



California Table Grape Agricultural Scholarship

A CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE GROWER COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM



2023 APPLICATION FORM

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS

California table grape growers seek 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 California Table Grape Commission, on behalf of the state's table grape growers, is offering up to three, four-year \$25,000 university or college scholarships available 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 2023 or to high school graduates, including family members of table grape growers.

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.

Applicants must enroll full time in a California university or college with a fall 2023 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 building a career in the California table grape industry.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- High school graduates or students graduating in 2023.
- Resident of California 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 four-year California university or college in the fall of 2023.¹

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 your area of study, 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 a 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 an employer). The letters should provide information about your academic ability, work ethic, and interest in agriculture. Each letter must include the writer's address, telephone number(s), and position in the community.
- An official high school transcript.
- A list of any honors or awards received and activities in which you are involved (e.g., 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.

SELECTION PROCESS

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

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2023.

The complete application, with all of the materials noted, can be submitted 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 become the property of the commission.

Contact Julie Mercado at the commission at 559-447-8350 or send an email to scholarships@grapesfromcalifornia.com for more information.

I have read the requirements for the California Table Grape Agricultural Scholarship and affirm that the information submitted is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

¹ Those currently enrolled in college are not eligible.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Please provide all of the information requested below.

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: _____

Other Scholarships, Grants, Loans Applied for and Amounts: _____

QUALIFYING INFORMATION

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

Volunteering, Education, Clubs and/or Work Experience: _____

HIGH SCHOOL VERIFICATION

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

Unweighted GPA: _____ Weighted GPA: _____

Please provide weighted and unweighted numbers, if applicable, by averaging the most recent five semesters, including the senior year first semester.

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 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 the applicant 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.

If, for any reason, the applicant ceases to be a student at the enrolled institution, applicant releases all claim of ownership and title to any sums of money which remain unexpended in applicant's account and were paid into applicant's 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 in applicant's 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 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, social media, advertising, and web content.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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