Omega Nu of Santa Cruz has more than $50,000 in new and renewal scholarships to award this year to college bound students or those currently enrolled in a college or university.

Qualified applicants graduating from area high schools — Aptos, Harbor, Santa Cruz, Soquel, San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley, Pacific Collegiate, Delta, Cypress and San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District Charter High Schools — must carry a grade point average of 3.2 or better.

Applicants also can be Cabrillo and UC Santa Cruz students who have graduated from the above named high schools or have been residents of Santa Cruz County for the past five years. A grade point average of 3.0 or better is required for those students.

Sigma Alpha of Omega Nu of Santa Cruz is a women's service organization that has been in existence since 1903.

Apply by picking up an application from school counseling and/or scholarship offices or by calling 831-423-6627 or email joyobob@cruzio.com.

The application deadline is March 28.

Meanwhile, a Duck Derby scholarship fundraising event is planned for April 26 at Harvey West Park.