



California Table Grape Agricultural Scholarship

A Community Outreach Program of California's Table Grape Growers

2018 APPLICATION FORM

Up to Three \$20,000 Four-Year Agricultural Scholarships
Available to High School Graduates



AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The California Table Grape Commission (commission) seeks agricultural scholarship applicants interested in building a career in the California table grape industry and in investing their undergraduate years of study in academic areas of importance to its future.

The commission, on behalf of the state's table grape growers, is offering up to three \$20,000 university scholarships to students residing in the Coachella or San Joaquin valleys who are interested in the California table grape industry. Scholarships are available to seniors graduating in 2018 or to high school graduates, including family members of table grape growers.

Applicants must enroll full-time in a California university with a fall 2018 enrollment date and a declared major tied to a future in the California table grape industry. Preference will be given to those with interest in the California table grape industry.

Successful applicants will major in a field of study applicable to table grapes. Examples include soil science, plant pathology, entomology, sustainable agriculture and food systems, genetics and plant biology, agricultural education, agricultural communication, agricultural business, agricultural marketing, horticulture and crop science, botany and plant pathology, agricultural policy, international marketing, food science, and technology. Other fields may be deemed applicable.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- High school graduates or students graduating in 2018.
- Resident of California's table grape growing regions (Coachella or San Joaquin valleys).
- Planning to pursue a four-year undergraduate degree in a field of study pertinent to table grapes.
- Enrolled full-time in a California university in the fall of 2018.

APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

To apply for the agricultural scholarship you must complete this application form, and sign and date where noted. In addition to the application form, please supply the following items:

- A statement of intent that describes the area of study you plan to pursue and outlines the reasons why this makes you a good candidate for this scholarship and eventually for a career and position of leadership in the California table grape industry. Outline past experiences that have led to your interests.

- Two letters of recommendation written specifically for this scholarship; one from your school principal, counselor, or instructor and the other from an employer or a person in the community. If you have completed high school, provide letters from two different members of the community (one may be your employer). The letters should provide information about your academic ability, your work ethic, and your interest in agriculture. Each letter must include the writer's address, telephone number(s), and position.
- Your official high school transcript.
- A copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores.
- A list of honors or awards you have received and activities in which you are involved (school, work, church, home, or community).
- Documentation to confirm residency in the San Joaquin or Coachella valleys, which could include a driver's license, state ID card, or school ID card.

Additional copies of this application are available at www.grapesfromcalifornia.com/community-outreach/grants-and-scholarships/

SELECTION PROCESS

The scholarship applications are reviewed by the scholarship committee, which is made up of agriculturalists, educators, and members of the community. The selection is based on academic performance, financial need, commitment to agriculture, work experience, commitment to the Coachella or San Joaquin valleys, community service, and leadership ability. The California Table Grape Commission reserves the right to not award scholarships.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

By signing this application, you agree that you have read all of the instructions and qualifications and that all information on the application is true and accurate. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, January 26, 2018.

Complete applications, with all of the materials noted, can be submitted via email to scholarships@grapesfromcalifornia.com or via regular mail to:

California Table Grape Scholarship Committee
392 W. Fallbrook Avenue, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93711-6150

All materials will become the property of the California Table Grape Commission.

If you have questions about the scholarship application or eligibility, please contact Jeff Cardinale at 559-447-8350 or via email at scholarships@grapesfromcalifornia.com.

Scholarships are funded by California's table grape growers.

I have read the requirements for the California Table Grape Agricultural Scholarship.

Signature:

Name:

Date:

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STUDENT INFORMATION

In order to evaluate your application, please provide all of the information requested below, which includes information about you, your school, your residency in the Coachella or San Joaquin valleys, and your plans to continue your education.

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Street:	City:	Zip:
Phone:	Cell:	Email:
Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:	
High School Attended:	Expected High School Graduation Date:	
High School Counselor's Name:	High School Counselor's Phone:	
High School Counselor's Email:	SAT/ACT Scores:	
Other Scholarships, Grants, Loans Applied for and Amounts:		

QUALIFYING INFORMATION

In order to qualify for a scholarship award, you must live in the Coachella or San Joaquin valleys, and you must plan to pursue a full-time undergraduate degree in a field of study pertinent to table grapes at a four-year California university.

Place of Residency:	Length of Time at This Address:
Career Goal:	Planned Major:
College you Plan to Attend:	
Admissions Office Phone:	Financial Aid Office Phone:
Volunteerism, Education, Clubs and/or Work Experience:	

HIGH SCHOOL VERIFICATION

A school official must fill in GPA information and sign below.

Unweighted GPA:	Weighted GPA:	
<i>Please provide weighted and unweighted numbers, if applicable, by averaging the most recent five semesters, including the senior year first semester.</i>		
Name:	Position:	
Signature:	Email:	Phone:

CONSENT INFORMATION

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

The scholarship applicant agrees that the California Table Grape Commission will be fully informed as to the applicant's academic standing, financial need, and other factors having a bearing on this application.

If selected as a finalist of a scholarship administered by the California Table Grape Commission, the applicant hereby gives his/her consent for a representative of the commission to be furnished with information concerning expenses, financial awards and aid, and academic standing at the institution where he/she is enrolled. This Release of Information form is the authority to permit records or other information to be provided to the California Table Grape Commission.

The applicant further agrees that if, for any reason, he/she ceases to be a student at the enrolled institution, he/she releases all claim of ownership and title to any sums of money which remain unexpended in his/her account and which were paid into his/her account by the California Table Grape Commission. The applicant further agrees and consents to the reimbursement by such institution of any unexpended sums of money into his/her account to the commission.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO

I grant to the California Table Grape Commission the right to take photographs and/or video of me and my family in connection with the California Table Grape Agricultural Scholarship. I authorize the California Table Grape Commission, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that the California Table Grape Commission may use such photographs and/or video of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.

I have read and understand the above.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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