**CENTRAL VALLEY**

**CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE**

**2021-22 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**for College-level Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors**

**Pursuing a Degree in Agriculture**

***Deadline for Receipt of Application: March 10, 2021***

January 12, 2021

Division Heads/Directors/Department Chairs:

The **Central Valley California Women for Agriculture (CVCWA**) is pleased to announce the call for scholarship applications! Enclosed is a CVCWA application packet of information. The number of scholarships awarded may vary, depending on CVCWA annual resources and applicant pool.

***ELIGIBILITY\****

* Applicants must be an undergraduate of at least sophomore-level standing **pursuing a degree/career in agriculture** and be enrolled full-time the semester or quarter for the 2021-22 academic year at an accredited state community college or state institution of their choice.
* Applicants must currently reside in the **county of Fresno or Madera**. ***Past CVCWA Scholarship recipients are not eligible*.** Students outside of these two counties should contact their CWA regional chapter for scholarship opportunities.
* Applicants should also demonstrate financial need, scholastic ability, leadership experience, community service, and other accomplishments, preferably in agriculture-related activities.
* Finalists must be available to participate in an interview with the CVCWA Scholarship Committee to discuss questions related to California agriculture during the latter part of March. The student(s) selected to receive the scholarship(s) will be notified in April. Proof of enrollment and verification of units for the Fall 2021 semester will be necessary prior to receiving the award at our August 2, 2021 chapter meeting.

***CRITERIA***

To receive full consideration, your complete package must include:

* Completed scholarship application (pages 2-6); and
* Copy of college transcript(s)
* In addition, two (2) recent letters of recommendation using the form provided at the end of this package (no attachments please) ***must be emailed by your references directly to the Scholarship Committee Chair, Jane Bedrosian, at jsbedrosian@nationalraisin.com***. One (1) letter ***must*** be from a recent college/university faculty member.

***Your application and a copy of your transcript(s)* must *be emailed* *as one PDF document*** directly to CVCWA Scholarship Committee Chair, Jane Bedrosian, at jsbedrosian@nationalraisin.com ***no later than*** ***March 10, 2021***. Please note your name in the subject line, *i.e*. *John Doe, CVCWA College Scholarship Application*. ***In addition, the two (2) letters of recommendations (no attachments please) must also be emailed by your references separately directly to Jane Bedrosian no later than March 10, 2021. No hand deliveries or late applications will be accepted after March 10, 2021***

***AMOUNT***

Award amount will be determined by the quantity and quality of the applicant pool.

This form will be available on our website under the scholarship tab at: <http://www.centralvalleycwa.org> effective January 12, 2021.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chair, Jane Bedrosian, at jsbedrosian@nationalraisin.com or by phone or text at (559) 351-3651.

Sincerely,

Nanette Simonian

*2021 CVCWA* President

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***SECTION 1 - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION***

Name:

 First Middle Initial Last

Address:

 Street number City State Zip

E-Mail: Phone: ( )\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2 – *EDUCATION***

 **College level**: Fall of 2021 (mark one) □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior

**Name of Institution(s) Attended Major Field of Study Major GPA Cum GPA Grad. Date**

***(2 yr. or 4 yr.) Current/Intended***

How many course units have you completed to date? Quarter: Semester:

How many course units are you enrolled in for fall of 2021? and planned units for spring of 2022?

**SECTION 3 – *FINANCIAL***

Applicant’s current annual income $ and anticipated parental/guardian support $

How did you learn about the CVCWA Scholarship (mark one)? □ school □ work □ parent’s work □ other

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**SECTION 4 – *STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE***

Applicant’s Name: Date:

Describe (in 300 words or less):

* What are your educational goals?
* Why you are pursuing a career in an agricultural related field, and what is your area of focus?
* How your contributions to the agricultural industry will affect our community?

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**SECTION 5 - *COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES***

Applicant’s Name: Date:

Please list your **college and community service activities** ***within the past two (2) years*** with special emphasis on

* leadership experience
* agricultural and/or other accomplishments
* specific types of events, awards, honors, scholarships received

Please list any recent **work** **experience** ***within the past two (2) years*** (paid, voluntary or personal experience on a farm) related to agriculture, and include the name of your employer, job title(s), duties, and dates of employment.

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Applicant’s Name: Date:

I hereby certify that I have completed all of the information on this application and to the best of my knowledge, it is correct and accurate. 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 will notify the Central Valley California Women for Agriculture (CVCWA) Scholarship Committee promptly of any change in my major, college/county residence, and/or course unit enrollment that would affect my eligibility for this award. Proof of enrollment and verification of units will be necessary prior to receiving the award.

I understand that I will be available for a virtual interview with the CVCWA Scholarship Committee if selected as a finalist during the latter part of March. I will be prepared to respond to questions related to California agriculture. If I am awarded a CVCWA scholarship, I also agree to virtually attend the August 2, 2021 chapter meeting to accept the award.

Signature

Date

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***Application, transcript and 2 letters of recommendation***

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**My Application Check-off List:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am pursuing a degree/career in agriculture.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending college as a full-time student (Semester or Quarter system) in Fall 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ I reside in Fresno or Madera County in the San Joaquin Valley.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will email my application (pages 2-6) and a copy of my current transcript(s) as one PDF to the Scholarship Chairman and note my name in the subject line, i.e. *John Doe, CVCWA College Scholarship Application* by the March 10, 2021 deadline*.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have requested two (2) letters of recommendation using form pages 7 & 8 (*no attachments please*) from ***the references to be emailed directly to the Scholarship Chairman*** (one (1) ***must be*** from a current faculty member).

\_\_\_\_\_ If I am selected as a finalist, I will be available to participate for a virtual interview in late March.

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\_\_\_\_\_ My application is complete.

**END OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Application packet and transcript(s) MUST be emailed as one PDF**

**to CVCWA Scholarship Chairman, Jane Bedrosian at**

**jsbedrosian@nationalraisin.com** **no later than March 10, 2021**

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**TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FORMS BELOW**

**Please email these forms to your two (2) references. These forms must be completed by your references and emailed directly to the Scholarship Chair no later than March 10, 2021**

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Applicant’s Name: Date:

Relationship to the applicant: □ Faculty/Advisor □ Employer □ Other (non-related):

Position title noted above College/University/Business

How long have you known the applicant? months or \_\_\_\_\_\_ years

Please **type** in the space provided below (***no attachments please***) and describe why you feel this applicant is deserving of a CVCWA scholarship.

Signed Telephone Date

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