



# NEWS

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## Chapter 310 2021 Scholarships

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Each year, our chapter offers a \$ 500.00 scholarship award to a qualifying graduate from each high school in the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Applicants must be high school seniors who have applied to a two-year or four-year college or a vocational or trade school.

The requirements to apply are as follows:

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be an active union member (in good standing) of CSEA Simi Valley Chapter 310 paying both state and local chapter dues.

The applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher as of the end of first semester (12-31-2020) with their high school counselor verification.

Applicants must complete an essay containing a minimum of 500 words about themselves titled "All about Me – Past, Present and Future".

Applications will be reviewed by select Chapter 310 Executive Board members and the recipients will be announced at "Senior Awards" for each school.

Awards will be made in the form of a check payable to each winner. A personalized printed certificate will also be provided to each winner.

Applications will be available in the Career Centers and/or Counseling Offices at each high school (and at [www.chapter310.com](http://www.chapter310.com)) on March 1, 2021.

Applications must be turned in to the Career Centers and/or Counseling Offices at each high school by 3:30 pm by Monday, May 3, 2021.

If you have a qualifying student and are NOT a union member, please join CSEA so you can participate in this (and many other) programs available to union members.

## E-Board Hoping to Expand Programs

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As presented at recent chapter meetings, the Chapter 310 Executive Board has been discussing possible ways to enhance programs to benefit Chapter 310 members.

CSEA conference is the single largest line item for the Chapter 310 budget. Covid-19 forced CSEA to change its conference last year to a "virtual" format removing the need for delegates to attend in person or for chapters to spend money on hotels, airfare or per diems.

If the CSEA conference is virtual this year as well, once again, funds allocated for delegate expenses may not be utilized as expected. Although this will more than likely be a temporary situation, our chapter may have funds available that could benefit our chapter members and enhance CSEA programs our chapter supports.

A larger donation to the CSEA Humanitarian Fund has already been approved by membership in addition to admission fees being covered for the Paraeducators conference in 2021. The E-Board will be submitting other ideas to membership as well.

Please attend chapter meetings and assist your E-Board with discussions regarding these important decisions.

## Free Covid-19 Testing District Wide

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SVUSD has partnered with a private lab to offer free Covid-19 testing at all sites and the District Office. The testing is NOT required.

After the initial testing in person at each site, additional testing will be made available as a "drive through" for several sites and then, possibly at the district office.

Testing is being done on work time and will continue if there is support by employees. Please contact your site management for dates and paperwork as needed. If there is not enough participation, the program will be discontinued. These are tests only, NOT vaccinations.

## Covid-19 Vaccine Questionnaire

SVUSD Superintendent, Dr. Jason Peplinski, held two webinars discussing plans for district employees to possibly be vaccinated through Adventist Health hospital in Simi Valley.

The opportunity was not a guarantee, but rather a plan to have employees wanting the vaccine to be on a list available to the hospital if the vaccine was made available.

Employees were emailed a questionnaire regarding interest in the program and a database has been established in the event vaccines can be provided.

Regulations throughout the state continue to change and affect the distribution of vaccines as well. Until a local vaccine is available, please check the following link for possibly registering with the state or learning more about current guidelines to secure a vaccine:

<https://myturn.ca.gov>

## Additional CSEA Scholarships

In addition to our local Chapter 310 high school scholarships, CSEA has other opportunities as well:

CSEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to the dependents (including spouses) of its members. There are scholarships for graduating high school seniors, as well as awards for those already enrolled in community college, college/university or trade/vocational schools.

To apply, visit: [www.csea.com/education](http://www.csea.com/education) (you must sign in with your CSEA member ID) download and complete the application and email it (along with all other required documentation) to: [scholarships@csea.com](mailto:scholarships@csea.com)

Applications are due March 1, 2021.

## Retain CSEA Benefits in Retirement

Members retiring this year may want to consider joining the CSEA retirement division. For just \$3.00 a month, you can retain many of the CSEA benefits that you have been enjoying and secure other CSEA exclusives like vision, dental and other benefits that would be lost without continued membership.

To learn more, visit: [www.cseabenefits.com](http://www.cseabenefits.com)



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## Special CSEA H&R Block Tax Help

H&R Block, a CSEA approved benefits provider offers multiple options for preparing and filing your taxes, as well as special offers for CSEA members and their families.

A free CSEA Webinar: "Tax Tips and Filing Options with H&R Block" will have a tax expert from H&R Block review tax tips and cover the different filing options they offer. Learn about special considerations for the Earned Income Tax Credit and information about how stimulus payments are being handled for your taxes.

The webinar is "on demand" and CSEA member benefits can provide you the web-link. Visit [www.csea.com](http://www.csea.com) and go to "member benefits".

For more information available only to CSEA union members from H&R Block, please visit:

<https://www.hrblock.com/hrb-offers/csea>

## \*2021 Chapter 310 Meeting Dates

Until further notice, all meetings will be "virtual" via ZOOM. Please keep your personal email up-to-date with us so you can receive links to the meetings. Start time is 5:00 pm.

February 8th, March 8th,  
April 12th, May 10th, June 14th

**(No Meetings in July and August)**

\*Subject to change based on COVID-19. NOTE: Special meetings may be scheduled separately as required.

## Chapter 310 Executive Board 2021

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