# Scholarships

The 20th Century Club, Inc. awards scholarships to Ventura County graduating high school seniors of African-American decent who have demonstrated academic excellence and are enrolled in institutes of higher learning.

In past years the club has awarded scholarships to students at the following high schools in Ventura County:

Buena High School Camarillo High School Channel Island High School El Camino Technology H. S. Foothill Technology H. S. Hueneme High School Moorpark High School Newbury Park High School Oak Park High School Oxnard High School Pacifica High School Rio Mesa High School Royal High School Saint Bonaventure High School Santa Clara High School Simi Valley High School Thousand Oaks High School Ventura High School Villa Nova Preparatory School Westlake High School



The 20th Century
Onyx Club Ball
celebrating young ladies of
African American
decent in Ventura
County for more than
40 years. Be a part of
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### History



The 20th Century Onyx Club, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1961 by Mrs. Ruth Gibson of Ventura, California. It is a civic and social organization

whose membership is comprised of Women of African-American decent that reside in the Ventura County area.

The Onyx gemstone is a black precious jewel and was selected by the organization as a tribute to and symbol of the beauty, value and strength of the African-American woman.

#### **Purpose**

- To promote and support social welfare and charitable activities in the community
- Encourage the development of social responsibility among young people.
- Provide scholarship incentives for young people seeking higher education.

#### **Debutante Ball**

To implement these endeavors, The 20th Century Onyx Club sponsors an annual debutante ball, a cotillion at which young ladies of African-American heritage are formally presented to society.

Proceeds from the ball benefit the scholarship fund. In the clubs history of more than forty years it has awarded more than \$500,000.00 in scholarships to Ventura County African-American seniors, who have demonstrated academic excellence.



# **Prospective Debutantes**

Young ladies who would like to become debutantes must meet the following criteria:

- 16 years old by December 5th of the year of participation.
- A junior, senior or freshman in college
- Not older than 19 years of age by December 5th of the year of participation.
- African-American heritage

## Charity

The 20th Century Onyx Club, Inc. has contributed to the following organizations as part of its continued effort to enhance the lives of all citizens of Ventura County:

- High School Graduates (Scholarships)
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Ventura County
- Moms and Kids in Recovery
- The Salvation Army
- Community Churches
- NAACP
- Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Alzheimer Society
- Holiday Baskets to needy families
- The Battered Women's Shelter

.... and many more

