



# MICHAEL KILLEBREW SPIRIT OF SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP



The **Michael Killebrew Spirit of Service Scholarship** was established by the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce to honor the legacy of Michael Killebrew, the City's recently retired City Manager. Throughout his career, Michael exemplified thoughtful leadership, integrity, and a deep commitment to public service. He was a steadfast supporter of local nonprofit organizations and believed strongly in giving back to the community. This scholarship seeks to recognize a Dana Hills High School senior who reflects those same values through meaningful service and a genuine dedication to making a difference.

This scholarship program is made possible in part through the generous support of Dana Point Chamber of Commerce members and the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary Foundation. For the 2025-2026 academic year, **two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students.**

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a graduating senior at Dana Hills High School.
- Must plan to enroll in an accredited 4-year university, 2-year college, trade school, vocational program, or certification program.
- Must demonstrate meaningful involvement with one or more nonprofit organizations during high school.
- Must be in good academic standing.

## **Application Requirements**

- Completed application (see other side)
- Required Essay
- At least one reference letter from a non-profit leader
- Copy of your transcript

## **Application Deadline: April 20, 2026**

Please submit all applications to Chamber President, Vickie McMurchie at [vickie@danapointchamber.com](mailto:vickie@danapointchamber.com)

# SPIRIT OF SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Applicant Information

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Top School Choices: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Questions

*Applicants are welcome to attach additional pages to provide more detailed responses*

1. List the nonprofit organizations you have served during high school.

*For each organization, include your role, years involved, and approximate hours contributed.*

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2. Which volunteer experience has been the most meaningful to you, and why?

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3. How do you plan to continue serving nonprofit organizations or your community after high school?

*(Detail any events, initiatives, or projects where the nominee made a significant contribution.)*

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## Required Essay

What motivated you to dedicate your time to nonprofit service, and how has that experience shaped who you are today? *Please keep your essay to 1,000 words or fewer.*

PLEASE RETURN  
APPLICATION TO:

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