



Deadline has been extended to April 15, 2023

California Women for Agriculture is an advocacy group of supporters of agriculture. Here, in Santa Maria, our local outreach includes youth contests and scholarships. Please note that student memberships are available for those looking for greater networking and opportunities through the organization.

Attached you will find our application for scholarships to be awarded by the Santa Maria Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture. Scholarships are for students who have exhibited interest in pursuing a career in agriculture by enrolling in a college course of study related to agriculture or enrollment in ag- related technical school or training.

Scholarship awards range from \$100 to \$2000 and are redeemed by providing evidence of registration as a full-time student in a college, university, community college, or trade program by **December 31 of your award year** or scholarship is forfeited.

Applicants must provide sealed transcripts (**transcripts may be official or unofficial but must be sealed by the school**) and **two current letters of recommendation** along with the application. All documentation must be submitted together as one packet (with the exception of transcripts if the school does not allow it). 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.

**Application including transcript must be received or postmarked no later than the last day of February.** Winners will be notified in May.

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

If you have any questions, please e-mail:  
**[santamariacwa@gmail.com](mailto:santamariacwa@gmail.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 Scholarship Application**

Mail to: CWA Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 1898  
Santa Maria, CA 93456

Name:

Preferred mailing address:

City, State, Zip:

Email address:

Telephone #: Alternate phone #:

Last 4 numbers of social security #:

Current high school or college and # of years attended:

Previous high school and year graduated, if applicable:

Previous college and years attended, if applicable:

Name of college/program you will be attending:

College/program start date:

Major course of study in college:

1. School activities:

2. Community involvement:

3. Work experience:

4. What are your educational goals:

5. What are your career goals:

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?

## Estimated sources of funds for education:

1. Loans/scholarships/grants – please list: Amount applied for Amount received
  
2. Family financial support (per year):
  
3. Number in household:
  
4. Student savings:
  
5. Please note here any special circumstances which may reveal the need for financial assistance to continue your education:

Applicant's signature below (or guardian, if a minor) grants permission for California Women for Agriculture to use applicant's image and name in promotional materials.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed name

**If you have any questions, you may contact**  
**[santamariacwa@gmail.com](mailto:santamariacwa@gmail.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 trade school, or to continuing students.

Selections will be made by the scholarship committee of California Women for Agriculture in April and announced in May.

Applicants must be the following **REQUIREMENTS**:

1. Must be a graduating senior, or continuing student who graduated from 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 or chosen trade program.
3. Must exhibit plans to pursue a career in agriculture through their chosen course of study.
4. Must be enrolled as a full-time student while in college (at least 12 units per semester/quarter).
5. Must provide two (2) current letters of recommendation – one from a teacher or counselor and the other from a non-family member. Letters can either be a blanket letter or specific for the CWA Scholarship but MAY NOT be letters provided that reference other organizations or their scholarships.
6. Proof of full-time registration in college must be provided to CWA before funds are paid; written proof must be provided by **December 31 of the award year** or scholarship is forfeited.
7. Current sealed transcripts must be provided (official or unofficial is fine but must be sealed by the school. If the school sends transcripts via online portal, this is also acceptable).
8. Completed application, letters of recommendation, and sealed transcripts must be submitted in one package\* postmarked by **the last day of February** to:

CWA Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 1898  
Santa Maria, CA 93456

\*exception: if school requires direct delivery of transcripts or e-mails through a school portal

## **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 extracurriculars, 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.