



A CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE GROWER COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM



CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE
AGRICULTURAL
SCHOLARSHIP

2026 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 Agricultural scholarship is a four-year \$25,000 university scholarship, 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 2026 or to high school graduates, including family members of table grape growers. Three scholarships are available.

Successful applicants will major in a field of study applicable to table grapes. Examples include plant science, plant pathology, entomology, soil science, horticulture and crop science, sustainable agriculture and food systems, agricultural systems management, agricultural business, agricultural education, agricultural communications and marketing, agricultural policy, and food and nutritional sciences.

Applicants must enroll full time in a California university with a fall 2026 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 graduate or high school senior graduating in 2026.
- 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 in the fall of 2026.¹

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 is no more than two pages. Describe your area of study; your commitment to agriculture, specifically the Coachella and/or San Joaquin valleys; and 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, including community service and experiences where you displayed leadership ability.

- 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.
- 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 commitment to agriculture and to the Coachella or San Joaquin valleys, academic performance, financial need, leadership ability, and community service.

The California Table Grape Commission reserves the right to not award scholarships.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2026. The completed 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 application materials become the property of the California Table Grape Commission.

Contact Jackie Nakashian at the commission at 559-447-8350 or 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.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ 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 Number: _____ Email: _____

High School Attended: _____ Expected High School Graduation Date: _____

High School Counselor Name: _____ High School Counselor Phone: _____

High School Counselor Email: _____

Other Scholarships, Grants, or Loans You've Applied for (Include 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 university.

California County You Live In: _____

Career Goal: _____ Planned Major: _____

Four-Year California University You Plan to Attend: _____

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

HIGH SCHOOL VERIFICATION

A school official must complete this section 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.

School Official Name: _____ Position: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 Name:

Applicant 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 Name:

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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