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### **FRIENDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR DOUBLES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2005**

*Scholarships Awarded in 2005 Will Total More than \$50,000  
Volunteer Organization Now Accepting Applications from Calif. Students*

**SACRAMENTO, CA** (January 13, 2005) -- In a move that demonstrates their ongoing commitment to fostering youth participation in the areas of agriculture, art, education and economics, the Friends of the California State Fair today announced that their 2005 Scholarship Program will offer more than \$50,000 to California students – nearly double the scholarship amount from 2004. The group is now accepting applications for their Scholarship Program for the 2005-2006 academic year. College students and graduating high school students currently attending California institutions are eligible and must apply by March 25, 2005.

This year, as many as 42 scholarships will be awarded in the following areas: arts, general studies, agriculture, international studies, teaching credential programs, viticulture and enology, culinary, African American and Asian Pacific Islander. The number of scholarships available this year has increased more than 80 percent from 2004 when 28 scholarships were awarded totaling \$26,000.

“The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is our annual pledge to the community that we will support and help sustain California’s outstanding students,” said Friends of the California State Fair President Harry Moos. “By doubling the scholarship donation to \$50,000 this year, we are rewarding these students for their achievements and helping ensure that they have adequate resources to support their educational goals.”

All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of personal commitment, goals established for their chosen field, leadership potential and civic accomplishments. In addition to the individual, field-based scholarships, all applicants are eligible for the Concours d’ Elegance \$5,000 outstanding candidate scholarship.

The Scholarship Program was initiated in 1993 and is a collaborative effort of the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council and the Ironstone Concours Foundation.

For more information and to download an application, please visit the California State Fair website at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org).

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