

SCHOLARSHIPS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS - The following items are required with your application:

Unofficial transcript.

- For high school seniors: Submit an unofficial high school transcript.
- For college students who have completed one year or more of college: Submit an unofficial college transcript.
- For college students completing only part of a year: Submit an unofficial college transcript of the formal grading period and a completed high school transcript.

Photograph.

A head and shoulders photograph (senior portrait or equivalent), to be used for purposes of acknowledging award recipients.

Letter of recommendation.

Submit one current letter of recommendation; one page maximum. Letters from relatives will not be considered.

A one-page typed essay, see prompts below. (*Scholastic Scholarship, Ag Employee Scholarship, Young Farmers & Ranchers Agricultural Scholarship*)

OR

A two-page portfolio, see description below. (*Career Technical Scholarship*)

SCHOLASTIC SCHOLARSHIP

This financial award is based on scholastic achievement, leadership experiences, career goals, agricultural and community involvement.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Current or former students of Sacramento County schools, or students who have a permanent residence in Sacramento County.
- Planning to pursue, or are currently pursuing, a post-secondary education related to agriculture.
- Enrolled in at least twelve (12) academic units in the semester or quarter during the year of the scholastic award.
- Current Sacramento County Farm Bureau Collegiate Member. Join at www.joinfb.com or call the Sacramento County Farm Bureau office at (916) 685-6958.

AWARDS:

Minimum of \$500 each. No set number of scholarships awarded.

ESSAY:

A one page (maximum) typed essay, 12-point font, specifically addressing the following:

- Using previous activities (extra-curricular and/or school related) to support your answer, express your ongoing interest in agriculture as an important economic and cultural element of our society,
- Demonstrate how you achieved your academic goals to date and your desire for obtaining a post-secondary academic education (college degree) in a subject area or areas that will build your knowledge and ability to sustain agriculture as an important economic and cultural element of our society, and
- Explain your career interest. This career path may be either directly related to agriculture or a field that supports agriculture. Demonstrate how this career will sustain agriculture as an important economic and cultural element of our society, and for which post-secondary education is critical for your career success.

The essay shall identify the academic institution and field(s) of study you intend to pursue; in the event the course of study is not inherently or obviously linked to agriculture or agribusiness, you are strongly urged to use the essay and application to link your proposed field of study to long-term goals that will benefit agriculture.

AG EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP

Designed to give financial assistance to students **whose parents work in production agriculture in Sacramento County. To be eligible for this scholarship, one of your parents or guardians must be a non-owner/operator, employed within production agriculture in Sacramento County.** This financial award is based on financial need, scholastic achievement, leadership skills, and community involvement. It is not intended for children of farm owners or ag related business owners. Students with parents who are farm or ag business owners should apply for the Scholastic Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY:

- High school senior entering a two or four-year accredited college or university.
- Parent or guardian is a non-owner/operator, **employed within production agriculture** in Sacramento County.
- Enrolled in at least twelve (12) academic units in the semester or quarter during the year of the scholastic award.

**Maintain twelve (12) academic units and a 2.0 GPA to continue receiving award.*

AWARDS:

A maximum of \$4,000 will be awarded and allocated as follows:

1. \$1,000 **per year** to individuals who plan to attend a four-year college; or
2. \$500 **per year** while attending a two-year college and \$1,000 **per year** if you transfer to a four-year college. (You must transfer to a four-year college by the end of the second year at the two-year college in order to continue to receive the award.)

ESSAY:

A one page (maximum) typed essay, 12-point font, specifically addressing the following:

- Financial need, the academic field you plan to study, and why you have chosen that field.

CAREER TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Career technical fields considered under this application should be in an agricultural related or food related field. This may include, but is not limited to, careers in: **Baking and Pastry, Culinary Arts, Culinary Management, Diesel, Heavy Equipment, Vet Tech, Welding, and much more.** This financial award is based on academic involvement in your chosen field, ROP and/or work experiences, career goals, agricultural and community involvement.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Current or former students of Sacramento County schools, or students who have a permanent residence in Sacramento County.
- Planning to pursue, or are currently pursuing, a career in technical education.
- Current Sacramento County Farm Bureau Collegiate Member. Join at www.joinfb.com or call the Sacramento County Farm Bureau office at (916) 685-6958.
- Must enroll in a career technical school of your choice to receive award.

AWARDS:

Minimum of \$500 each. No set number of scholarships awarded.

PORTFOLIO:

A two-page (maximum) portfolio, containing pictures with descriptions of your projects and/or work experience.

YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

This financial award is based on agricultural involvement, leadership skills, scholastic achievement, career goals, and a personal interview.

ELIGIBILITY:

- High school senior residing or attending school in Sacramento County.
- Entering a two or four-year accredited college or university.
- Majoring in agriculture or an agricultural-related field.
- Enrolled in at least twelve (12) academic units in the semester or quarter during the year of the scholastic award.

AWARDS:

Up to three, \$500 scholarships awarded. Plus, a one year complimentary Collegiate Farm Bureau membership.

ESSAY:

A one page (maximum) typed essay, 12-point font, addressing ANY of the following:

- Using previous activities (extra-curricular and/or school related) to support your answer, express your ongoing interest in agriculture as an important element of our society.
- Explain how your previous experience (extra-curricular activities, leadership experience, awards or honors received, etc) have fostered your personal interest in agriculture. Demonstrate what can you do personally to support agriculture.
- Demonstrate how you have achieved your academic goals to date, and your desire for obtaining further education (college degree) in agriculture or an agricultural-related field.
- Explain your career interests. Demonstrate how this career will support agriculture in our society.

INTERVIEW:

A group of finalists may be selected and contacted for interviews by the Young Farmers & Ranchers Interview Committee.