



CENTRAL VALLEY
SCHOLARS

APPLY FOR THE 2026 INSPIRE AWARD

The Inspire Award celebrates students in the Central Valley whose perspectives are deeply rooted in their identity and lived experience. These students challenge norms, spark dialogue, and offer bold, vulnerable, and visionary insights that point to the urgent need for transformation in our educational systems and communities.

WHAT THE INSPIRE AWARD INCLUDES:

- \$5,000 cash award
- A dedicated personal mentor
- Individual recognition on Central Valley Scholars' social platforms
- Continued support from our team and community

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- No GPA requirement
- No letter of recommendation required
- Must be enrolled (or planning to enroll) in Fall 2026 at a community college, vocational school, or undergraduate university (proof of enrollment required, e.g. unofficial transcript with fall courses)
- Must have graduated from a high school, continuation school, or GED program in the San Joaquin Valley by August 31, 2026
- Must consent to having your story and image shared publicly across various platforms (e.g. video documentary, photoshoot, article, press release)

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