

## **Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program**

- The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program was initiated with generous financial support by the Exxon Company, U.S.A., for the purpose of developing and implementing the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program. It is a collaborative project 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 forty-two scholarships will be available, six at \$2,500.00 each, seven at \$1,500.00 each, twelve at \$1,000.00 each, one at \$750.00 each, fifteen at \$500.00 each, 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.

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 scholarship, personal commitment and goals established for his/her chosen field, leadership potential, civic accomplishments and qualifications for category entered.

### **CALENDAR**

March 25	Application Deadline
May 5	Final Applicants Interviews
Aug 5	California State Fair Gala
Aug 12	California State Fair opens
Sept 5	California State Fair closes

### **HOW TO CONTACT US**

<b>Send applications to:</b>	Friends of the Fair Scholarship Program c/o Competitive Programs California State Fair P.O. Box 15649 Sacramento, CA 95852
<b>Hand delivery:</b>	1600 Exposition Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95815
<b>For further information:</b>	Phone:(916)274-5969 entryoffice@calexpo.com www.bigfun.org

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# **2005 Scholarship Program**

### **ENTRY DEADLINE:**

March 25, 2005

For a complete Scholarship Application  
visit our website at [www.bigfun.org](http://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 a Community College.
- Must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- A personal statement of no more than two typed pages (double-spaced) indicating why you are pursuing your desired career and life goals.
- Final applicants **will be required** to participate in a formal interview with the committee. All interviews will be held on **Thursday, May 5, 2005**, in Sacramento.
- Each application packet must include:
  - Friends of the California State Fair application
  - Personal statement, statement of involvement or community activities
  - Copy of your transcript (accumulative and current)
  - Additional Essay for Categories 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b and 11a
  - Two current letters of recommendation/one must be from a professional educator – Note: only two recommendations will be considered
- **NOTE:** Each packet must include: **1 set of originals and 1 set of copies of each required form.** Only official Friends of the California State Fair application will be accepted. (NO exceptions to this requirement.) Note: only complete packets will be considered.
  - 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 Committees, the Art Advisory Council 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 25, 2005.**

**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 2005/2006 academic year.

Recipients will be notified first by mail after June 1, 2005 and will be announced during the first two weeks of August 2005.

## SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

1. High school students who rate in the **top 10 percent** for academic performance and planning to attend an accredited college or university. Applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following question: **“Why is it important to know where our food comes from?”**
2. Students enrolled in an **International Studies** program/major (graduate or undergraduate) at an accredited college or university. Applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that discusses **“Global Trade & Economic Development as it relates to California.”**
3. Students enrolled in a California high school and recognized as a **“Tri-County Poppy Achievers”** (defined as the top one percent of students in your graduating class for academic performance in one of the Tri Counties - **Placer, Sacramento or San Joaquin County**). This category is intended for students currently enrolled in high school and planning to graduate at the end of the spring semester. Applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following question: **“How would you market a successful Fair in order to bring in over one million attendees?”**
- 4a. **For past participants (exhibitors) in the California State Fair** from 2002, 2003 & 2004 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 or university. Applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the question: **“What did I gain from being an exhibitor at the California State Fair?”**
- 4b. **For past participants (exhibitors) in the California State Fair** from 2002, 2003 & 2004 in competitive programs for youth (livestock, horse, small animal, dog, County Fair Best of Show, and still exhibits). This category is intended for students who will be enrolled in an accredited community college. Applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the question: **“What did I gain from being an exhibitor at the California State Fair?”**
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.).
6. Students enrolled in a **Teacher Credential Program** at an accredited college or university. Re-entry professionals included.
7. Students enrolled in **Viticulture or Enology** program/major.
- 8a. Students enrolled in a **Culinary Cooking and Hospitality Management** program/major. This category is intended for students who will be enrolled in an accredited California Culinary Specialty School and earning an Associates Degree.
- 8b. Students enrolled in a **Culinary Cooking** program/major. This category is intended for students who will be enrolled in an accredited Culinary Arts Vocational Trade School, or Community College.

- 9a. **Agricultural Students** currently enrolled in a four-year accredited College or University and having successfully completed 12 units of credit of course work in agricultural classes.
- 9b. **Agricultural Students** currently enrolled in an accredited Community College and having successfully completed 12 units of credits of undergraduate course work in agricultural classes.
- 10a. **Agricultural Students** currently in high school and planning to enter a four-year accredited College or University as an Agricultural student in the Fall of 2005. Seniors or juniors that are completing high school in Spring 2005 and planning to attend college in the Fall also qualify.
- 10b. **Agricultural Students** currently in high school and planning to enter an accredited Community College, as an Agricultural student in the Fall. Seniors or juniors that are completing high school in Spring 2005 and planning to attend college in the Fall of 2005 also qualify.
- 11a. **African American Students** currently in high school or Community College and planning to enter a four-year accredited College or University in the Fall. As part of their application packet, all applicants in this category must submit a two-page, typed, double-spaced essay discussing what you believe are **“The Keys to Economic Empowerment in the African American Community.”**
- 11b. **African American Students** currently in high school or Community College and planning to attend an accredited Community College. As part of their application packet, all applicants in this category must submit a two-page, typed, double-spaced personal statement that provides information about their African American background, current community involvement, career goals and desire to give back to their community.
- 12a. **Asian Pacific Islander Students** currently in high school or Community College and planning to enter a four-year accredited College or University. As part of their application packet, all applicants in this category must submit a two-page, typed, double-spaced personal statement that provides information about their Asian Pacific Islander background, community involvement, career goals and desire to give back to their community.
- 12b. **Asian Pacific Islander Students** currently in high school or Community College and planning to attend an accredited Community College. As part of their application packet, all applicants in this category must submit a two-page, typed double-spaced personal statement that provides information about their Asian Pacific Islander background, community involvement, career goals and desire to give back to their community.
13. 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.

**2005 FRIENDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Application must be filled out according to eligibility/application requirements.**

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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ High school students who rate in the **top 10 percent** for academic performance and are planning to attend an accredited college or university in Fall 2005. This category will be allocated a single \$2,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$1,000.00 scholarship for second place. As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following question: **"Why is it important to know where our food comes from?"**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Students enrolled in an **International Studies** program/major (graduate or undergraduate) at an accredited college or university. This category will be allocated a single \$2,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$1,000.00 scholarship for second place. As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that discusses **"Global Trade & Economic Development as it relates to California."**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Students enrolled in a California high school and recognized as a **"Tri-County Poppy Achievers"** (defined as the top 1 one percent of students in your graduating class for academic performance in one of the Tri Counties - **Placer, Sacramento or San Joaquin county**). This category is intended for students currently enrolled in high school and planning to graduate at the end of the spring semester of 2005. This category will be allocated three \$2,500.00 scholarships for first place and three \$1,000.00 scholarships for second place. As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the following question: **"How would you market a successful Fair in order to bring in over one million attendees?"**

4a. \_\_\_\_\_ **For past participants (exhibitors) in the California State Fair** from 2002, 2003 & 2004 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 or university in the Fall of 2005. This category will be allocated a single \$2,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$1,000.00 scholarship for second place. As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the question: **"What did I gain from being an exhibitor at the California State Fair?"**

4b. \_\_\_\_ **For past participants (exhibitors) in the California State Fair** from 2002, 2003 & 2004 in competitive programs for youth (livestock, horse, small animal, dog, County Fair Best of Show, and still exhibits). This category is intended for students who will be enrolled in an accredited community college in the Fall of 2005. This category will be allocated a single \$1,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$750.00 scholarship for second place. As part of their application packet, applicants in this category must submit a 500 word (maximum) statement that answers the question: **“What did I gain from being an exhibitor at the California State Fair?”**

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6. \_\_\_\_ Students enrolled in a **Teacher Credential Program** at an accredited college or university. Re-entry professionals included. This category will be allocated a single \$1,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$500.00 scholarship for second place.

7. \_\_\_\_ Students enrolled in **Viticulture or Enology** program/major (graduate or undergraduate). This category will be allocated a single \$1,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$500.00 scholarship for second place.

8a. \_\_\_\_ Students enrolled in a **Culinary Cooking and Hospitality Management** program/major. This category is intended for students who will be enrolled in the Fall of 2005 in an accredited California Culinary Specialty School and earning an Associates Degree. This category will be allocated a single \$1,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$500.00 scholarship for second place.

8b. \_\_\_\_ Students enrolled in a **Culinary Cooking** program/major. This category is intended for students who will be enrolled in an accredited Culinary Arts Vocational Trade School, or Community College in the Fall of 2005. This category will be allocated a single \$1,000.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$500.00 scholarship for second place.

9a. \_\_\_\_ **Agricultural Students** currently enrolled in a four-year accredited College or University and having successfully completed 12 units of credit of coursework in agricultural classes. Graduate or undergraduate students are acceptable. This category will be allocated a single \$1,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$500.00 scholarship for second place.

9b. \_\_\_\_ **Agricultural Students** currently enrolled in an accredited Community College and having successfully completed 12 units of credits of undergraduate coursework in agricultural classes. This category will be allocated a single \$1,000.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$500.00 scholarship for second place.

10a. \_\_\_\_ **Agricultural Students** currently in high school and planning to enter a four-year accredited College or University as an Agricultural student in the Fall of 2005. Seniors or juniors that are completing high school in Spring 2005 and planning to attend college in the Fall of 2005 also qualify. This category will be allocated a single \$1,500.00 scholarship for first place and a single \$500.00 scholarship for second place.

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11b. \_\_\_\_ **African American Students** currently in high school or Community College and planning to attend an accredited Community College in the Fall of 2005. This category will be allocated **two** \$500.00 scholarships. As part of their application packet, all applicants in this category must submit a two-page, typed, double-spaced personal statement that provides information about their African American background, current community involvement, career goals and desire to give back to their community.

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12b. \_\_\_\_\_ **Asian Pacific Islander Students** currently in high school or Community College and planning to attend an accredited Community College in the Fall of 2005. This category will be allocated **two** \$500.00 scholarships. As part of their application packet, all applicants in this category must submit a two-page, typed double-spaced personal statement that provides information about their Asian Pacific Islander background, community involvement, career goals and desire to give back to their community.

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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 2005:

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**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 am applying for full-time enrollment to 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 2005**. I have read and understand the Eligibility and Application Requirements of this Scholarship Program. I have included **two (2) complete sets** of the application and required documents. I am not related to any employee of the California Exposition & State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, Cultural Committees, 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, 2005. **IF CHOSEN, AS ONE OF THE FINALIST, I WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE FINAL INTERVIEW ON THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005, IN SACRAMENTO.**

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_