



# TULARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

*Mission: to promote and enhance the viability of Tulare County agriculture.*

January 2022

Dear Teachers, Guidance Counselors & Students:

The Tulare County Farm Bureau Scholarship program was organized to give scholarships annually based on academic achievement, leadership skills and need. Below are the requirements for applicants, and a listing of all the available awards. Note, not all awards may be given each year and are contingent upon available funding and applicant pool. Applications should be typed.

**To be eligible:**

- **Must attend high school currently or have graduated from a high school in Tulare County**
- **Undergraduate and Graduate Students may be considered for awards**
- **Must complete and return application (PDF Form by email or paper version by mail)**
- **Must submit two letters of recommendation (from different individuals)**
- **Must submit a copy of current school transcript with application (prior to March 1) \*\***
- **Student must attend an in-person interview with the selection committee**

**PDF APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT: [www.tulcofb.org](http://www.tulcofb.org)**

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE MISSING FROM YOUR APPLICATION PACKET AFTER MARCH 1, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY TRANSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED PRIOR TO MARCH 1 DEADLINE.**

Awards are given primarily to agricultural majors, pursuing 2 or 4 year studies at major universities, trade schools, or community colleges. Awards are made by a Scholarship Committee of the Farm Bureau annually. Note: the Student of Farm Employee Awards, and the Sandi Gist Langiano Memorial have their own specific (non ag major) criteria.

Scholarships directed to Agriculture majors:

- TCFB Ag Career Scholarships
- TCFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarships
- Memorial Scholarships in honor of Robert Ludekens and Mary Rankin
- The Ken and Cindy Williams Scholarship
- RRS Endowment Scholarship for a COS Student
- Two Year College Scholarship
- Scott Shannon Memorial Scholarships (must attend a Visalia school)

Scholarships directed to other majors:

- Student of Farm Employee award is only for children of farm employees
- Sandi Gist Langiano Memorial award is for a teacher candidate in a credential program

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**DO YOU HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF A COUNTY FARM BUREAU?** No, but you must be currently attending or have graduated from a school in Tulare County.

**WHAT CRITERIA ARE USED TO SELECT WINNERS?** Awards are made based on scholastic achievement, career goals, leadership skills, and financial need. **Top applicants will be interviewed after the March 1 deadline.**

**WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?** **All information requested on the application must be postmarked on or before March 1.** We will not consider documents submitted after this date. You will be notified by mail of the selection committee's results by May 1.

**ARE SCHOLARSHIPS RENEWABLE?** Only the Shannon Memorial award is renewable. A current college registration form verifying 12 units or more and previous quarter/semester grades with a GPA of 2.8 or better will be required for renewal consideration. The Tulare County Farm Bureau office must receive this information and a letter requesting consideration for renewal no later than September 15 to receive a renewable award.

**WILL AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT BE ACCEPTED?** A transcript from the school registrar's office will be accepted, both official and unofficial, as long as it is issued by the registrar's office. A "screen print" from an internet page displaying grades will not be accepted.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Scholarship application and all required material pertaining to it must be sent to **Tulare County Farm Bureau Scholarship Fund, 737 N. Ben Maddox Way, Visalia, CA 93292 postmarked by March 1st.** Applications and/or accompanying documents postmarked after March 1st will not be considered. All material provided must be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and current application must be used or will not be accepted. The two letters of recommendation must contain the following: The name of the applicant, comments on the applicant's character and abilities and an opinion of his/her ability to profit from a college education. (A parent or close relative cannot be considered as a reference). The name and occupation of each person writing a letter of recommendation is required. Each letter must be signed. Letters of recommendation must also be postmarked by March 1st.

# TULARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: March 1, annually

Must currently attend or have graduated from a school in Tulare County to be eligible.

All applicants must be present in person for an interview.

Please type your application.

**Check all criteria that apply:**

I will attend a 4-year university

I will attend a 2-year college

Teacher Candidate

What college or university do you attend or plan to enter? \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Major course of study \_\_\_\_\_

For what occupation are you preparing? \_\_\_\_\_ Year of HS Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

I will major in an agricultural field of study

Previous awardee?

I will major in a non-agricultural field of study

One or both of my parents is a farm employee (and does not own or operate a farm).

Previous applicant?

I attend a school in the Visalia Unified School District.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
   First   M.I.   Last

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address   City   State   Zip

E-mail address   Telephone   County of Residence

Student Address if enrolled in college \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address   City   State   Zip

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. 12-18)  
   MM/DD/YY

Father's name in full \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's name in full \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Father's job title \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's job title \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Current School Name</b> <small>only list one unless dual enrolled</small>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City, State, Zip</b>	<b>GPA (required)</b>

List your work experience during the past four years.

Company Name	Date from (mo/yr)	Date to (mo/yr)	Position Held

List all extracurricular activities (school and community) in which you have participated during the past four years without pay (e.g., Red Cross, church, sports, volunteer work). (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

Activity	No. of years participated	Special Awards, Honors

Please report any unusual family or personal circumstances you feel warrant attention of the selection committee.

Other members of immediate family:

Relationship to Parent	Age (if under 21)	Degree of Dependency (entirely, ½, etc.)

List brothers or sisters in college:

Name	Age	School Name	Year in School

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Applicant must submit letters of recommendation (refer to INSTRUCTIONS for guidelines). The names and occupations of the persons (relatives excluded) who are writing the letters of recommendation should be listed below. If you are applying as a Teacher Candidate, please make certain one of your two letters is from a Teacher Educator at the university, or a Credential Advisor.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation

**APPLICANT:** Describe the most important educational, personal and leadership experiences that have led you to pursue a university education. Include reasons for your choice of major subject and your plans for the future. If you are applying as a Teacher Candidate, make certain to comment specifically on your future goals to be a teacher (grade, subject matter you hope to teach, etc.) Please type or write legibly and be brief. **(Use this space only.)**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Checklist:** Please remember to submit your transcripts and letters of recommendations as part of your final submission.

**You may submit this completed form by printing and mailing a hard copy or send by email to: [sandy@tulcofb.org](mailto:sandy@tulcofb.org)**

**Tulare County Farm Bureau**

**737 N. Ben Maddox Way**

**Visalia, CA 93292**

**Must be postmarked by March 1**