February 2016

In our continuing commitment to promote awareness and education, the Salinas Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture (CWA) offers two scholarship programs for women in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. There is no age restriction for either of these scholarships, nor is either based upon financial need. Scholarships range from $500 to $2,000. Winners will be announced in May 2016 for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Requirements for the Women Pursuing Degrees in Agriculture Scholarship

Must be a female resident of or high school graduate from Monterey, San Benito or Santa Cruz County.

1) Must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree, an associate’s degree or a degree from an accredited trade school in agriculture or related subject area. This scholarship is only for undergraduate degrees and trade schools.

2) Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher upon graduating from high school

3) Must have a GPA of 2.8 or higher while pursuing a Bachelor or AA degree or trade school.

Requirements for the Farm Worker Scholarship

Must be a female resident of or high school graduate from Monterey, San Benito or Santa Cruz County.

1) Must be employed as a farm laborer or have at least one parent or a spouse who has been employed as a farm laborer for two consecutive seasons in Monterey, San Benito or Santa Cruz County.

2) Must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree, an associate’s degree or a degree from an accredited trade school in any subject area.

3) Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher upon graduating from high school.

4) Must have a GPA of 2.8 or higher while pursuing a Bachelor or AA degree or trade school.

Checklist for CWA Scholarship Applicants- Applications due Monday April 4, 2016.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Before mailing your application, make sure you have included:

☐ CWA Scholarship Application Form
☐ Statement of Educational Purpose
☐ School and Community Activities
☐ Certification of Application
☐ Recommendation Form - 1 recommendation required
☐ Official High School or College Transcripts (most recent)
☐ Employment Verification Form (Farm worker scholarship only)

Finalists may be required to meet with the CWA Scholarship Committee for an interview. The completed application including recommendations and official transcripts must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 4, 2016, and mailed to the following address:

CWA Scholarship Committee - P.O. Box 1210, Salinas, CA 93902
Please contact scholarship@salinascwa.org if you have any questions or need more information.
Women Pursuing Degrees in Agriculture Scholarship

Name: __________________________   Birth date: ________________________________________

Last   First   Middle   Month   Day   Year

Address: ____________________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

EDUCATION

High School
School name: ______________________________________   Dates attended: __________________________

G.P.A*: _______   SAT or ACT (if applicable): _______   Graduation date: __________________________

*See GPA requirements

College – Current/Intended
School name: ______________________________________   Dates attended: __________________________

G.P.A.: _______   Major: ___________________________   Expected Graduation date: ___________

*See new GPA requirements

*This scholarship is for students obtaining their undergraduate degrees

College level Fall 2016: (Circle one)  Freshman   Sophomore   Junior   Senior

If you are currently attending college, please indicate the number of units you will have completed by June 2016.

Quarter system units: __________   Semester system units: __________

How many units will you be enrolled in for Fall 2016? __________

Are you a past CWA Scholarship Recipient? __________   If yes, what year(s)? ________________

How did you hear about the CWA Scholarship? (Circle one)  School   Work   Parent’s Work   Other________


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STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Please answer each essay question and attach as one separate document. Each essay should be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words. Include your name on each essay and title each essay with the essay number and question. These statements will weigh heavily in consideration for the scholarship award.

Essay 1: Describe your educational and career goals. What career and/or degree are you considering or decided upon and why?

Essay 2: If you were running for President of the United States, what changes or ideas would you propose to improve or resolve a current issue(s) facing agriculture today. These issues can be viewed on a local or global level.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In the space below (or as an attached document), please list all school and community activities in which you have been involved. Please include dates of participation, awards won and offices held.

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In the space below (or as an attached document), please list any work experience.

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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

I hereby certify that I have completed all of the information on this application and to the best of my knowledge, it is correct and accurate. I acknowledge that all information on this application may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of scholarship award consideration. If I am selected for a scholarship award, I will notify the California Women for Agriculture Scholarship Committee promptly of any change in major, college residence or enrollment that would affect my eligibility for this award. Additionally, if selected, I will keep the Salinas Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture informed as to my whereabouts and employment progress following graduation.

______________________________________________
Applicant’s name

______________________________________________
Signature

______________________________________________
Date
CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

ONE recommendation is required

Applicant’s name: _________________________________

This page to be completed by reference:

Name: _________________________________________ Signature: _________________________________

Address: ______________________________________ Phone number: ________________________________

________________________________________ E-Mail address: _________________________________

Your relation to the applicant (must not be a relative or personal friend): _________________________________
Examples include teacher, employer, coach, clergy member, mentor, or counselor.

Please indicate your association with the applicant and how well you know her. In the space provided below, please address why you believe the applicant is a worthy candidate for the California Women for Agriculture Scholarship.

***You may submit a letter of recommendation with all the requested information on letterhead instead of using this form.

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You may mail or email completed recommendations directly to:

CWA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1210, Salinas, CA 93902
scholarship@salinascwa.org

Important Deadline: All letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than Monday April 4, 2016. Late applications and/or letters, and incomplete applications will not be considered.