



GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION 2016

1. The Blue Diamond Growers Scholarship has been established for promising young students from California who plan to attend, or are attending, a college offering at least a **four-year degree** in Agriculture. Students transferring from a Community or Junior College to a four-year university program are also eligible.
2. To be considered, the student must be from an almond producing area of California and must have the intent to be a full-time student in a four-year college and have a major in selected fields of agriculture.
3. Candidates who are High School graduates, but have not yet enrolled in a four year university should have achieved a 3.3 or higher grade point average during their high school career.
4. Candidates currently enrolled in a four year university should also have achieved a 3.3 or higher grade point average during their college enrollment.
5. The Selection Committee must receive both high school and all college transcripts if applicable, indicating the cumulative GPA. Please include official sealed transcripts with your application. Please submit your completed application to:

BDG Foundation / Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1768
Sacramento, CA 95811
6. Only fully completed application forms will be accepted. Applications should be typed, legibly handwritten or computer generated by the applicant. Please enclose one personal photograph with your application for potential use in Almond Facts magazine - must be an original print or on photo paper; normal printer paper is not high enough quality.
7. Please submit two recommendations from non-relatives. One of the recommendations must come from a person outside the teaching profession.
8. Recipients of the Blue Diamond Growers Foundation Scholarship will be selected by a Scholarship Committee which has been appointed by the Board of Directors of the Blue Diamond Growers. Selection will be based solely on the student's application and personal recommendations.
9. Selection criteria include:
 - a. Scholastic Achievement.
 - b. Leadership Qualities such as participation in 4-H, FFA, church, clubs, student government and civic organizations.
 - c. Financial need.
 - d. Strong consideration will be given to applicants in the almond growing areas of California who the Committee believes will have an excellent chance of returning to a vocation in production agriculture, processing or marketing of agricultural products, or agricultural education.
10. Applications from previous award winners will not be accepted.
11. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure that all information arrives by the deadline.
12. Application deadline is **March 31, 2016**. Applications must be postmarked by this date to qualify.
No Exceptions Will Be Made.



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____
Last First Middle Month/Day/Year

HOME ADDRESS _____ CA _____
Street City State Zip

BIRTH PLACE _____

HOME PHONE (_____) _____ EMAIL _____

SCHOOL RESIDENCE _____
(IF NOT LIVING AT HOME)

SCHOOL RESIDENCE PHONE (_____) _____

EDUCATION:

LIST ALL HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES ATTENDED (including your present school) with dates of attendance and graduation/anticipated graduation date. Please start with your current enrollment. All official transcripts must be submitted to the Committee.

Name and Location of School	Attendance Dates	Graduation Date	Major	Grade Point Average
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

INDICATE YOUR COLLEGE LEVEL FOR FALL 2016 (CIRCLE ONE):

FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR

I hereby certify that I have completed all of the information called for on this application and that it is true and correct. I acknowledge that all information on this application may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of scholarship award consideration. If I am selected for a scholarship award, I authorize the release of biographical information about myself for use in publicity related to the scholarship program. I further agree that I will notify the Blue Diamond Growers Foundation promptly of any change in my major, college residence etc., which would affect my eligibility for this award.

DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2016 _____
Signature Date



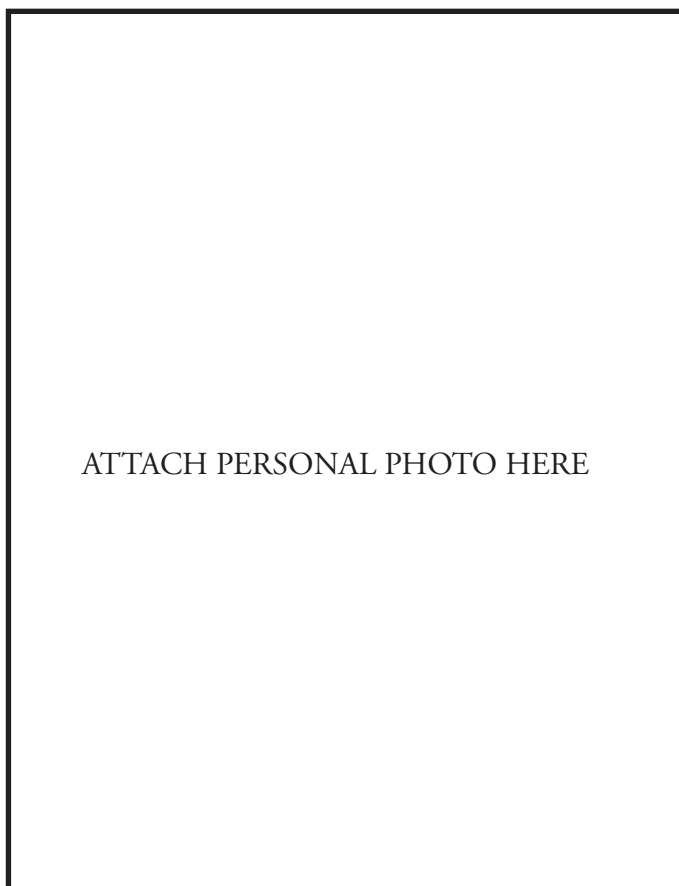
PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPH

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME _____

COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN 2016 _____

MAJOR _____



ATTACH PERSONAL PHOTO HERE

DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2016 _____
Signature Date



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

In the space below, please list all school and community activities in which you have been involved. Please include the dates of participation along with awards you have won or offices you have held. These activities might include 4-H, athletics, clubs, church activities, or similar endeavors. **This statement will weigh heavily in your consideration for the scholarship awards.**

DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2016 _____
Signature Date



STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

In the space below or on an attached sheet, write an essay of no fewer than 150 words and no more than 250 words concerning your educational objectives, your future in agriculture and what you consider to be some of the main problems in agriculture at present. **This statement will weigh heavily in your consideration for the scholarship award. Be sure to address all three parts of the topic. Please submit this page if separate sheet is used.**

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP? _____

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Signature Date



GENERAL INFORMATION

- If granted a scholarship, the student must submit proof of enrollment to Blue Diamond Growers Foundation Scholarship Committee. This can come directly from school or submit copy of class schedule which can be verified. Submit verification to:
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- Scholarship award will be sent directly to student.
- The committee will give an additional 5 points out of 100 to an applicant who is a son or daughter of a Blue Diamond Growers member or employee. Student must meet all selection criteria and submit a completed application within the listed time frame. No exceptions.
- Scholarships are intended for students attending a four year university. However, scholarship winners who are diverted to a two year, community or junior college program may still be eligible, depending on the circumstances. Winners should submit the reasons for the change to a two year college for Committee review. The committee may opt to hold funds until student is enrolled in a four year university program.
- The almond growing region of California is defined by the following counties: Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yolo, Yuba, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern.
- Preference will be given to students selecting areas in plant sciences, ag engineering, ag economics, or subjects with relevance to almond production. Include your vision as to how your studies may impact the California Almond Industry.
- This is not a personal interview scholarship, but the committee reserves the right to contact references and school to verify student's information.



STUDENT CHECKLIST

To assure your application is complete before mailing, use the following check list to verify that all required items are in your packet.

- Biographical information
- Photo page and information
- Statement of educational purpose
- School and community activities
- 2 recommendation forms – one outside the education fields and no relatives
- Transcript(s)
- Financial needs – optional

Recommendation letters and School Transcripts should be in sealed envelopes.

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