

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Purpose

The FUSD Scholarship Fund provides employees an opportunity to support Fresno Unified students who might not otherwise have the financial means to achieve their education goals beyond high school. Fresno Unified School District has a strong community of employees who care deeply for our students and this is one more way we can support their continued success, while investing in our community. Together, we will put money for college or trade/technical education into the hands of some of our most deserving students in the name of Fresno Unified employees.

The Support

All Fresno Unified employees will be invited to contribute to the Fund either through regular payroll deduction, or with a one-time donation. In addition, the Fund will be supported by community and business donations.

The Selection Criteria

- Graduating high school senior from one of FUSD's seven comprehensive high schools, and Cambridge, Design Science, DeWolf, Duncan, Patino, Phoenix, or J.E. Young
- Plans to attend a community college, 4-year university/college, or trade/technical school
- Submit current transcript, two letters of recommendation and completed typed application, including information on school and community involvement, career aspirations, and financial need
- Earn a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA

The Process

A selection committee will evaluate the applications using a scoring rubric that reflects the selection criteria. Every effort will be made to ensure a balanced distribution throughout all high schools.

The Award

For 2016/17, a minimum of \$600 per scholarship will be awarded. This may increase upon availability of funds.

The Governance

The FUSD Scholarship Fund will be administered in accordance with state law and Fresno Unified's agreement with the Central Valley Community Foundation, the community organization responsible for holding, managing, investing, and disbursing funds provided for scholarships. A district advisory committee will oversee the scholarship fund to ensure recipients meet the established selection criteria.

The Timeline

Applications available at high schools and online	February 1, 2017
Application deadline	March 16, 2017
Selection Committee Review/Score Applications	March - April, 2017
Recipients notified and scholarships presented	May, 2017