



2025 – 2026 CNC Scholarship Application Instructions & Forms

Applicants are urged to read all instructions and forms carefully before completing them. Financial need and recommendation forms are included in this package and are also available on the California WIC Association website, www.calwic.org. Questions can be referred to Lena Workman, California WIC Association, at lworkman@calwic.org.

You may apply once per category, must be currently employed in a WIC program for a minimum of 6 months, and currently enrolled in a dietetic internship, undergraduate, or graduate program. Unfortunately, two year associate degree programs are not eligible.

APPLY VIA ONLINE APPLICATION: <https://form.jotform.com/calwic/cnc-application>

All fields are required, and you will have the ability to save your progress and continue/complete the application later, **HOWEVER** your application must be submitted by 5:00pm PDT on January 19, 2026 in order to be considered for a scholarship.

After you submit your complete application, your WIC Director will be automatically emailed at the email address you provide to APPROVE your application. If your WIC Director cannot receive this automated email, they can email me directly to approve your application.

In order to be considered, your application **MUST** include **ALL** of the following components:

☐ Completed and signed online application: <https://form.jotform.com/calwic/cnc-application>

You will need to insert your essay and needs statement and upload the following forms via the online application above:

- ☐ Essay – 500 to 1,000 word essay entitled, “My Professional Nutrition/WIC Career Goals”
- ☐ Financial Budget Worksheet and Need Statement
- ☐ Certificate of Undergraduate/Graduate academic registration or enrollment in Dietetic Internship
- ☐ Completed Recommendation Form from University or Dietetic Internship
- ☐ Completed Recommendation Form from WIC Program Employer
- ☐ Picture

Scores are given based on essay, financial need, ethnicity, and WIC years of service. Awards will be based on scores and advisory committee recommendations.

Timeline for the CNC Scholarship Program for 2025-2026 Academic Year

November 17, 2025
January 19, 2026
March 13, 2026

Scholarship Applications Available
Completed online application **SUBMIT** by **5:00 pm PDT**
Scholarship Winners will be notified via email. Checks will be issued after release form is completed.



UNIVERSITY/DIETETIC INTERNSHIP REFERENCE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Reference: _____

Reference's Address, Phone, Email: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship? _____

Please rate the student in the following criteria. Circle the number which you feel most closely describes the applicant's abilities. **1 is the lowest ranking and 5 the highest.** Attach another sheet if necessary.

A. Scholastic ability/Nutrition counseling ability 1 2 3 4 5

Please explain your ranking (consider training and experience with motivational counseling, lactation training, communication skills, compassion):

B. Commitment to working with low income communities 1 2 3 4 5

Please explain your ranking (consider overall work in both personal and employment experiences):

C. People skills & potential for working in community nutrition 1 2 3 4 5

Please explain your ranking (consider WIC and other community and multi-cultural nutrition work experience, study abroad, commitment to WIC):

D. Potential for making a significant contribution to field 1 2 3 4 5

Please explain your ranking (consider WIC agency projects and involvement, community involvement):



CURRENT WIC EMPLOYER REFERENCE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Reference: _____

Reference's Address, Phone, Email: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship? _____

Applicant's employment date _____ Part-time or Full-time
If PT, avg hours/month _____

Please rate the student in the following criteria. Circle the number which you feel most closely describes the applicant's abilities. **1 is the lowest ranking and 5 the highest.** Attach another sheet if necessary.

A. Work habits as a member of a team 1 2 3 4 5
Please explain your ranking:

B. Commitment to working with low income communities 1 2 3 4 5
Please explain your ranking:

C. People skills & potential for working in community nutrition 1 2 3 4 5
Please explain your ranking:

D. Potential for making a significant contribution to field 1 2 3 4 5
Please explain your ranking:



FINANCIAL BUDGET WORKSHEET

Instructions: Complete the following budget worksheet and provide a one to two paragraph financial need statement. Please see below for specific instructions.

ESTIMATED RESOURCES

Personal contribution _____

Other contributions _____

Savings _____

Other scholarship aid _____

Other loan(s) _____

Work income during school year (From _____ to _____) _____

TOTAL (A) _____

ESTIMATED PROGRAM EXPENSES

Tuition /Program _____

Books and Supplies _____

Housing/Rent _____

Childcare Expenses _____

Other Miscellaneous Expenses _____

TOTAL (B) _____

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL NEED

TOTAL Expenses (enter line B) _____

TOTAL Resources (enter line A) _____

TOTAL NEEDED (line B – line A) (C) _____

FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT

Write a one to two paragraph statement that explains why you would benefit from being awarded a CNC scholarship. Please be specific when making your statement. Your financial need statement will be carefully reviewed for consideration as this component of the application has a higher weight on the scoring criteria. Please include the following bullet points in your statement as well.

- How are you currently financing your education? Sources of financial aid help from family, taking out student loans or private loans, working at a job.
- What difficulties have you faced in paying for your education? Are there extra costs this year? Has there been a change in your family or personal situation that is making it harder for you to pay for program?
- Why should you be considered to receive a CNC Scholarship?