January 2019

In our continuing commitment to promote awareness and education, the Salinas Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture (CWA) offers two scholarship programs for women in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. There is no age restriction for either of these scholarships, nor is either based upon financial need. Scholarships range from $500 to $2,000. Winners will be announced in May 2019 for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Requirements for the Women Pursuing Degrees in Agriculture Scholarship

Must be a female resident or high school graduate from Monterey, San Benito or Santa Cruz County.

1) Must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree, an associate’s degree, or a degree from an accredited trade school in agriculture or related subject area. This scholarship is only for undergraduate degrees and trade schools.

2) If applicant is in high school when applying, they must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

3) If the applicant is enrolled in a college or trade school when applying, they must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.

Requirements for the Farm Worker Scholarship

Must be a female resident or high school graduate from Monterey, San Benito or Santa Cruz County.

1) Must be employed as a farm laborer or have at least one parent or a spouse who has been employed as a farm laborer for two consecutive seasons in Monterey, San Benito or Santa Cruz County.

2) Must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree, an associate’s degree or a degree from an accredited trade school in any subject area.

3) If the applicant is in high school when applying, they must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

4) If the applicant is enrolled in a college or trade school when applying, they must have a GPA of 2.8 or higher.

Applications due Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Before mailing your application, make sure you have included:

- CWA Scholarship Application Form
- Statement of Educational Purpose
- School and Community Activities
- Certification of Application
- Recommendation Form - 1 recommendation required
- Official High School or College Transcripts (most recent)
- Employment Verification Form (Farm worker scholarship only)

Finalists may be required to meet with the CWA Scholarship Committee for an interview. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. The completed application including recommendations and official transcripts must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 19, 2019, and mailed to the following address:

CWA Scholarship Committee - P.O. Box 1210, Salinas, CA 93902

Please contact scholarship@salinascwa.org or 707-799-6458 if you have any questions or need more information.
Women Pursuing Degrees in Agriculture Scholarship

Name: ________________________________________ Birth date: _____________________________

Last     First     Middle     Month     Day     Year

Address: ______________________________________ E-mail: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

EDUCATION

High School

School name: __________________________________ Dates attended: ___________________________

G.P.A: ________ SAT or ACT (if applicable): ________ Graduation date: _____________________

College – Complete only if currently enrolled in college

School name: ____________________________ Dates attended: ____________________________

G.P.A.: _______ Major: ____________________________ Expected Graduation date: ____________

How many units you will have completed by June 2019 - Quarter system units: _____ Semester system units: _____

College level Fall 2019: (Circle one)  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Expected college graduation date: _____________________

What college will you be attending in Fall 2019? ____________________________________________

How many units do you intend to enroll in for Fall 2019? ______________

Are you a past CWA Scholarship Recipient? ____________ If yes, what year(s)? ________________

How did you hear about the CWA Scholarship? (Circle one)  School  Work  Parent’s Work  Other_______
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STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Please answer each essay question and attach as one separate document. Each essay should be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words. Include your name on each essay and title each essay with the essay number and question. These statements will weigh heavily in consideration for the scholarship award. If you have submitted scholarship applications in previous years, please provide new essays.

Essay 1: Describe your educational and career goals. What career and/or degree are you considering or decided upon and why?

Essay 2: What do you believe is the biggest economic burden on the agricultural industry today and how would you recommend alleviating this issue?

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In the space below (or as an attached document), please list all school and community activities in which you have been involved. Please include dates of participation, awards won and offices held.

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In the space below (or as an attached document), please list any work experience.

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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

I hereby certify that I have completed all of the information on this application and to the best of my knowledge, it is correct and accurate. I acknowledge that all information on this application may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of scholarship award consideration. If I am selected for a scholarship award, I will notify the California Women for Agriculture Scholarship Committee promptly of any change in major, college residence or enrollment that would affect my eligibility for this award. Additionally, if selected, I will keep the Salinas Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture informed as to my whereabouts and employment progress following graduation.

______________________________________________
Applicant’s name

______________________________________________
Signature

______________________________________________
Date
CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Women Pursuing Degrees in Agriculture Scholarship

RECOMMENDATION FORM

ONE recommendation is required

Applicant’s name: _________________________________

This page to be completed by reference:

Name: ________________________________  Signature: _______________________________

Address: __________________________________________  Phone number: __________________________

______________________________________________  E-Mail address: ______________________________

Your relation to the applicant (must not be a relative or personal friend): _________________________________

Examples include teacher, employer, coach, clergy member, mentor, or counselor.

Please indicate your association with the applicant and how well you know her. In the space provided below, please address why you believe the applicant is a worthy candidate for the California Women for Agriculture Scholarship.

***You may submit a letter of recommendation with all the requested information on letterhead instead of using this form.

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You may mail or email completed recommendations directly to:

CWA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1210, Salinas, CA 93902
scholarship@salinascwa.org

Important Deadline: All letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Late applications and/or letters, and incomplete applications will not be considered.
Consent Form

If I am chosen as scholarship recipient, I __________________________ agree that the information on my CWA application (excluding personal information such as; address, phone number and email address) may be shared with 3rd parties for the purpose of publicity with CWA donors, educational entities and interested parties. I also give permission for my photograph to be used for any publicity relating to CWA and its scholarships.

____________________________________  __________________
Name                                      Date

If scholarship applicant is under 18 years of age, please have parent or custodian sign below:

____________________________________  __________________
Name                                      Date

By not signing this disclosure, it will not affect in any way your chances of receiving a scholarship.