

May 2009

Dear California Farm Management SIG Member:

The California Farm Management SIG Board of Director's is pleased to announce our second annual scholarship program. CFM wishes to help provide for the educational future of our children and grandchildren. Therefore, we hope to continue our CFM Scholarship Program on an annual basis.

Ten (10) CFM Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded to qualified recipients selected from all applications postmarked on or before **July 1, 2009**. The late fees collected from the groups' members fund these scholarships. The scholarship is open to all member companies and their employees. This also includes the children and/or grandchildren of those employees. Siblings are not eligible.

In order to be considered for a scholarship, an applicant **must** provide **all** of the information requested, including (1) the Application; (2) two letters of recommendation (3) a **complete** copy of the applicant's **official transcripts (i.e., certified by the learning institution with a raised seal or other official attestation)** (unofficial transcripts will not be accepted); (4) a resume; and (5) a typewritten essay, no longer than two pages, based upon the two topics provided with the application form.

*Please note: if a scholarship application is missing any of the required information by the end of the day on **July 1, 2009** or if the information provided is faulty (example: the applicant submits unofficial transcripts) then the applicant will not be considered.*

The scholarships will be awarded by August 1, 2009.

For more detailed information regarding the Scholarship Program and a copy of the Scholarship Application please access our website at www.cfmsig.com, click on the icon for Scholarship Application or contact Karen VanNostrand at 800-592-0047 or email at karen@calsig.com. We highly encourage you to take advantage of the CFM Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Wheeler, Jr.

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President

CALIFORNIA FARM MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarship recipient(s) will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be used at any college, university or post-graduate vocational school. Scholarship amount is determined by highest overall scores.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Member companies and employees; including the children or grandchildren of the employees may apply for a scholarship. Siblings are not eligible. Applicants must be one of the following (1) a high school senior, (2) a high school graduate (3) a recipient of a General Education Diploma (G.E.D.), or (4) a currently-enrolled, full time student in and undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational school.

No applicant may apply for more than one scholarship, and no family of an applicant may receive more than two scholarship awards per year. A permanent list of submissions including those awarded scholarships will be kept in the CFM scholarship file.

The scholarship will be distributed in two equal installments. The first installment will be received upon awarding the scholarship and the second installment will be received after first semester grades are submitted.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

1. Each candidate must postmark his/her application on or before July 1, 2009 to:

California Farm Management
2151 Convention Center Way Suite #203
Ontario, CA 91764
ATTN: Karen VanNostrand
2. Scholarships will be awarded by August 1, 2009, and if accepted by the candidate, must be used within the 2009-2010 academic year. Applicants will be notified whether or not they were awarded a scholarship by mail.

WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION PACKET?

1. TWO PAGE APPLICATION – Completely fill out the application. **Note: The application may be completed by either typewritten or handwritten method. If handwritten, the application must be completed in ink. An application completed in pencil will not be considered.**

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2. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION – One of the two letters should be from the CFM member who is sponsoring your application. The other letter of recommendation should be from a current or former teacher, counselor or school administrator.
3. A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT – Please submit an official high school transcript and an official secondary education transcript if applicable.
4. A RESUME – Applicants must submit a personal resume. The resume should show participation in extracurricular activities and community service.
5. AN ESSAY – The essay can be no longer than two typewritten pages. It must be based on *one* of the following:
 - a. Recount an educational experience that has made or left a significant impression on you and discuss how it has influenced your life.
 - b. Complete and discuss this phrase:

My educational goal is _____.

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Note: Answer each item applicable.

STUDENT NAME _____
(Type or Print)

STUDENT ADDRESS _____
(Type or Print)

(IF UNDER AGE 18) NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) _____

(Type or Print)

COMPANY NAME OF EMPLOYED _____
(Type or Print)

NAME OF MEMBER SPONSORING YOUR APPLICATION _____
(Type or Print)

RELATIONSHIP TO THE MEMBER/POLICYHOLDER _____
(Type or Print)

HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING OR PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED _____

(Type or Print)

CUMULATIVE GPA _____ **ACT SCORE** _____ **SAT SCORE** _____
(Type or Print)

EDUCATION INSTITUTION(S) YOU PLAN TO ATTEND _____

(Type or Print)

CAREER PLANS _____

(Type or Print)

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THE STUDENT APPLICATION WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

1. The cumulative grade point average (weighted graded are taken into account – seven semesters are worth a maximum of twenty-five (25) points per the following breakdown):

4.70-3.70	=	25 points
3.69-3.20	=	20 points
3.19-2.50	=	15 points

2. Test scores on the ACT/SAT are worth a maximum of ten (10) points per the following breakdown:

ACT	or	SAT
28 – 36 = 10 points		2055 – 2400 = 10 points
24 – 27 = 8 points		1905 – 2054 = 8 points
20 – 23 = 6 points		1750 – 1904 = 6 points

(If both tests are taken, the higher score will be used)

3. The student resume is worth thirty (30) points. Participation in school activities, leadership and community service should be evident.
4. The essay to be judged by the CFM Scholarship Committee is worth fifteen (15) points
5. The letter of recommendation from your teacher, counselor and/or school administrator is worth twenty (20) points.

Please Note: Each candidate must submit his/her completed application and supporting materials on or before July 1, 2009 to:

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Ontario, CA 91764
ATTN: Karen VanNostrand**

By signing below, I affirm that I have reviewed the above requirements, and that I am hereby applying for an academic scholarship with California Farm Management SIG.

Signature of Applicant

Date