



**CATINA ROSE SALARNO
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
Spring 2024**

On September 3, 1979, Catina Rose Salarno was stalked and brutally murdered execution-style on her first day at the University of the Pacific in Stockton California. Her senseless and heinous murder sent shockwaves throughout California and highlighted the injustice perpetrated on crime victims in our criminal justice system. Mike and Harriet Salarno (cantina’s parents) founded Crime Victims United, and Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation to become the voice of the crime victim and public safety as well as support victims of crime. Today, Harriet (Mike is deceased) and her daughter Nina carry on the mission to support victims of crime

Recognizing that crime victims not only suffer at the hands of the perpetrator but are often left alone to face the criminal justice system and the long-lasting effects of crime in their lives. It takes incredible strength for a crime victims to repair their shattered lives and overcome, succeed, and achieve. Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation is dedicated to supporting that strength in crime victims.

Catina loved education learning was her passion. She was so excited to be entering college to pursue her degree and achieve her lifelong dream of becoming a dentist. Although her dream was cut short before it started, her memory and passion for education still thrive. Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation established the Catina Rose Salarno Memorial Scholarship to honor Catina. This scholarship is given annually each August to a victim of crime who is turning their pain into a passion and helping others by achieving an education.

The scholarship is funded through monies raised at our annual All American Rib Cook-off (www.allamericanribcookoff.com). Through this event, a group of dedicated individuals, volunteers, and the community come together to support victims of crime.

“My daughter Jenna felt so special and embraced by Harriet and the CVU staff. We were honored to be recognized; for the first time we felt supported and realized CVU is a place for us to turn to in the future.”

— Cindy Culotta, Mother of 2022 CVU Scholarship Winner

Although our hearts break that you have been a victim of a crime; we encourage you to review the criteria and apply. Please know that we’re here to support you.

Sincerely,

Harriet Salarno
Founder, Crime Victims United

Nina Salarno Besselman
Director, Crime Victims United



CATINA ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Catina Rose Memorial Scholarship was established in 2007 to assist young people who have been victims of crime or victim-survivors of crime with higher education so that they may continue to heal and move on with their lives to become productive members of our communities. In order to be eligible to apply for the Catina Rose Memorial Scholarship applicants must comply with the following requirements:

- Must be a victim or victim survivor of a crime
- Must be pursuing higher education whether through community college, state college, university, or trade school
- Must be a High School Graduate, current high school senior graduating, or have GED or equivalent
- Must be active in community service
- Must be a California Resident
- Must have no arrests or convictions
- Must be a legal U.S. Citizen
- Must have a way to travel to accept the scholarship
- Each applicant must complete an application and include it in their Application Package

Application Package

1. Completed and Signed Application
2. Official High School (or equivalent) Transcript
3. Typed Personal Statement – Your statement serves as a personal interview and is therefore one of the most important aspects of this application. It should be written solely for Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation and should be no more than two pages addressing the following:
 - Information about yourself, your family, and your background
 - Information on the crime that you are a victim of
 - How you have overcome your tragedy
 - Your contributions to the community & any volunteer activities you have participated in (including the number of hours)
 - Educational/Career goals and aspirations
 - High school activities, achievements, leadership abilities & financial situation, and/or need.

Selection is based on the following:

- Personal Statement & Community Involvement
- Letter of Recommendation
- Financial Need

Postmarked Application Deadline: January 31st. Applications postmarked after January 31st will not be accepted; no extensions or exceptions. Applications sent by fax or email are not acceptable.

Recipients will be notified and will be invited to attend the **Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation 2024 Reception** (MUST be present to receive the scholarship). All decisions are final and at the sole discretion of the chair of the Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation.

Mailing Instructions:

- All materials must be sent in one envelope, including your transcript
- The application package must be postmarked no later than January 31st
- Send Application Packet to:

Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation
130 Maple St. Suite 300
Auburn, CA 95603



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Advocating for Victims and Public Safety

CATINA ROSE SALARNO
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Mobile _____ Work _____

Residential Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ US Citizen Yes No

Do you have any criminal background? Yes No If yes, please explain _____

EDUCATION (*High School, College, Vocational, Other Specialty Program*)

The last grade completed _____

School _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Current School (if applicable) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Educational Plan for 2024 school year _____

Educational Goals: _____

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date of Incident: ____/____/____

What type of crime are you a victim of: _____

Your age at the time of the crime: _____ County in which the crime occurred: _____

Did you cooperate with Law Enforcement? Yes ____ No ____

If not, please explain why:

COMMUNITY SERVICE (*Past Service and/or Future*) _____



Please attach an essay (250 words, typed, double-spaced) Describe the crime, how it shaped your life, what you hope to achieve, and how it will benefit others in the community.

Certification:

- I certify that I am a senior in high school or a high school graduate or have a GED
- I certify that I am a United States Citizen
- I agree to notify Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation of any changes in my enrollment status
- I give permission to Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation to use my name, picture, or likeness as a scholarship recipient for the purpose of public relations/advertisement
- I understand that all application materials become the property of Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation and will not be returned to me
- I certify that I have read all the above stipulations and accept all conditions thereof

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Student's Signature

Date

Student's Name Printed

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Name Printed