

Financial Aid Highlights

Financial Aid Highlights is a periodic electronic news update provided by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships for the benefit of prospective and continuing CSUB students and parents, high school and community college counselors, faculty, and staff. The electronic publication will contain informational items pertaining to financial aid and scholarships of relevance to the CSUB community. Past issues are archived on the Financial Aid & Scholarships homepage at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid>. Additional information regarding any given topic may be obtained by calling the office at (661) 664-3016.

The California Strawberry Growers' Scholarship Fund - FAH (Vol. 9, No. 20)

Students are advised that 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. For the first time this year, 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 seasons) 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 application to the California Strawberry Commission. In addition to an application, candidates must submit the following items:

- An essay of no more than two pages describing your education & career goals
- Final high school transcript - including SAT or ACT scores
- Your current school official transcript, include official transcripts from any other colleges where you have taken course 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: to be completed by parents 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 advisor or the California Strawberry Commission, P.O. Box 269, Watsonville, CA 95077-0269, 831.724.1301. All materials submitted become the property of the California Strawberry Growers' Scholarship Fund.

All materials must be postmarked no later than March 14, 2008.

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