**2020/2021 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

The California Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy will award a total of $1,500 in scholarships to two eligible California residents currently enrolled in a degree program in crop production, plant science, soil science, agronomy, or a related science field.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Applicants must be an undergraduate of at least sophomore-level standing and be enrolled full-time the semester or quarter of the award or the semester or quarter immediately following the award.
2. Applicants must be a resident of California and be enrolled in a California college or university.
3. Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) calculated through the last quarter or semester prior to application.

**APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:**

1. Download the application form below and complete items 1-4 on pages 2-3. Applications are due by midnight January 4, 2021.
2. Scholarship funds will be released upon selection and proof of enrollment. Recipients will be notified by Monday, January 18, 2021 with the monetary award available after February 1st.
3. Scholarship recipients are required to report the monetary amount of the award to the financial aid department of the academic institution in which they are enrolled.
4. All scholarship recipients will be recognized at the annual California Plant & Soil Conference, which will be held virtually on February 2-3, 2021. Recipients will receive free registration to attend the conference. Attendance at the conference is encouraged but not required.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Submit all application materials to Dr. Jacob Wenger at jawenger@mail.fresnostate.edu.

**Applications must be received no later than midnight Saturday, January 4, 2021**.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Please note: Materials sent from applicants, not including letters of recommendation sent by references, should be sent in a single email.**

1. **Introductory Information**

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Street City Zip Code

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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High School Graduated From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Name City State

Previous High School(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College or University currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Colleges or Universities previously attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major or field of study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Desired Career: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Essay (40% of score)**

Provide an autobiographical statement on a single page according to the instructions below. Use single spacing and Arial font no smaller than 11 pt font. Do not include your name anywhere on the essay. Save your essay as a pdf and submit it with the rest of your application.

**Autobiographical Statement Instructions**

Your essay should be based upon your personal relationship with the field of agronomy.

Do not be vague: This is your opportunity to demonstrate your passion for Agronomy by referring to specifics from your life: internships, jobs or experiences, classwork, etc., that have been formative in guiding you down this path to Agronomy. Be detailed. Focus on describing your past experiences in reference to any future plans and/or goals you have. Any future plans described should be well supported by past experiences and choices, as described in your essay. If you have specified a focus in your studies in the application, e.g. plant breeding or precision agriculture, your essay should talk about this somewhere.

Your essay should be well-written with good grammar and punctuation, and must follow the formatting guidelines specified above.

1. **Scholarship or academic performance (30% of score)**
2. Include transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. Unofficial transcripts or photocopies are acceptable but must be clearly legible.
3. **Letters of recommendation (30% of score)**
4. Provide two letters of recommendation. At least one letter must be from a college or university faculty member and the other from an agricultural industry employer or leader. Emailed letters sent directly from the reference are preferred. Letters sent as hardcopies by the applicant must be in a sealed envelope provided by the reference. Letters emailed by applicants will not be accepted.