

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, and the State Fair Gala Committee.

This year a total of twenty-four scholarships will be available, seven at \$1,500.00 each, one at \$1,250, four at \$1,000.00 each, six at \$750.00 each, four at \$500.00 each, one at \$250 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 20	Application Deadline
April 30	Final Applicant Interviews
Aug 14	California State Fair Gala
Aug 21	California State Fair opens
Sept 7	California State Fair closes

HOW TO CONTACT US

Send applications to:	Friends of the Fair Scholarship Program c/o Kate O'Neil California State Fair P.O. Box 15649 Sacramento, CA 95852
Hand delivery:	1600 Exposition Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95815
For further information:	Phone: (916)263-3636 koneil@calexpo.com www.bigfun.org

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2009 Scholarship Program

ENTRY DEADLINE:

March 20, 2009

**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. The applicants for university/college categories must have been accepted or currently enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program or when appropriate, a graduate or credential program at the university or college. Applicants for community college categories must have been accepted or enrolled in an Associate of Arts/Sciences Degree Program at an accredited community college.
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Must be a California resident with a valid ID.
- **NEW IN 2009 - Final applicants for the overall scholarship of \$5,000 will be only those students scoring 95% or higher on their completed application packet and essay(s). There will not necessarily be an overall finalist from each category.** These finalists **will be required** to participate in a formal interview with the committee. All interviews will be held on **Thursday, April 30, 2009**, 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 of at least two and not more than three typed pages (double-spaced 12pt. font) indicating why you are pursuing your desired career and life goals, and your involvement in community and volunteer service.
 - Original transcript (cumulative and current)
 - Additional Essay for Categories 3 and 4
 - Two current letters of recommendation/one must be from a professional educator on letterhead – Note: Only two recommendations will be considered.**NEW IN 2009** 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 (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- 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 **NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 20, 2009.**

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

1. **For past participants (exhibitors) in the California State Fair** from 2006, 2007 & 2008 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 2009. **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 \$2,000**
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 2009. *As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following question: In your opinion, what can be done to ensure that our California communities sustain a Green future and are protected from those environmental problems that threaten our future? Total Monies Awarded \$2,250*
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 2009. *As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following question: If you were manager for a day at the California State Fair what would you change or add to make it the best fair in the history of this great State? Total Monies Awarded \$2,250*
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** at an accredited college or university. Re-entry professionals included. **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** 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 \$2,000**
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 2009 and planning to attend college in the Fall of 2009 qualify. **Total Monies Awarded \$2250**
11. The **Eddie G. Cole Memorial** scholarship for students enrolled in a physical education major, agriculture, equine studies or pursuit of a profession within the Fair industry. **Total Monies Awarded \$1,250**
12. The **Thomas W. O’Neil, Jr. Memorial** scholarship for high school seniors planning to enroll or students currently enrolled in either a business, education, history or sports management major at a four year accredited college or university, or are pursuing a profession within the Fair industry. **Total Monies Awarded \$1,500**

PLEASE NOTE: All scholarship checks will be paid directly to the college or university through the financial aid department in the name of the recipient. All monies may only be used for tuition, fees, books, materials and supplies, housing and meals purchased on campus or through the Financial Aid Office during the 2009/2010 academic year. Award Recipients will be announced at the conclusion of all interviews on April 30 and in a press release by August 2009.



2009 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: _____

California Driver's License or Identification Number _____

Social Security Number: _____ County of Residence _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant's Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____ fax #: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____ Parent's Telephone: (____) _____

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

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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 2009:

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 2009. 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) complete sets of the application and all of the following required documents: Friends of the California State Fair application, personal statement which includes your involvement in community and volunteer service; original transcript (accumulative and current); additional Essay for Categories 3 and 4; two current letters of recommendations - one must be from a professional educator and only two recommendations will be considered. **New in 2009 – 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.** 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, 2009. **IF I SCORE 95% OR HIGHER ON MY COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET AND ESSAY(S), I QUALIFY AS ONE OF THE FINALISTS FOR THE OVERALL SCHOLARSHIP OF \$5,000 AND WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE FINAL INTERVIEW ON THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2009, IN SACRAMENTO. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE A FINALIST FOR THE OVERALL SCHOLARSHIP OF \$5,000 FROM EACH CATEGORY.**

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: _____