California Rare Fruit Growers

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Spring 2009

CRFG, INC. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
PURPOSE:
To provide financial assistance to deserving university undergraduate students.

SPECIFIC GOALS EXPECTATIONS:
- Publicize the program statewide utilizing six university contacts.
- Attract qualified candidates: Scholarships are available to students attending only six universities: Cal Poly Pomona, Fresno State, Chico State, U.C. Davis, U.C. Riverside and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for the trial year 2009 - 2010.
- Promote fruit growing interest and education.
- Involve the CRFG Chapters and CRFG members.
- Provide four $1000 Scholarships in 2009-2010

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCESSES:
- Administered through the CRFG Development Fund.
- A Sub-committee of the Development Fund Committee has been established consisting of 5 to 7 members and is called the Scholarship Committee.
- Scholarship committee shall provide the oversight and administration of the program and coordinate the CRFG Scholarship with any other Chapter Scholarships such as the Orange County Scholarship.
- Scholarship Committee shall make the final selection on recipients.
- Shall be a "pilot program" in 2009, limited to applicants from six universities.
  - Four scholarships of $1000 each to be awarded in 2009-2010
  - Each university shall have a "contact person" (preferably a fruit science faculty member) to work with the CRFG Scholarship Committee to promote, solicit applications and help to screen the applicants to no more than three per institution.
- Shall be an annual event with scholarship(s) awarded by July each year
- Paper applications required; applications will be posted on the CRFG website
  - Applications (hard copy) from the candidates shall be sent or hand delivered to the University Contact person by 12 noon on Friday, May 22. University contacts will mail no more than three applications by U.S. Mail postmarked on or before June 1, 2009
  - Applications shall be sent by the University Contact persons to Dr. Joe Sabol, Vice President, CRFG, 27 Cottonwood Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93405
- Two strong letters of recommendation required.
  - One of the letters "should" come from the university contact person.
- Recipients shall be invited to the Festival of Fruit in Santa Rosa; Registration fees shall be paid for by the Development Fund.
- Recipients shall be "assigned" an appropriate mentor or contact within the CRFG who will serve as a "big brother" and communication link for the year.
- Recipients may re-apply the following year(s) for the scholarship
• Recipients shall be encouraged to submit one article to the Fruit Gardener Magazine and/or give a presentation at the Festival of Fruit.

REQUIREMENTS:
• Current full time undergraduate student at one of the six institutions with an appropriate major and/or career goal
• Satisfactory progress in school with minimum of 2.5 GPA recommended, transcripts required.
• Element of financial “need” will be considered
• Strong interest and past experience in growing fruit (particularly rare or unusual)
• Goals and ambitions, especially related to fruit growing or fruit science.
• Highly recommended, one of the two letters of recommendations from the university contact person.
• Written application, hard copy, along with transcripts and the two letters of recommendation, all in the same envelope must be received by the University Contact person by 12 noon, May 22. No more than 3 applications shall be mailed on by the University Contact Person, postmarked on or before June 1, '09.

APPLICATION and SELECTION
• Applications available from the six university contact persons or members of the Development Committee and other selected CRFG Leaders
• Final selection to be made by the CRFG Scholarship Committee

TIMETABLE:
• Application period, April 1 through noon, May 22, award granted on July 1.

NOTES: This is the final draft and replaces all others prior to…. April 23, 2009
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Scholarship Application

Due date: To University Contact by noon, May 22, 2009. University Contact to mail on or before June 1, 2009.

Note: Transcripts and two letters of recommendation must accompany this application.

Full Name: ________________________________________________
Current Address ______________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
Phone (  ) ____________________ Cell (  ) __________________
Email address ________________________________________________

Are you or your parents currently members of CRFG? ______
List schools attended (including your present school)
High School ____________________________City ________________
Community College?__________________________________________
University? ________________________________________________
Currently attending what college/university:
________________________________________________________________
Major ____________________________ Year/level __________________
Current GPA for most recent term ______
Overall GPA for all college work completed ______
Please include a copy of your transcripts for all college work completed or verification of full time enrollment.
Major Advisor ____________________________
Phone number of major advisor ____________________________

Please describe your future goals, your career goals, and how the growing of rare or unusual fruit might play a role in your future: (60 words or less)
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List your work experience during the past 2 years; Indicate dates, hours worked per week, etc. (60 words or less)


Please describe your interest and recent experiences in growing rare or unusual fruit. (60 words or less)


Notes:

1. Please include a copy of all of your college transcripts.
2. Please include two letters of recommendation. The persons writing your letters of recommendation are:


Need further information: Please call Dr. Joe Sabol (805) 544-1056
Or Email: Jsabol@calpoly.edu
Please send or hand deliver completed application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendations to your University Contact Person listed below by 12 noon, Friday, May 22, 2009.

Cal State University, Chico.....Dr. Richard Rosecrance
Cal State University, Fresno..... Dr. James Farrar
Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo - Dr. Lauren Garner
Cal. State Polytechnic University, Pomona - Dr. Greg Partida
University of California, Davis- Dr. Louise Ferguson
University of California, Riverside - Dr. Carol J. Lovatt

University Contact person shall mail no more than three applications and support materials to Dr. Joe Sabol before or on June 1, 2009

Dr. Joe Sabol
27 Cottonwood Lane
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

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