



COLUMBIA GORGE FRUIT GROWERS *SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

A total of \$3,500 in scholarship money is available. The number of scholarships awarded and the dollar amount awarded is at the discretion of the Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers' Scholarship Committee.

High school seniors and students currently enrolled in college are eligible to apply. Funds will be sent directly to scholarship recipients.

- High school seniors will receive the funds upon enrollment. Recipient will need to provide proof of registration/enrollment prior to receiving funds.
- Current college students will receive the funds after providing verification of enrollment for the following term.

High school student recipients will be announced during their respective high school award events. College student recipients will be notified no later than the end of May during the application year.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Student must have a parent/legal guardian that is a verified member of Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers Association, **OR** student must have a parent/legal guardian that is employed by a tree fruit operation in the Mid-Columbia area, **OR** student is currently/will be enrolled in a program related to agriculture. Preference will be given to students planning to study agriculture.
2. Student must be a high school graduate by June of the current year from a Mid-Columbia area high school and be considered a resident of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Klickitat, or Skamania Counties.
3. Scholastic performance: minimum GPA 3.25

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Completed applications must be received by **March 5th** of the current application year. **Only completed applications received by the deadline will be considered.**

For Hood River Valley High School students, applications must be submitted via the Kaleidoscope portal. For students at other schools, applications can be mailed, scanned and emailed, or brought to the CGFG office.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

CONNECTION TO TREE FRUIT INDUSTRY

Select all that apply:

- ☐ My parent/guardian is a member of Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers Association.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Orchard Name: _____

- ☐ My parent/guardian currently works for a tree fruit orchard in the Mid-Columbia area.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Employer: _____

- ☐ I plan to study agriculture in college, or I am currently studying agriculture in college.

EDUCATION

Name of High School	
Year of High School Graduation	
Which college/university do you plan to attend?	
What do you plan to study?	

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

How much have you already received in other scholarship funding? \$ _____

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following:

- High school **transcript** (or college transcript if currently enrolled)
- One (1) **letter of recommendation**
- Written **essay** (between 500 - 1000 words) that addresses the following:
 - How has agriculture impacted your life?
 - What do you plan to study, and what influenced you to choose this field of study?
- A list or chart of **extracurricular activities**: include a short explanation of the activity (if needed), the duration of participation, and any leadership roles held.
- A list or chart of **community service and/or community activities**: include a short explanation of the activity (if needed), the duration of participation and any leadership roles held.
- A list or chart of **paid work**: include a short explanation of work duties, and duration of work. This should include work for any family businesses.

*** Lists/charts of extracurricular activities, community service/activities, and paid work, can be combined in one attachment or attached as separate documents.*

To apply, answer all questions on the application and submit all requested attachments on or before the deadline.

Please contact Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers for any questions.