



CENTRAL VALLEY
CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE
2020-21 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Pursuing a Degree in Agriculture
for High School Seniors

Deadline for Receipt of Application: March 6, 2020

January 24, 2020

Attention: Principal, Scholarship Coordinator and FFA Advisor:

The **Central Valley California Women for Agriculture (CVCWA)** is pleased to announce the call for scholarship applications! Attached is a CVCWA application information packet. The monetary amount of the scholarships awarded may vary depending on CVCWA annual resources and applicant pool.

ELIGIBILITY*

- High school seniors **pursuing a degree/career in agriculture** and who are enrolled or plan to enroll as a full-time agriculture major (semester or quarter system) for the entire 2020-21 academic year at an accredited community college or state institution of their choice.
- High school students currently residing in the **county of Fresno or Madera**. Students outside of these two counties should contact their CWA regional chapter for scholarship opportunities.
- The student applicant should also demonstrate financial need, scholastic ability, achievements and community service preferably in agriculture-related activities.
- Finalists must be available to participate in an interview with the CVCWA Scholarship Committee to discuss questions related to California agriculture during the latter part of March. The student(s) selected to receive the scholarship(s) will be notified in April. Proof of enrollment or work in progress and verification of units will be necessary prior to receiving the award for the Fall 2020 semester at our August 3, 2020 chapter meeting.

CRITERIA

To receive full consideration, the applicant's **complete package** with adequate postage must include:

- A fully **completed** and **signed** application form, typed or printed legibly;
- An **official current academic transcript**; and
- Two (2) **original letters** of recommendation addressed to the **CVCWA Scholarship Committee** using the CVCWA form provided. The two letters should be in sealed envelopes and must be included with your packet (one MUST be from a recent instructor).

AMOUNT

Award amount will be determined by the quantity and quality of the applicant pool.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 addressed to: CVCWA Scholarship Committee, c/o Jane Bedrosian, 6385 S. Fowler Ave., Fowler, CA 93625. *No late applications will be accepted after March 6, 2020. **No hand deliveries or e-mail applications will be accepted***

This form will be available on our website under scholarships at: <http://www.centralvalleycwa.org> effective January 27, 2020.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chair, Jane Bedrosian at jsbedrosian@nationalraisin.com or (559) 351-3651.

Sincerely,

Nanette Simonian
2020 CVCWA President



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SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____ / _____
Home _____ Cell _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) name(s) _____

SECTION 2 - EDUCATION

High School(s) attended: _____ Phone: _____

School Address (current school) _____

Name of Counselor (print) _____ Phone: _____

Grade Point Average (current) _____ (a current official transcript in a sealed envelope **must** be included with application)

How many college-level course units do plan to enroll in? _____, when _____, and where _____

College level status in the Fall of 2020 (mark one) Freshman Sophomore

Name of college/univ(s) to attend (2 yr. or 4 yr.) Current/Intended	Major Field of Study	Units Fall 2020	Units Spring 2021
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SECTION 3 - FINANCIAL

Applicant's current annual income \$ _____ and anticipated parental/guardian support \$ _____

How did you learn about the CVCWA Scholarship (mark one)? school work parent's work other _____

Your complete packet should include: **1) application; 2) official academic transcript; and 3) two (2) original letters of recommendations** (in sealed envelopes). It should be sent to the attention of the **CVCWA Scholarship Committee Chair: Jane Bedrosian, and must be received by mail no later than March 6, 2020** at the address below. **No hand deliveries or e-mail applications will be accepted.**

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SECTION 4 – STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Applicant's Name: _____

Date:

Describe (in 300 words or less):

- What are your educational goals?
- Why you are pursuing a career in an agricultural related field, what focus area?
- Why do you feel you should receive a Central Valley Women for Agriculture Scholarship?
- How your contributions to the agricultural industry will affect our community?



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SECTION 5 – EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Applicant's Name:

Date:

Please list your **high school and community service activities, noting any leadership roles**, during the past year with special emphasis on

- School clubs/organizations
- Athletic/sports
- Community activity
- Specific types of school/community awards, honors, scholarships

Please list recent work experience (specify paid, voluntary or personal experience), include the name of your employer, job title(s), and duties, date of employment



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RECOMMENDATION FORM – Confidential

**Please return this recommendation form to the applicant in a sealed envelope addressed to:
CVCWA Scholarship Committee, Attn: c/o Jane Bedrosian, 6385 S. Fowler Ave., Fowler, CA 93625. Your letter must be included with his/her application packet and received by the committee by the March 6, 2020 deadline.**

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to the applicant: Faculty/Advisor Employer Other (non-related): _____

Position title _____

School/University /Business_____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ months or _____ years

Please describe why you feel this applicant is deserving of a CVCWA scholarship.

Signed _____ Telephone_____

Date _____



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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 Central Valley California Women for Agriculture (CVCWA) Scholarship Committee promptly of any change in my major, college/county residence, and/or course unit enrollment that would affect my eligibility for this award. Proof of enrollment or work in progress and verification of units will be required prior to receiving the award.

I understand that I will avail myself to an interview with the CVCWA Scholarship Committee if selected as a finalist and will be prepared to discuss questions related to California agriculture during the latter part of March. If I am awarded a CVCWA scholarship, I also agree to attend the August 3, 2020 chapter meeting to accept the award. Additionally, I will keep the Central Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture informed as to my whereabouts and employment progress following graduation.

Signature _____

Date _____



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My Application Check-off List:

- I will be pursuing a degree/career in agriculture.
- I will be a full-time student (Semester or Quarter system)
- I reside in Fresno or Madera County in the San Joaquin Valley.
- I have my current, official transcript in a sealed envelope included in my packet.
- I have included in my packet two (2) original letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes (one MUST be from a recent instructor).
- I have used a 9x12 inch mailing envelope with adequate postage to submit my application packet.
- If I am selected as a finalist, I will be available to participate in the interview process in late March.
- If I am awarded a CVCWA scholarship, I also agree to attend the August 3, 2020 chapter meeting to accept the award. Proof of enrollment or work in progress and verification of units will be required prior to receiving the award.
- My application is complete and addressed to:

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**Application packet MUST be received by
CVCWA by March 6, 2020**