



Ventura County Chapter CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The mission of California Women for Agriculture is to educate and advocate for agriculture - specifically California Agriculture. In addition, CWA Ventura County Chapter strives to increase awareness of, appreciation for, and connection between our local community and Ventura County farmers and ranchers.

To this end, for many years we have awarded scholarships to help fund the education of promising students planning to pursue careers in agriculture or agriculture-related fields. These scholarships have been awarded to students attending universities, junior colleges and trade schools.

The entire community of Ventura County benefits when we help our young people realize their dreams. It is also our intention to lend financial help to those in need.

The number and dollar amount of scholarships awarded may vary from year to year.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked or received through email by **July 15, 2021**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please email completed application and supporting documents to: vccwascholarships@gmail.com, or mail to:

**CWA Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 4494
Ventura, CA 93007**

Awards will be distributed at an event to be announced. If you are awarded a scholarship, your presence at this event is requested. You will receive your scholarship funds by way of check payable to your school.



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Submission of your application authorizes our scholarship review committee to consider you for all the scholarships that we may award.

Topa Topa Flywheelers Scholarship \$1000

Topa Topa Flywheelers is a group of people of all ages and professions who have dedicated their time and efforts to the collection, restoration and operation of machinery and implements as used in agriculture in by-gone days. The primary purpose of the club is to collect, preserve, restore, display, show, and operate antique farm equipment and machinery. Their second objective is to educate the public regarding how this equipment was used in the past and for what purpose.

General CWA Scholarship \$1000

The general CWA Scholarship award will be given to a deserving student who we think has potential to be successful in a career in agriculture or a related field.

Agricultural Employee Family Scholarship \$1000

The Agriculture Employee's Family scholarship will be given to a student whose parent/guardian has been employed in Ventura County agriculture for the past two (2) years. (farm labor, work for an Ag-related industry such as chemical company, packing house, well drilling, etc.) If you would like to also be considered for the Agricultural Employee Family Scholarship, **please include documentation supporting your family's connection** to an agriculture-related employer.

Carolyn Leavens Memorial Scholarship \$1000

Carolyn Leavens (1930-2011) was a guiding light for agriculture and education in Ventura County. As a 4th generation farmer in our county, her roots in agriculture were well established. She was a founding member of the Ventura County Chapter of CWA and CWA State President in 1981. Carolyn also played important roles in American Agri-Women including AAW president from 1983-1985. She received several prestigious awards including California Legislature Woman of the Year in 1988. Carolyn Leavens also had a key role in bringing CSU Channel Islands University to Ventura County. We name this scholarship in her memory to recognize and appreciate her dedication and hard work on behalf of agriculture and education in Ventura County.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must complete and sign the 3-page application.
- Applicant must have a cumulative high school or college grade point average of 2.8 or higher.
- Applicant must provide an official transcript of grades from current school
- Statement of Educational Purpose:

Applicant must submit a 1-page essay about yourself telling us why you are a deserving candidate for this scholarship. Please tell us about your background, your current achievements, and your education dreams and goals. If selected, this may be included in VC CWA publications.

- Applicant must provide a list of extra-curricular school activities, community service, church participation, and other accomplishments you would like to share with us. Include any awards you have received.
- Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation from a non- family member.
- High school seniors and college students are eligible to apply.
- Past recipients are eligible to re-apply.
- Include a photo, which may be used in CWA publications, if you are selected.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ F__ M__

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Date of birth: _____ (mm/dd/yy)

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Student Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Student Employment History for last two years:



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EDUCATION

School You Are Currently Attending:

School Name: _____

Student there since when: _____ G.P.A. _____

Anticipated Graduation date: _____

Please ensure official transcripts for this school are included with your application.

Planned College/University or Trade School:

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Planned Start Date: _____

Major: _____

Expected Graduation Year: _____

Are you a previous CWA Scholarship recipient? Y / N Date: _____

Are you a current CWA member? _____



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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

I certify that I have completed all of the information on this application and, to the best of my knowledge, it is complete and accurate.

I acknowledge that all information on this application may be disclosed to third parties for the sole purpose of scholarship award consideration.

If I am selected for a scholarship award, I will notify the California Women for Agriculture, Ventura County Chapter, promptly of any change in my college major that could affect my eligibility for this award.

Additionally, if selected, I will keep the California Women for Agriculture, Ventura County Chapter, informed as to my whereabouts and employment progress following graduation.

I understand that the decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

Selected Students will be invited to attend a special event when their scholarship award will be announced and presented to them. Date and time of this event will be included with your award notification.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____