



Preparing Career Ready Graduates

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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 with current 10-12 augmented GPA, two letters of recommendation and completed typed application, including information on school and community involvement, career aspirations, and financial need
- Earn a minimum augmented 2.5 GPA or higher

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 2020/21, a minimum of \$600 per scholarship will be awarded. This may increase upon availability of funds. Students must show proof of enrollment at a community college, 4-year university/college, or trade/technical school within 18 months of high school graduation in order to claim their award.

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
Application deadline
Selection Committee Review/Score Applications
Recipients notified, and scholarships presented

February 5, 2021
March 4, 2021
March 11 –19, 2021
April 6 - 9, 2021

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2020-2021 APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name:		Current High School:	
Date of Birth:	Phone:	Cell phone:	
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Non-Binary	Augmented GPA:	Email:	
Higher Education Institution (College) of Choice:			
Course of Study/Major of Choice:			
Career Goal:			

IN ADDITION TO THIS TYPED APPLICATION FORM, CANDIDATE MUST SUBMIT:

1. CURRENT UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
2. TWO SIGNED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
3. A TYPED ESSAY DESCRIBING YOUR FINANCIAL NEED AND/OR UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES, AS WELL AS THE MOTIVATION/INSPIRATION FOR YOUR CHOSEN CAREER GOAL

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

(including sports, clubs, student government, etc.)

Activity	Participation Date (From/To)	Offices Held	Special Awards

COMMUNITY SERVICES/INTERNSHIPS

(including community events, volunteer activities, cultural events, outreach programs, etc.)

Name of Organization or Event	Participation Date (From/To)	Total Hours

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

(include all employment you have held in the past three years)

Job Title or Kind of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment (From/To)	Hours Per Week

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Name of Honor/Scholarship/Award Amount	Date Received

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2020-2021 APPLICATION**

MOTIVATION/INSPIRATION FOR CAREER GOAL (PLEASE LIST HERE AND DESCRIBE IN YOUR ESSAY)

Please describe an **event or experience** that has impacted your decision about your career goal.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Describe any **special skills, abilities, or hobbies**:

SIGNATURE

To the best of my knowledge, all the information provided is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must include:

- Completed typed application
- Current copy of unofficial transcript
- Two signed letters of recommendation
 - Electronic signatures are acceptable
- Typed essay that describes applicants:
 - Financial need and/or unique circumstances
 - Motivation/inspiration for your chosen career goal

Please return the completed typed application, letters of recommendation, and transcript no **later than Thursday, March 4, 2021**. Applications must be post-marked March 4, 2021 to be eligible for consideration.

Please note: *Application will not be accepted if some documents are uploaded through email and some are mail/hand deliver hardcopies. ALL documents must be submitted as a packet either through email or hand-delivered.*

Mail or hand-deliver to:
FUSD Scholarship Fund
College & Career Readiness Department OR
4120 North First Street
Fresno, CA 93726

Email to:
FUSDscholarship@fresnounified.org

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