

## **Explanation of Northwest Vista College Scholarships and Programs**

**Alamo Colleges Jazz Mentorship Program** – this is a one-year program open to music students with a special interest in jazz from all the Alamo Colleges. Admission to the program is by audition.

**Alumni Association Program** – This fund is used for special projects such as supplies for NVC Graduation sales, catering for events and promotional items of the NVC Alumni and Friends group.

**Alumni Association Scholarship** – This scholarship is awarded annually or the award is based on funds available to a full or part-time NVC student with a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Funding comes from donations and NVC Graduation sales.

**Anthony Chalkley Endowed Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship was created in memory of a former NVC staff member and is awarded to an NVC student in developmental math.

**Ashley Lynn Degerstrom Endowed Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship was created in memory of an NVC student who died tragically while attending NVC. Students who want to become a teacher and complete plans to transfer to a four-year college or university are eligible.

**Bartlett Cocke General Contractors Endowed Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship was established by the general contractors of a majority of the buildings on the NVC campus. NVC students with at least 15 college hours, a minimum GPA of 2.5 and pursuing a degree in the construction trades or a related field such business, engineering or architecture are eligible.

**Beverly Evans Memorial NVC Student Life Scholarship** – This scholarship was created in memory of NVC's beloved Beverly Evans. Students who have at least six earned credit hours at NVC, have a 2.5 GPA and provide evidence of engagement in two or more activities outside the classroom (student organizations, athletic teams, volunteer involvement) are eligible. This is an annual scholarship so that the funds raised each year are awarded as scholarships and new funds are raised for the next year.

**CPS Energy/Dr. Homer Guevara Jr. Endowed Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship was created by Dr. Homer Guevara in conjunction with his service as a board member of CPS Energy. Students eligible to receive this scholarship must be NVC students and be pursuing a plan of study in economics, business or government.

**Dr. Jacqueline Claunch Legacy Endowed Scholarship**—This scholarship was created in honor of the Founding President of NVC. Students attending NVC and working toward a degree or certification and pursuing a plan of study in a Fine Arts related field with a preference give to dance majors are eligible for this scholarship.

**Ethics Award Scholarship** – This annual scholarship is awarded by the NVC Ethics Faculty Members. Eligible students must have completed an ethics course or a significant ethics project or ethics essay in any other course at NVC. The criteria for the scholarship also includes demonstration of excellence in ethical theory or the application of ethical theory to a significant contemporary issue. A 3.0 GPA is required and students must be planning to transfer to a four-year university.

**NVC Faculty Senate Endowed Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship is awarded by the NVC Faculty Senate Scholarship Committee. Eligible recipients are NVC students in their final semester graduating and transferring to a four-year university. This is a transfer scholarship – funds for the student recipient will be sent to the student's account at the four-year university.

**NVC Fine Arts Programming Endowment** – This program fund is not yet endowed (has not reached the \$20,000 level necessary and needs about \$11,000). Funds in this endowment are designated for bringing in guest artists for performances and master classes.

**General Scholarship – NVC** – This annual scholarship fund is awarded to full and/or part-time NVC students with a 2.5 GPA and no plan of study is specified as an award criteria.

**Honoring Retired Employees Scholarship** – This annual scholarship was created as a way to honor NVC employees who retire. Eligible recipients include students attending NVC full-time (minimum 12 hours) who are working toward a degree or certificate or planning to transfer to a four-year university and those who have a 2.5 GPA.

**Jack Stone Award for New Music** – This program is an annual original composition competition for community college music students throughout the U.S. and was created in memory of Jack Stone, now deceased, a musician and educator who was married to Dr. Jacqueline Claunch.

**Jack Stone Endowed Music Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship for NVC music students was established by Dr. Claunch in honor of Jack Stone. Music faculty serve as the selection committee for this scholarship which is open to students pursuing a plan of study in music and having financial need.

**Jane Moser Drum Encouragement Fund** – This is an NVC Faculty and Staff Innovation Fund started by Dr. Richard Drum. The fund will provide grants to selected projects submitted and reviewed by a Selection Committee. Grants awarded will depend on the funding available.

**Jazz Breakthrough NVC** – This fund supports the jazz program of NVC with a goal of providing guest artists and master classes for music students, especially jazz students.

**Library Media Center Support Fund** – This fund is used for special purchases related to additional learning resources of the library that cannot be covered by the annual budget.

**Mexican American Studies Scholarship** – This annual scholarship was established by the NVC Mexican American Studies Department to provide financial assistance to NVC students demonstrating excellence in Mexican American Studies. Recipients must be pursuing a plan of study in Mexican American Studies or be an active member of NVC's Mexican American Student Association. Department faculty members serve as the Selection Committee for the scholarship.

**Northwest Vista College Psychology Department Scholarship** -- This annual scholarship was created by Professor Don Lucas for students majoring in psychology at NVC. The scholarship is awarded during Psychology Day each year. Eligible students must have 15 but not more than 45 credit hours and a 2.5 GPA. Students are also required to submit an essay on their aspirations in the field of psychology and how they plan to achieve those aspirations.

**NVC Arts Award** – This fund is used to provide support for awards to NVC students who participate in student art competitions and/or exhibits at NVC.

**NVC Broadcast Media Program** – This fund is used for promotional advertising for special NVC student-related and arts events.

**NVC Business Council General Support** – This program fund is used to provide funds for special projects and general operating support for items such as printing, catering or promotional items of the NVC Business Council. Excess funds from this fund are transferred to the NVC Business Council Scholarship at the end of the fiscal year.

**NVC Business Council Scholarship** – This annual scholarship is funded by membership dues of the Council and general donations. Students eligible to receive this scholarship must attend NVC either full-time or part-time, have a 3.0 GPA, be working toward a degree or certificate or planning to transfer to a four-year institution and pursuing a plan of study in business.

**NVC Business Student Organization Awards** – This fund is used to provide scholarships and special recognition to officers and/or members of the NVC Business Student Organization.

**NVC Degree Writing Contest** – This program fund is used to provide scholarships and/or awards for the NVC Degree Writing Contest.

**NVC Digital Media Student Program** – This program fund was established to provide tuition assistance to NVC Digital Media Students. Eligible students must attend NVC full or part-time, be enrolled as a Digital Media student or have been awarded the Digital Media degree or certification and finishing core classes to transfer to a four-year institution. A 3.0 GPA is required and students must write an essay stating their goals in the Digital Media field and how they will use their Digital Media knowledge to impact local workforce needs.

**NVC Donald Huggins and James Stewart Digital Media Scholarship** – This annual scholarship was established by an NVC alumnus and his spouse to benefit high school or GED graduates from Northside Independent School District. Named in honor of their fathers, the scholarship is awarded to students with a 2.5 GPA who are working toward a degree or certificate with a preference for those pursuing a plan of study in Digital Video/Media.

**NVC Faculty/Staff Scholarship** – This is an annual scholarship for students from South and West Texas.

**NVC FANs General Support** – This is a program fund of the Friends of the Arts at NVC (FANs) and is used for arts awards, the purchase of art for the NVC Permanent Collection and general expenses related to the arts at NVC.

**NVC Fine and Performing Arts Endowed Scholarship** – This scholarship is now fully endowed and has begun awarding scholarships to arts students. Additional support will enable us to award more scholarships to NVC students in the Fine and Performing Arts.

**NVC Formative Endowed Scholarship for Business Students** – This scholarship is fully endowed and was established by Sally First, a retired NVC faculty member. Full or part-time NVC students pursuing a plan of study in business who have financial need are eligible.

**NVC Literary Awards** – This program fund was established to provide funds for awards for NVC literary contests and competitions.

**NVC Permanent Art Collection Endowment** – This program fund is not yet endowed at the required \$20,000 level. Approximately \$8,500 is needed. Currently, the Campaign for Art is raising funds for this endowment. The fund will be used to purchase art for the NVC Permanent Art Collection.

**NVC President's Unrestricted** – This program fund is used to provide funding for purposes determined by the president. Examples of programs funded include NVC student awards, special scholarships such as the MLK Jr. Dream Scholarship and other special expenses.

**NVC Stages Challenge** – This fund was established to match grant funds for a summer performing arts camp for boys and girls ages 8 to 14.

**Olga Morales Aguirre Memorial Endowed Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship was established in memory of an NVC faculty member and benefits NVC students pursuing a plan of study in community health. NVC Continuing Education students in such a program are also eligible.

**Pamela Padgett Memorial Scholarship** – This annual scholarship was established by an NVC adjunct faculty member. NVC students either full or part-time who have completed at least 12 hours of credit hours with a 3.4 GPA are eligible. This scholarship gives a preference to those students with study plans in STEM, business, finance, computer technology, nursing/healthcare or political science.

**Reserve Your Seat** – This program fund provides engraved name plates to donors of \$1,000. The name plates are mounted on the backs of seats in the Palmetto Center for the Arts main theatre. Proceeds are used for scholarships, guest artist programming and the NVC Permanent Art Collection.

**Robert G. Marbut Jr. Endowed Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship was endowed by NVC Faculty Member Robert Marbut. Students attending NVC full-time, having a 2.5 GPA and working toward a degree, certification or a transfer to a four-year institution in a field related to public service and/or pursuing a plan of study in government, criminal justice, political science or social work are eligible.

**Vista Dash for Dollars 5K Kinesiology Endowed Scholarship** – This endowed scholarship was created by the Recreation Sports & Wellness staff at NVC and benefits NVC students pursuing a plan of study in kinesiology. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours, be enrolled in a minimum of 9 hours and pursuing a plan of study in kinesiology. In addition, students must also have a 3.25 GPA and show proof that they have volunteered for a minimum of 15 hours during the previous fall or spring semester in one or more of the area's activities.

**Vista Food Pantry** – This program is new in 2018 and funds will be used to provide materials and supplies for the NVC food pantry which is scheduled to be fully operational in 2019.