

DREAM

Big!





Mentorship. *College Access.* *Scholarship.*

Backed by The Smet Foundation, the premier Onward Scholars Program turns a scholarship into a springboard — giving students the mentorship, connections, and college access to dream bigger and go further.

We guide our students to a college that is the best personal and financial fit.



100%

**of Onward Scholars
go on to college.**

Onward
Scholars
is a *launchpad.*

We select high-achieving students to receive four years of personalized support, bold opportunities and a welcoming community, to help them thrive in high school and beyond.

**Our graduates attend
top-tier universities like:**

Yale, Stanford, USC, Cornell, UCLA,
Notre Dame, UC Berkeley, and more.

The student characteristics we look for during the selection process are:

Academic Excellence
Leadership
College Aspirations
Problem-solver
Collaborative
Mission-driven

Who
You
Are

What
You Get

Mentorship

- One-on-one guidance from your dedicated Onward Scholars Director
- Life skills, leadership training, and an alumni network to guide you and open doors for your future

College Access

- In-state and out-of-state campus visits, study smart skills, application support, and direct connections to top universities

Scholarship

- 75% of tuition covered for four years
- \$2,000 personal stipend to pursue academic and career interests

“OSP gave me the skills, tools, and mentorship to become the leader I am today.”

— Briana Torres, Stanford '24



Personalized Mentorship

Our relationships go beyond academics. We listen, guide, and walk alongside each student with care, faith and consistency.

Community & Belonging

Through small groups and shared experiences, students find a place where they are seen, valued, and supported.

Belief in Potential

We see and support the whole student — not just for who they are today, but for who they're becoming.

Bold Opportunities

We provide the tools, encouragement, and access students need to dream big and act bravely through our relationships with colleges and our alumni network.

What You'll Do Each Year

9th Grade

- Foundations for academic success
- Study skills and effective communication

10th Grade

- Test taking strategies
- Effective writing skills
- NorCal college tour

11th Grade

- College list building
 - SAT prep
- Out-of-state college tour

12th Grade

- College essay workshops
- Application and scholarship support
- College readiness

All Grades

- Leadership and life skills
- Financial literacy

Become an *Onward* Scholar!

Eligibility

- GPA of 3.5 or higher in core classes (7th and 8th grade)
- Impactful involvement in school or community activities

Apply to one of our partner schools:

Bishop Mora Salesian High School
Cathedral High School
Sacred Heart High School
St. Anthony High School
St. Mary's Academy
St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy



Applications open:

September 1

Deadline:

January 20

Visit onwardscholars.org
to apply or learn more.



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A young man and woman are standing outdoors on a campus, smiling. The man is wearing glasses and a dark hoodie, and the woman is wearing a dark jacket. They are both holding a bag. The background shows a building and some trees. The entire image is overlaid with a teal color.

Your future looks *bright.*

ONWARD
SCHOLARS