

March 1, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed you will find applications for scholarships to be awarded by the Santa Maria Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture. Scholarships are for students who are planning to major in or who are already enrolled in an agriculture-related field in college. It is not a prerequisite for the student to have been involved in agriculture programs in high school.

Scholarship awards will range from \$250 to \$2000 and must be redeemed by providing evidence of registration as a full-time student in a college, university or community college by December 31, 2017 or scholarship will be forfeited.

Applicants must provide sealed transcripts and two letters of recommendation, along with their application must be submitted together as one packet. See "Important Information" page for detailed instructions on completing the application.

Only California Women for Agriculture application forms will be accepted. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed. Applications may also be e-mailed upon request.

**Applications must be received or postmarked no later than April 17, 2017.** Winners will be notified by mail.

If you have school award ceremonies where it might be appropriate for us to present our scholarship, please send us the necessary information. We hope one or more of your students is selected! Applications are also available on our website ([www.santamariacwa.com](http://www.santamariacwa.com))

If you have any questions, please contact:

Melani Teixeira at (805) 709-7566 or (email) [m.teixeira@bejoseeds.com](mailto:m.teixeira@bejoseeds.com)

Thank you for posting or otherwise making the scholarship forms available to your student body.

Sincerely,

California Women for Agriculture Scholarship Committee



## California Women for Agriculture 2017 Scholarship Application

**IMPORTANT:**

**Must be typed - attach additional sheets, if needed.**

**Must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2017.**

**Read Requirements and Important Information Sheet. Application must be complete to be considered.**

**Mail to: CWA Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1898  
Santa Maria, CA 93456**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Email address:**

**City, State and Zip Code:**

**Telephone Number:**

**Alternate Telephone Number:**

**Last 4 Numbers of Social Security Number:**

**Parents' Names:**

**Parents' Address and Phone Number, if different from yours:**

**Current High School or College and Years Attended:**

**Previous High School and Year Graduated:**

**Previous College and Years Attended:**

**Name of College You Will Be Attending:**

**College Starting Date:**

**Major Course of Study in College:**

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**If you require additional space, attach a sheet of paper and be sure to reference the item number you are completing.**

**1. School Activities:**

**2. Community Involvement:**

**3. Work Experience:**

**4. What are your educational goals?**

**5. What are your career goals?**

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**6. How will you utilize and implement your educational experience in your career?**

**7. How will achieving your educational and career goals affect California's agricultural industry?**

**8. What part can our government (local, state, or federal) play in preserving agriculture?**

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This information is important and must be furnished.

**Estimated Sources of Funds for Education:**

- |   | <b>Amount<br/>Applied<br/>For</b> | <b>Amount<br/>Received</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A. <b>Loans/Scholarships/Grants - List:</b>   |                                   |                            |
| B. <b>Family Financial Support (per year):</b>  |                                   |                            |
| C. <b>Number in Household:</b>  |                                   |                            |
| D. <b>Student Savings:</b>  |                                   |                            |
| E. <b>Please note here any special circumstances which may reveal the need for financial assistance to continue your education:</b> |                                   |                            |

**Remember:** Two (2) letters of recommendation, one from a teacher or counselor and one from a non-family member, along with a sealed transcript (your most recent available), must be furnished to complete your application in one complete packet. Separate transcripts will not be accepted nor will emailed transcripts.

**If you have any questions, you may contact Melani Teixeira (805) 709-7566 or email [m.teixeira@bejoseeds.com](mailto:m.teixeira@bejoseeds.com) Applications are also available at [www.santamariacwa.com](http://www.santamariacwa.com)**

**REQUIREMENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ!**

Scholarship awards in varying amounts will be presented to qualified applicants at the sole discretion of the California Women for Agriculture scholarship committee.

Scholarships will be presented to high school seniors entering college or to continuing college students.

Selection will be made by the scholarship committee of California Women for Agriculture on or around May 1, 2017. Applications must be postmarked by April 17, 2017 to be considered.

Applicants must meet the following **REQUIREMENTS**:

1. Must be a graduating senior or a graduate of a high school in Northern Santa Barbara or Southern San Luis Obispo County.
2. Must fulfill entrance requirements of an accredited two-year or four-year college or university of his or her choice.
3. Must enroll in an agricultural or agriculture-related major.
4. Must be enrolled as a full-time student while in college (at least 12 units per semester).
5. Must have a purposeful agriculture-related educational goal.
6. Must provide two (2) letters of recommendation -- one from a teacher or counselor and one from a non-family member.
7. Proof of registration in college will be required before funds are paid, and such written proof must be presented by December 31, 2017 or scholarship will be forfeited.
8. Completed application, letters of recommendation, and sealed transcript must be mailed to:

California Women for Agriculture  
P.O. Box 1898  
Santa Maria, CA 93456

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. All applications and supporting information become the property of the Santa Maria Chapter of the California Women for Agriculture, which shall have discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to these awards.
2. High school extracurricular and community service activities will be important in the selection process.

California Women for Agriculture adheres to the following Affirmative Action principles: In accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, California Women for Agriculture does not discriminate in any of its policies, procedures, or practices on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, mental condition, or handicap.