

Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program

- The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program was initiated through the collaborative efforts of the Friends of the California State Fair, the California State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, the State Fair Gala Committee, Blue Diamond Growers and the WFA Blue Ribbon Foundation.

This year a total of twenty-seven scholarships will be available, three at \$2,500, four at \$1,500.00 each, nine at \$1,000.00 each, four at \$750.00 each, and seven at \$500.00 each and the outstanding candidate receiving \$5,000.00 from the Ironstone Concours Foundation. When developing your application packet, please be specific to your category of choice.

You may only apply in one category.

This program seeks to motivate well-rounded, high academic achievers in pursuit of their careers and life goals. Preference will be given to individuals with broad personal, civic and academic experience. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their personal commitment and goals established for his/her chosen field, leadership potential, civic accomplishments, qualifications for category entered and the completeness of his/her application packet.

- The applicant must be a *California* resident.

CALENDAR

March 9	Application Deadline
May 11	Final Applicant Interviews
July 6	California State Fair Gala
July 12	California State Fair opens
July 29	California State Fair closes

HOW TO CONTACT US

- Send applications to:** Friends of the Fair
Scholarship Program
c/o Sandi Hurtgen
California State Fair
P.O. Box 15649
Sacramento, CA 95852
- Hand delivery:** 1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815
- For further information:** Phone: (916)263-3149
entryoffice@calexpo.com
www.bigfun.org

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2012 Scholarship Program

ENTRY DEADLINE:

March 9, 2012

**For a complete Scholarship Application
visit our website at www.bigfun.org**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be enrolled in or planning to enroll in a four-year California accredited college or university, an accredited California community college, or an accredited culinary arts trade school.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Must be a California resident with a valid ID.
- **The top scholarship winner in each category (if application score is at least 95%) qualify to compete for the overall scholarship of \$5,000, The runner up scholarship winner in any category with more than twenty qualified applicants will also have the opportunity to compete for the overall scholarship if application score is at least 95%. There will not necessarily be an overall finalist from each category.** No more than two finalist per category will be interviewed. These finalists **will be required** to participate in a formal interview with the committee to be eligible for the \$5000. All interviews will be held on **Friday, May 11, 2012**, in Sacramento.
- Each application packet must include:
 - 1 set of originals and 1 set of copies of each of the following required documents:
 - Official Friends of the California State Fair application
 - A personal statement indicating why you are pursuing your desired career and life goals, involvement in school activities and involvement in community and volunteer service. Statement must be 2 pages and not more than three typed pages (double-spaced 12pt. font)
 - Official transcript from school (accumulative and current)
 - Additional Essay for Categories 3, 4 and 11
 - Two current letters of recommendation/one must be from a professional educator on letterhead – Note: Only two recommendations will be considered. *If you are a returning applicant you must submit new letters of recommendations and they must be from a different educator/person and not from those used in prior years for this scholarship competition.*

NOTE: Only complete packets with all above documents will be considered and judged.
- Application packets and all their contents, become the property of the Friends of the California State Fair.
- Employees and immediate family members of employees and Board of Directors of the California Exposition & State Fair, Friends of the California State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, Cultural Advisory Committee and the Ironstone Concours Foundation are **not** eligible for this program.
- Complete application packets must be **postmarked** or delivered to the Friends of the California State Fair **NOLATER THAN 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 9, 2012.**

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

1. **For past participants (exhibitors) in the California State Fair** from 2009, 2010 & 2011 in competitive programs for youth (livestock, horse, small animal, dog, County Fair Best of Show, and still exhibits). This category is open to students who will be enrolled in a four-year accredited college, university or an accredited community college in the Fall of 2012. **Total Monies Awarded \$2,250**
2. Students enrolled in an **International Studies** program/major (graduate or undergraduate) at an accredited college or university. **Total Monies Awarded \$1,500**
3. High school students who rate in the **top 10 percent** for academic performance and are planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the Fall of 2012. *As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following questions: **When you arrive on your college campus, what parts of your character, specific skills and leadership traits are you going to bring to enrich the university community? How do you plan to contribute?*** **Total Monies Awarded \$3,250**
4. Students enrolled in a California high school and recognized as a “**Sacramento Region Top Achiever**” (defined as the top 5 five percent of students in your graduating class for academic performance in one of these counties - **El Dorado, Sutter, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Amador or Yuba County**). This category is intended for students currently enrolled in high school and are planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the Fall of 2012. *As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following questions: **When you arrive on your college campus, what parts of your character, specific skills and leadership traits are you going to bring to enrich the university community? How do you plan to contribute?*** **Total Monies Awarded \$1,500**
5. Students currently enrolled in a recognized undergraduate “**Arts**” program/major at an accredited college or university. (I.e. visual arts, dance, music, film, etc.). **Total Monies Awarded \$1,500**
6. Students enrolled in a **Teacher Credential Program** in a four-year accredited college or university. Re-entry professionals included. Undergraduate Students may be Education majors. **Total Monies Awarded \$1,500**
7. Students enrolled in **Viticulture or Enology** program/major (graduate or undergraduate). **Total Monies Awarded \$1,500**
8. Students enrolled in a **Culinary Cooking or Hospitality Management or Event Planning** program/major. This category is intended for students who will be enrolled in the Fall in an accredited four year university or college, a California Culinary Specialty School or an accredited Community College. **Total Monies Awarded \$1,500**
9. **Agricultural Students** currently enrolled in a four-year accredited college, university or an accredited community college and having successfully completed 12 units of credit of course work in agricultural classes. Graduate or undergraduate students are acceptable. **Total Monies Awarded \$2,250**
10. **Agricultural Students** currently in high school and planning to enter a four-year accredited college, university or accredited community college as an Agricultural student in the Fall. Seniors or juniors that are completing high school in the of Spring 2012 and planning to attend college in the Fall of 2012 qualify. **Total Monies Awarded \$2,250**
11. The **Blue Diamond International Scholarship** for high school or college students who have an emphasis and interest in international agricultural trade. *It is required that the applicant submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that **describes how international trade generates income and jobs for the United States.*** **Total Monies Awarded \$2,500**
12. Students majoring in **Business or Agricultural Business** at a four-year accredited college, university or an accredited community college. **Total Monies Awarded \$1,500**
13. The **Agriculturalist of the Year (Mr. Robert Gilbert) Scholarship** for students currently in high school and planning to enter a four-year accredited college, university or accredited community college or currently enrolled in college as an Animal Science, Dairy Science, Animal Nutrition or Agricultural Science major. **Total Monies Awarded \$1,000**
14. Students entering their freshman year or be in attendance as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, technical school or community college whose two generations (children and grandchildren) of the owner’s or key staff of a fair related business (service members) whose business had a minimum of five years of membership in **Western Fairs Association (WFA)**. **Total Monies Awarded \$2,500**
15. Students entering their freshman year or be in attendance as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, technical school or community college whose two generations (children and grandchildren) from members of the permanent staff of a **Western Fairs Association (WFA)** member fair for a minimum of 5 years. **Total Monies Awarded \$2,500**



2012 FRIENDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Application must be filled out according to eligibility/application requirements.

Applicant's Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ County of Residence _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant's Telephone: _____ Fax#: _____

Email: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____ Parent's Telephone: _____

Applicants are eligible for only one category. Please check one:

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3. _____ High school students who rate in the **top 10 percent** for academic performance and are planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the fall of 2012. This category will be allocated a single \$1,500.00 scholarship for first place, a single \$1,000.00 scholarship for first runner-up and a single \$750 scholarship for the second runner-up. *As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following questions: **When you arrive on your college campus, what parts of your character, specific skills and leadership traits are you going to bring to enrich the university community? How do you plan to contribute?***

4. ___ Students enrolled in a California high school and recognized as a “**Sacramento Region Top Achiever**” (defined as the top 5 (five) percent of students in your graduating class for academic performance in one of these counties – **El Dorado, Sutter, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo, San Joaquin, Amador, Calaveras or Yuba County**). This category is intended for students currently enrolled in high school and are planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the fall of 2012. This category will be allocated one \$1,000.00 scholarship for first place and one \$500.00 scholarships for first runner-up. *As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following questions: **When you arrive on your college campus, what parts of your character, specific skills and leadership traits are you going to bring to enrich the university community? How do you plan to contribute?***
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11. ___ The **Blue Diamond International Scholarship** for high school or college students who have an emphasis and interest in international agricultural trade. This category is intended for students who will be enrolled in the fall of 2012 in areas such as agriculture, economics, business, international studies, language studies, etc. To qualify for this category, it is required that the applicant submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that describes how international trade generates income and jobs for the United States. This category will be allocated a single \$2,500.00 scholarship for first place.
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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS:

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the secondary school record and other requested information for consideration in the FRIENDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Applicant's Signature (required): _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

CALIFORNIA College/University/Specialty Trade School you will be attending in the Fall of 2012:

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION:

All of the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I will be attending full-time a four-year California College or University or a two-year California Community College or a California Culinary Vocational Trade School in the Fall of 2012. I have read and understand the Eligibility and Application Requirements of this Scholarship Program. I understand that if chosen, my scholarship award will be sent to the financial aid office of the college or university and proof of my enrollment must be provided to the scholarship committee prior to the award being given. **I have included two (2) separate complete sets of the application and all of the following required documents:** Friends of the California State Fair application, personal statement; official transcript from school (accumulative and current); additional Essay for Categories 3, 4 and 11; two current letters of recommendations - one must be from a professional educator and only two recommendations will be considered. **If a returning applicant you must submit new letters of recommendations and must be from a different educator/person then those used in prior years of this scholarship competition.**

Your personnel statement must include three sections addressing the following areas: 1. indicate why you are pursuing your desired career and life goals, 2. involvement in school activities and 3. involvement in community and volunteer services.

I am not related to any employee of the California Exposition & State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, Cultural Advisory Council, Art Advisory Council, the Friends of the California State Fair, or any member of the California Exposition & State Fair Board of Directors. I am not currently employed nor have I been employed by the California State Fair since January 1, 2012. **The top scholarship winner in each category (if application score is at least 95%) qualify to compete for the overall \$5,000 Ironstone Concours Foundation Scholarship Interview on Friday, May 11, 2012 in Sacramento. The runner up scholarship winner in any category with more than twenty qualified applicants will also have the opportunity to compete for the overall scholarship if application score is at least 95%.**

Disclaimer: The Friends of the California State Fair reserves the right to change or update the content of all categories. Applicants will be notified of any changes and will have ample time to change his or her category if applicable.

By signing below I certify that I am a **CALIFORNIA** resident.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____