Lake County Winegrape Commission's 'Future of Agriculture' Scholarship

The Lake County Winegrape Commission, on behalf of Lake County winegrape growers, presents the "Future of Agriculture" Scholarship Program, open to all Lake County graduating high school seniors. Each scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student enrolled full-time in an area of study that will enable the student to contribute to the winegrape segment of the agriculture industry. Awards are designed to help offset tuition and school supplies.

In 2025, the Commission plans to award two $2,500 scholarships:

- One to a student who will attend a four-year university, with preference given to those studying viticulture, enology, plant pathology, crop science, sustainable agriculture, agribusiness, public policy, political science, or related field.
- One to a student who will attend a technical college, community college, or trade school, with preference given to those studying diversified agriculture, precision agriculture, agronomy, irrigation tech, ag chemical application, ag equipment management, robotics, welding, or related trade.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from a high school located in Lake County, California, with permanent residency in a Lake County school district for at least two years. Immediate relatives of LCWC Board Members or employees are not eligible.

Selection and Award

Award selection is based on applicant's financial need, academic achievement, and demonstrated interest in agriculture through ag-related activities, community service programs, and/or employment in an ag-related field.

The Commission's Community/Industry Relations Committee will review applications and may conduct finalist interviews to determine award recipient(s). The Commission's Board of Directors may make final award selections. The decision is final; there is no appeal. Funds will be awarded via check to the student upon submission of official transcript showing completion of first semester coursework.

Application Process

To be considered, applicants must submit a complete, signed application packet by mail to:

Lake County Winegrape Commission
Attn: Scholarship Program
3865 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451

Deadline: Application packets must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 4, 2025.

Questions: Email Debra Sommerfield, LCWC President, at *debras@lakecountywinegrape.org*

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2025 Application Form

To be eligible, application packets must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 4, 2025, and must include:

- ✓ Completed, signed application form
- ✓ A 250-word essay
- ✓ Signed, sealed official copy of current high school transcript
- ✓ Copy of parents'/guardians' most recent Federal 1040 tax return (first two pages only, social security numbers blacked out)
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation

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Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

High School: _____ **Final Projected GPA (GPA):** _____

How long have you lived in Lake County? _____

Please list all activities, organizations, clubs, community service groups, and volunteering that you have participated in during your high school career (indicate how many years for each):

_____ _____

_____ _____

Did you work during high school (e.g., job, internship, apprenticeship)? ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

If yes, please describe: _____

Select which type of educational institution you plan to attend:

☐ **Four-Year University** ☐ **Technical School/Trade Program/Community College**

Which educational institution do you plan to attend? _____

What program or area of study have you chosen? _____

★ **ESSAY PROMPT: On a separate page, please describe your experience and/or interest in agriculture and its influence on your future ambitions and career choice.** *(limit: 250 words)*

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____