

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools
SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Tulare County Board of Education and the Tulare County College Night Committee, I want to thank you for applying for the Tulare County College Night Scholarship. This program has been founded on the core value of the College Night event. For more than 30 years, Tulare County College Night has afforded students ongoing access to information on higher education, college financing, academic testing and more. So, too, the Tulare County College Night Scholarship provides recipients with ongoing access to a college or university by renewing itself for up to four consecutive years.

The Tulare County College Night Scholarship is designed to reward students who demonstrate both academic and personal success. We want to hear about the challenges you have encountered, your accomplishments in and out of the classroom and your professional goals. It is our objective to assist students – who possess fine academic credentials, creativity, initiative and vision – along the path to a four-year degree.

Thank you again for applying for the Tulare County College Night Scholarship. We wish you much success as you pursue your degree. Along the way, if we can help with information on continuing your education, please contact us!

Sincerely,
Jim Vidak, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Tulare County Office of Education College Night Committee is proud to offer a \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for up to four consecutive years. Qualified candidates will meet the following criteria:

- 2016 Graduate of a Tulare County High School
- Possess 3.0 cumulative High School GPA
- Exhibit exceptional leadership skills and service involvement
- Plan to attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student (12 units or more), for four consecutive years beginning the 2016-2017 academic year
- Participate in College Night Scholarship interview on April 21, 2016 (nine finalists only)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your completed application must include the following:

- Completed and signed application form
- Completed Extracurricular Activities and Honors worksheet
- Essays with full name printed on each page
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official high school transcript(s)

Scholarship application postmark deadline: by or before April 1, 2016

Send your completed application to:

College Night Scholarship Selection Committee
Tulare County Office of Education
Attn: College and Career
PO BOX 5091
Visalia, CA 93278

Members of the TCOE College Night Planning Committee, Employees of Tulare County Office of Education and members of their families are not eligible to apply.

Tulare County Office of Education College Night Scholarship Application 2016-2017

<i>For office use only</i>	
GPA	_____
Wt GPA	_____
Rank	_____ of _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number	Email	

EDUCATION

List the high school from which you will graduate:

High School	City	Graduation Date
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Please list colleges/universities to which you are applying in order of preference:

1. College/University	City	State
2. College/University	City	State
3. College/University	City	State

Please list your intended major field of study _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

Attach two (2) letters of recommendation meeting the following criteria to your application:

1. Academic Recommendation: from a teacher regarding your academic standing and initiative.
2. Personal Recommendation: from a personal acquaintance (i.e. employer, religious leader, teacher or counselor) who can attest to your character

ESSAYS

Select two of the following prompts to write about. Your essays should be printed on a separate sheet of 8.5" x 11" white paper, including your full name on the page. Limit your responses to 500 words each, clearly indicating which prompts you have selected to write on.

1. In what ways have you taken advantage of opportunities to prepare for college?
2. Of the activities, interests and experiences listed on the next page, which is the most meaningful to you and why?
3. What was the most challenging event you have ever faced and how have you grown from it?
4. Is there anything not reflected on this application that you would like to tell us about yourself?

My signature below indicates that all of the information provided in this scholarship application is complete, honest and accurate, and that I meet all scholarship criteria as stated in informational material.

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

List and briefly describe the most significant honors and awards you have received, clubs & activities you have participated in, volunteer work you have performed, athletic programs in which you have competed and paid employment you have had since ninth grade. Attach one additional page (8 1/2 x 11), if necessary.

Honors & Awards	Description of Honor or Award	9	10	11	12

Clubs & Activities	Description of Activity (note any leadership positions)	9	10	11	12

Volunteer Work & Community Service (list unpaid work only)	Description of Service or Work (note any leadership positions)	9	10	11	12

Athletic Activities	Description of Activity (note any leadership positions)	9	10	11	12

Employment (list paid work only)	Responsibilities	9	10	11	12

Briefly describe how College Night has impacted you.