



## **BILL AND JANE FISCHER VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021-2022 Academic Year**

In 1954, the late Bill Fischer began his career with the University of California Cooperative Extension as an assistant in Stockton, where he conducted his first weed control trial in Tokay grapes near Lodi. Three years later, he was appointed Farm Advisor in Fresno County with responsibilities for agronomic crops (corn, sorghum, wheat, barley, oats, and rice) and weed control in cropped and non-cropped areas. Gradually, Bill relinquished his responsibilities in cereal crops and concentrated on weed control, or, as he preferred to call it, vegetation management.

Bill used applied research trials to develop new information and as teaching tools to demonstrate the effectiveness of selective herbicides as vegetation management tools. Bill's Extension education philosophy is best expressed by the following quotation: "My information is no information until you are informed of my information." His yearly vegetation management tours were popular and well attended. He contributed to multiple publications, several text books, IPM Manuals, and wrote many articles that appeared in scientific and popular journals. Bill and his wife, Jane, traveled widely during four sabbatical leaves. Jane assisted in photographing the weeds contained in the Growers Weed Identification Handbook, a publication of the University of California. Bill retired in 1991, as Farm Advisor Emeritus. Family, friends, and colleagues established a Vegetation Management Scholarship to honor Bill and Jane, and to promote the study of vegetation management as an important aspect of agriculture/plant science.

The Bill and Jane Fischer Vegetation Management Scholarship provides an award of approximately \$1,000 each year for individuals enrolled in studies in vegetation management/weed science. One or more awards may be made annually. The amount of the award(s) may vary with available funds.

***Graduate students are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.***

### **Selection Criteria**

Students from any accredited California university are eligible. ***Preference will be given to graduate students.*** Successful candidates will have demonstrated an interest in vegetation management (weed control) careers and will have a major or concentration in one of the following areas (listed in order of preference):

- Vegetation management in agricultural crop production
- Plant Science with emphasis on vegetation management in horticultural crops, agronomic, or vegetable crops
- Soils and Plant Nutrition with emphasis on field, vegetable crop relationships
- Agricultural Engineering with emphasis on developing tools for vegetation management





**STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE:** Write a statement of your educational goals. Indicate your primary area of academic interest, why you chose it, how you feel it meets the scholarship criteria, any special qualifications you may have, and how you plan to use this educational opportunity when completed. Type or print legibly. Attach another page if needed.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** List activities in which you have participated and organizations to which you belong. Indicate offices held, honors received, publications, etc.

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that all the information provided is true and correct. If selected for this award, I authorize release of the above biographical information for use in publicity related to this award.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Completed application, two letters of recommendation and official transcripts must be postmarked no later than Friday, October 1, 2021. Documents may also be emailed separately to [apambrose@ucanr.edu](mailto:apambrose@ucanr.edu).

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