

Sacramento Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education
AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Dear Applicant:

The Sacramento Farm Bureau Agricultural Employee Scholarship is designed to give financial aid 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 our Agricultural Education Scholarship.

Allocation of Scholarship • 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.
3. To continue to receive the award, recipient must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average.

Required Documents • The following items are required with your application:

- Official sealed high school transcript
- A one page typed essay, *see below for description*
- Photograph - Please email a head and shoulders photograph (senior portrait or equivalent) to AgScholarships@msn.com, name picture file with your first and last name (i.e.: janesmith.jpg), *to be used for purposes of acknowledging award recipients*
- Biographical statement, *to be used for purposes of acknowledging award recipients*
This should be 3 to 4 sentences that highlights you and your achievements.
- Three (3) current letters of recommendation

Personal Essay • Please write a maximum one-page essay describing your financial need, the academic field you plan to study and why you have chosen that field.

Eligibility • Eligible students include:

- Any high school senior entering a two or four year accredited college or university and whose parents or guardians are non-owner/operators, employed within production agriculture in Sacramento County.
- All applicants must enroll in at least twelve (12) academic units in the semester or quarter during the year of the scholastic award and must maintain a 2.0 grade point average. You do not need to be a Farm Bureau member to be eligible for this financial award.

Letters of Recommendation • Applicant must submit three (3) current letters of recommendation. A minimum of one (1) letter must be from a teacher and a minimum of one (1) letter must be from a community member. Each letter must be no longer than one page and letters from relatives are not acceptable.

Criteria Used to Select a Winner • Awards are made based on financial need, leadership experience, scholastic achievement, and community service.

Deadline • A completed application packet **must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2011. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.**

How Many Scholarships Are Awarded • There is no set number of scholarships awarded.

Issuing of Award • The Sacramento Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education will issue the scholarship to recipients upon receipt of a verification of enrollment from the college or university. This must confirm a total of at least 12 units in each semester or quarter. Recipients must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in order to receive the scholarship each year.

To Apply • The scholarship application with all required material must be submitted to:

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For your convenience, the scholarship application is available at www.sacfarmbureau.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Sacramento County Farm Bureau office at (916) 685-6958.

Good Luck!

Please describe in a paragraph form your community service activities.

Please describe in paragraph form your leadership roles and experience.

Signature _____ Date _____