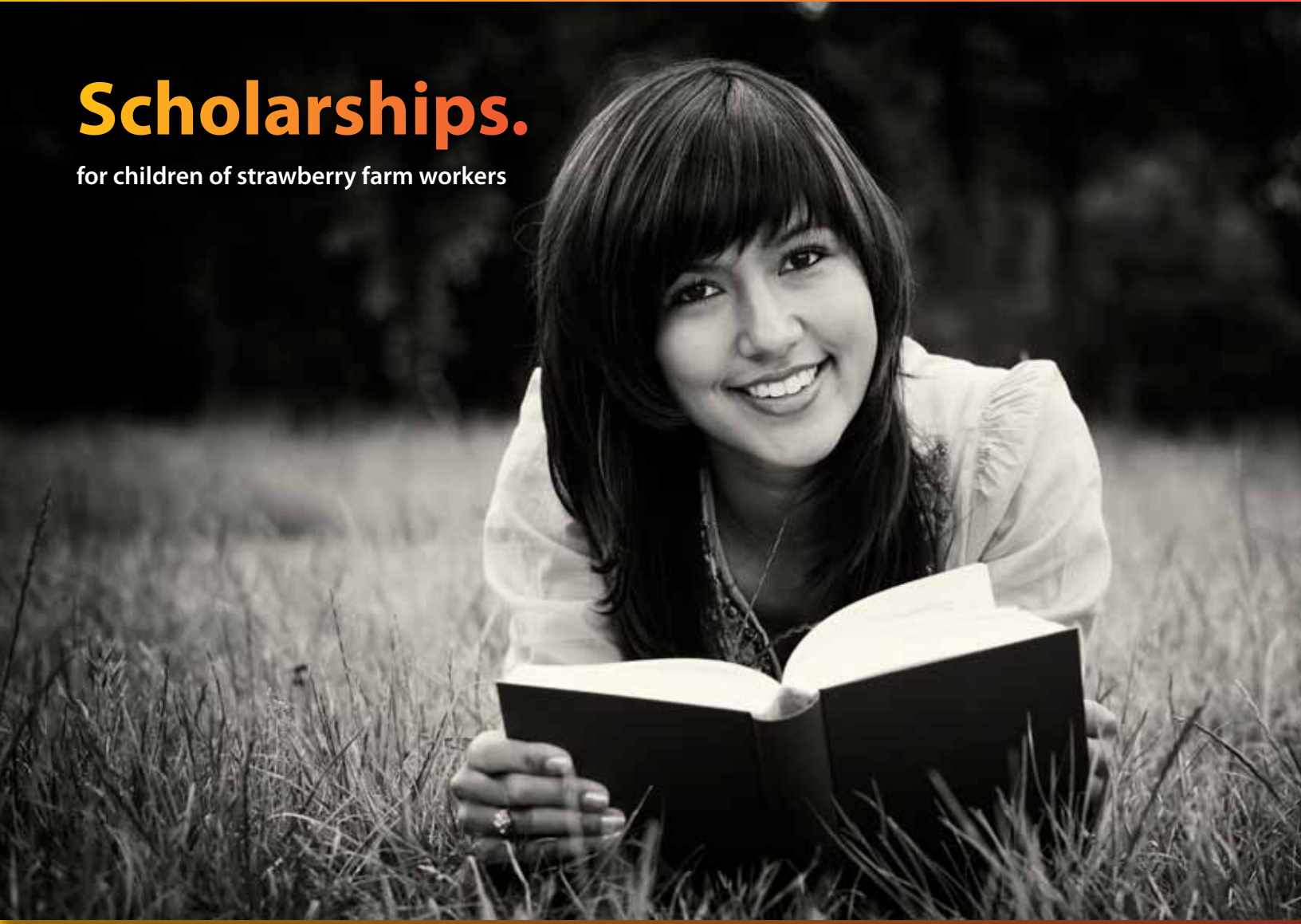


Scholarships.

for children of strawberry farm workers



**2010-2011
California Strawberry
Growers' Scholarship Fund**

What is the California Strawberry Growers' Scholarship Fund?

The California Strawberry Growers' Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 to provide continuing scholarships to students who received first year scholarships from the California Strawberry Scholarship Program. This nonprofit fund is supported by California strawberry growers, shippers, processors and affiliated industry members. Beginning in 2007, students who are currently enrolled, but didn't receive funding through the California Strawberry Scholarship Program for their first year, are also eligible to apply.

California strawberry growers offer scholarships to qualified applicants in each major strawberry-growing region of California: Watsonville/Salinas, Santa Maria, Oxnard, Orange County/San Diego and Fresno. Scholarship award values start at \$200 and are applied toward full-time status at a four-year college/university, junior college or accredited trade school. All scholarships are one-year allocations.

Funds are sent directly to the school and applied towards tuition and books. Recipients may pursue their preferred field of study.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the California Strawberry Growers' Fund scholarship, applicants must be children of strawberry farm workers and have at least one parent currently employed (for at least two consecutive years) in the California strawberry harvest. Growers and their families, permanent staff and board members of the California Strawberry Commission or their families are not eligible. All applicants must be sponsored by a legitimate California strawberry grower.

How is the selection made?

A selection committee comprised of members of the strawberry industry reviews applications and awards scholarships based on merit.

How can I apply?

Complete and return the attached application to the California Strawberry Commission. In addition to an application, candidates must submit the following items:

- An essay of no more than 1,000 words, describing your education & career goals
- Responses to 3 of the 9 questions listed in the application
- Final high school transcript - including SAT or ACT scores
- Current school official transcript, include official transcripts from any other colleges where you have taken courses for credit
- Two letters of recommendation. At least one of these must be submitted by an accredited teacher or counselor on school letterhead
- Employment Verification Form must be completed by parent(s) and employer in the strawberry industry (form attached to the application)

All materials are subject to verification by the California Strawberry Commission. Scholarships are then awarded to the students at luncheons held in the spring in each district.

How can I get an application?

Applications may be obtained through your academic adviser or the California Strawberry Commission, P.O. Box 269, Watsonville, CA 95077-0269, 1.800.899.1301. All materials submitted become the property of the California Strawberry Growers' Scholarship Fund.

All materials must be postmarked no later than March 12, 2010.

2010 – 2011 California Strawberry Growers' Fund Scholarship

Complete the application and return it to the California Strawberry Commission, P. O. Box 269, Watsonville, CA 95077-0269. Official transcripts, essay, the answers to 3 of the 9 questions and employment verification form should accompany the application and be submitted in a complete packet for consideration. **Deadline: Postmarked by: March 12, 2010**

Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Permanent address _____
P.O. Box/Street City/State Zip

Address at school _____
Dorm/Street City/State Zip

I may be contacted at my school address until _____
Approximate date

Phone numbers _____
Home Cell

E-mail address _____

Name of college attending _____

High school from which you graduated _____ Date _____

Educational Goal

- Obtain a doctorate degree Obtain a master's degree
 Obtain a bachelor's degree Obtain a two-year associate's degree
 Earn a vocational certificate Undecided

Academic

List in chronological order of attendance (most recent first) all colleges or universities you have attended with dates of attendance, major field of study and degrees and dates received at each school.

College/university	Dates of attendance	Major	Degree/date received
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If presently enrolled at a college or university list the name of the school, your major, the degree you expect to earn, and the date of expected graduation.

College/university	Dates of attendance	Degree	Expected graduation
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Graduate school applicants and students: If you are not currently enrolled in a graduate program, indicate the names of the graduate schools to which you have applied, or have been accepted and your expected graduation date. Include a copy of your acceptance letter and anticipated course schedule, if available.

School	Accepted? Yes/No	Expected graduation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Graduate degree goals (e.g., M.S., Ph.D.) _____

Area of concentration _____

Major _____

If you have academic plans for a degree beyond the master's level, indicate what they are _____

Service, extracurricular activities

List any volunteer activities. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Send a complete transcript of all undergraduate and graduate grades recorded to date along with this application. Transcripts must be official.

Answer 3 out of the 9 questions on a separate sheet of paper. A paragraph for each of the 3 questions you choose is adequate.

1. What challenges have you encountered?
2. Explain the importance of your field of study in today's society.
3. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.
4. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.
5. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.
6. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development.
7. How has your education contributed to who you are today?
8. Choose a person or persons you admire and explain why.
9. Choose a book or books that have affected you deeply and explain why.

Employment Verification

Your earliest response is appreciated.

The son or daughter of the individual below is being considered for a scholarship from the California Strawberry Commission. Your prompt response is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission office at 1.800.899.1301. All information is kept confidential.

Student name _____

Section 1: To be completed by parent of scholarship applicant

I authorize the California Strawberry Commission to obtain employment verification information as requested below, and I release all such parties from all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such information.

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Social security number _____

Employer _____

Employer phone _____ Employer fax _____

Section 2: To be completed by employer

Is this applicant currently employed? Yes No

If no, is the applicant currently laid off? Yes No

If yes, when will the applicant be called back to work? _____

Employment history for the past two years

Employment Dates 2008 From ___/___/___ To ___/___/___

2009 From ___/___/___ To ___/___/___

Job title/duties _____

Completed by (print name) _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Phone _____

Title _____

Company _____



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