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**CHICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE  
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

**October 18, 2017 (CHICO, CA)** The Chico Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for our annual educational scholarship, the Business & Professional Advancement Scholarship, spearheaded by the Chico Young Professionals Organization (YPO). Through their Community Corporation, the Chamber has been awarding annual scholarships to students in Northern California pursuing careers in Butte County since 2012. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2017.

“Supporting students who plan to establish careers here in Chico is a great way for the Chamber to invest in our future workforce and economic vitality,” said Katie Simmons, President and CEO of the Chamber. “We are pleased to be awarding this scholarship with our Young Professionals Organization. Legacy partners of the Chamber including Allevery HR & Payroll, California Water Service, Golden Valley Bank, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, and Tri Counties Bank fund the scholarship every year.”

Danie Schwartz with Danie Schwartz Consulting and President of the Chico Young Professionals Organization says, “This scholarship allows us to identify future business leaders in Chico, and to support them in achieving their professional dreams here. I highly encourage students to apply and then to become involved in the Chico YPO to start making those business connections today.”

Early in 2017, the Chamber awarded one scholarship to a Chico resident and student of California State University, Chico. The recipient was presented with their scholarship certificate at the Chamber’s Annual Dinner held in January 2017. The scholarship recipient/s this year will also be presented with their certificate during the Chamber’s 80th Annual Dinner & Business Awards Ceremony on January 18, 2018. Scholarship funds will be dispersed upon enrollment.

The Chico Chamber of Commerce will award approximately one to four scholarships in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1000. Students who seek a diploma, associates, bachelors, law, or masters degree in business or a related subject from an educational institution in Butte County are eligible to apply. Current involvement in the Chamber, or employment with a Chamber of Commerce member, is preferred.

For additional information, call the Chamber at 530.891.5556. Or, download an application at [www.chicochamber.com](http://www.chicochamber.com).

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