



CENTRAL VALLEY OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Five scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in each of the following counties in the amount of **\$1,000.00** each: Merced, Madera and Stanislaus.

Criteria for Eligibility ~ CVOC Scholarship Awards

1. Student must be from a farmworker or verifiable low-income family.
2. The applicant must be currently enrolled or planning to pursue education at a vocational, junior college, state college or university on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 units) beginning Fall 2017 semester.
3. If selected, the applicant will be required to provide proof of enrollment at the vocational, junior college, state college or university of his/her choice.
4. **Applicants must have at least a 3.0 Cumulative College or High School GPA.**
5. Applicants must accurately and completely fill out the entire scholarship application.
6. College or High school transcript must be submitted.
7. Copy of 2023 Federal Income Tax Return must be submitted with scholarship application.
8. Recommendation Letters are encouraged with the scholarship package, but not required.
9. Applications must be received (postmarks not accepted) by CVOC no later than Friday, July 20, 2024.

Send To:

Central Valley Opportunity Center
Attn: Alicia Chavez, Scholarship Coordinator
PO Box 1389
6838 Bridget Court
Winton, CA 95388
Or
achavez@cvoc.org

You may mail or email your application.

10. Applications not meeting eligibility criteria and arrival date will not be considered.
11. The scholarship committee will screen all applications and conduct personal interviews with those selected as semi-finalists.
12. If you have any questions regarding this application or the application process, email Alicia Chavez at ACHAVEZ@cvoc.org or call her 209-357-0062, ext. 123.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Applicant Data:** This information is important. It contains vital information for the Scholarship Committee.
- Family Income:** List your total household income as listed on your parent/guardian's 2023 Federal Tax Return (which you would have attached on this application). Also, include other income (any employed family member living in the home and all other sources of income, ie: SSI, etc.)
- Biographical Information:** In your own words tell us about yourself, your family, your interests, etc.
- Photo:** If selected as a semi-finalist, you will be called in for an interview and at that time you will be required to bring a wallet-size photo of yourself (preferably your senior picture). If you are selected as a scholarship winner, your photo may be published in the CVOC awards ceremony program booklet and may be used for other CVOC marketing purposes.
- Work Experience:** It is important to include any internships or work you have performed whether it was for wages or volunteer work.
- Activities, Awards, Honors:** Include **COPIES** of all awards, certificates, etc. for school and outside activities.
- Goals & Aspirations:** Please describe role models, incentives, motivations, etc.
- Unusual Circumstances:** This information is highly confidential and important to the Scholarship Committee.
- School Data:** This section is used as a reference when further information is required.
- Transcript Information:** **Any applicants with a cumulative GPA lower than 3.0 will not be considered.**

Please feel free to provide your responses to questions on Biographical Information, Awards Received, Goals and Aspirations and Unusual Circumstances on separate sheets of paper.

Please attach them to the back of your application packet.



CVOC Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide employment, skills training, education, and emergency services to improve the quality of life for farm workers and underserved members in our communities.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES (leave no blanks)

Name: _____
(first, middle, and last)

Mailing Address: _____
(include city, state & zip code)

Your Email Address: _____ Do you check it at least once per week? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ (include month, date and year)

Phone Number (include area code): _____

Applicant Data

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Total Number of dependents as listed on the 2023 Federal Income Tax Return living in your home:

Are you the first child in your family to pursue a college education? _____
(yes or no)

If not, please list the names of the siblings and where they attend(ed) college:

PRINT student's first & last name: _____

Do you or your immediate family (parents or siblings in your household) have farmworker or agricultural employment within the last 24 months?

If yes, list the family member and the specific job.

Are you or is anyone in your family disabled physically or mentally?

FAMILY INCOME

Parent/Guardian's TOTAL Annual Income from 2023 Federal Income Tax Return:

Other income (any employed family member living in the home and all other sources of income, ie: SSI, etc.): _____

Please provide biographical information: Attach separate sheet if necessary.

PRINT student's first & last name: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe your work experience during the past four years. Indicate dates of employment in each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. Please include paid work as well as volunteer work.

Position and Company/Organization	Date Started	Date Ended	Average Hours Per Week	Reason for Leaving

AWARDS and HONORS

List all school and community activities in which you have participated during the past four years (e.g. student government, sports, choir, bank, volunteer work). Attach separate sheet if necessary.

GOALS and ASPIRATIONS

Write a brief paragraph describing your educational plans as they relate to your career objectives and future goals. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

PRINT student's first & last name: _____

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Write a brief paragraph describing any situation or circumstance that may hinder you from pursuing a higher education at this time. (You may include hardships or obstacles, family situations, etc.). Attach separate sheet if necessary.

SCHOOL DATA

Name of College or High School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Address of School: _____
(street, city, state & zip code)

Telephone Number of High School (include area code): _____

Name of High School Counselor or other person who assisted you with applying for this scholarship:

Please list other scholarships for which you have applied:

Please list the vocational, junior college, college or university for which you have applied or are currently attending:

Intended major or field of study: _____

PRINT student's first & last name: _____

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Students must include a college or high school transcript and have the following section completed by the appropriate school

In an effort to try to reach as many students as possible regarding our scholarships each year, please let us know how you became aware of this scholarship:

_____Merced Sun-Star _____Modesto Bee _____Madera Tribune _____School

_____Other (please explain): _____

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CERTIFICATION & AUTHORIZATION

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. We realize that if all required documentation is not submitted, the student will not be considered for a scholarship. If applicant is chosen as a finalist, he/she will be required to provide a wallet-size photo (senior picture preferred). *I/we authorize CVOC to use the photo of myself that I will submit if chosen as a finalist or winner to be published in CVOC's awards ceremony program booklet, CVOC's website and/or other marketing purposes.*

I understand and agree that CVOC may contact my (applicant's) parents or guardians to provide them with information regarding CVOC programs and services.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____