards (four awards available; \$250 for each recipient)**

Eligibility: Enrolled in grades 9-12 during the 2025-26 school year and be eligible for the 2025-2026 Vietnamese American Scholastic Achievement Award.

Requirement: No application is required. The Committee will review the academic records of all eligible students in grades 9-12 select one recipient from each grade level based on the highest weighted GPA.

◆ **Mrs. Dang Nguyen Community Service Award for 9th Grade (one \$250 award available)**

Eligibility: Must be a high school freshman (Grade 9) attending a high school in Sacramento County or vicinity during the 2025–2026 school year and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Requirement: Submit the completed application along with a one to two-page personal statement (Times New Roman, font-size 12, double space) describing your community service experiences and explaining what community service means to you; provide two references (must be a school counselor/teacher, supervisor/community leader)

◆ **Mr. Huynh Hoa Community Service Award for 10th Grade (one \$250 award available)**

Eligibility: Must be a high school sophomore (Grade 10) attending a high school in Sacramento County or vicinity during the 2025–2026 school year and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Requirement: Submit the completed application along with a one to two-page personal statement (Times New Roman, font-size 12, double space) describing your community service experiences and explaining what community service means to you; provide two references (must be a school counselor/teacher, supervisor/community leader)

◆ **Mr. Phan Duong Community Service Award for 11th Grade (one \$250 award available)**

Eligibility: Must be a high school junior (Grade 10) attending a high school in Sacramento County or vicinity during the 2025–2026 school year and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Requirement: Submit the completed application along with a one to two-page personal statement (Times New Roman, font-size 12, double space) describing your community service experiences and explaining what community service means to you; provide two references (must be a school counselor/teacher, supervisor/community leader)

◆ **Mrs. Trinh Thanh Tuyen Community Service Award for 12th Grade (one \$250 award available)**

Eligibility: Must be a senior (Grade 12) attending a high school in Sacramento County or vicinity during the 2025–2026 school year and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Requirement: Submit the completed application along with a one to two-page personal statement (Times New Roman, font-size 12, double space) describing your community service experiences and explaining what community service means to you; provide two references (must be a school counselor/teacher, supervisor/community leader).