



2010 SVVGA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

For the tenth consecutive year, the *Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance* (SVVGA) is pleased to offer merit scholarships to selected 2010 high school graduates who will be attending an accredited college or university in the fall of 2010. These scholarships provide partial expenses for the freshman year and are non-renewable.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have at least one parent employed by an active member of the SVVGA for at least 6 out of the past 12 months. An active member may be a Grower or Vintner.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must fill out the Application Form and return it, with the following materials to the SVVGA office located at 783 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476 no later than Friday, April 16, 2010.

- A letter of recommendation from a member of the applicant's high school faculty.
- A transcript of high school courses and grades.
- A list of other scholarships expected or applied for.
- A letter from an employer verifying a parent was/is employed for at least 6 months since April 1, 2009. The employer **must be a paid SVVGA member for 2010** and be in one of the following membership categories: Grower or Vintner.
- A letter of acceptance from a 4-year university or a copy of a completed application to attend a 2-year college for the start of the school year in the fall 2010. (This can be brought to interview if necessary).
- A two-page essay entitled "Where I Hope My Advanced Education Will Take Me".

Selected Students will be invited to attend interview sessions with the SVVGA Scholarship Committee in May, and again in December.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection of SVVGA Scholars and the amount of the stipend will be based on a combination of factors:

- a. High school academic record and school of choice
- b. Financial needs considerations
- c. Letter of recommendation from a high school faculty member
- d. Written essay, and the
- e. Personal interview.

Because the funds available are limited, scholarships will be awarded to those students with the strongest high school records and to those students judged by the interview committee to have special financial needs and to be best prepared for college success.

AWARDS

Scholarships awarded to Sonoma Valley High School students will be handed out at the Awards Ceremony in June. Recipients from other high schools will receive their awards via mail. Money will be disbursed to recipients in two equal installments during the first year of school. Each recipient is required to give the SVVGA an oral report on their progress during the December 2010 Holiday break in order to qualify for the second half of his/her stipend.

Questions about the eligibility requirements and the selection criteria may be directed to Peter Spann, Community Outreach Chairman for the SVVGA at email address peterspann@spannvineyards.com or info@sonomavalleywine.com.



2010 SVVGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____ CELL _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

4 YR. HIGH SCHOOL GPA (EST) _____ CLASS STANDING _____

HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED _____

PARENT'S NAME AND JOB TITLE _____

PARENT'S EMPLOYER _____

PARENT'S WINE INDUSTRY SUPERVISOR AND HIS/HER BUSINESS TELEPHONE

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCL SPORTS, JOBS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

COLLEGE CHOICE AND MAJOR _____

ESTIMATED 1ST YEAR COLLEGE COST INCLUDING TUITION, FEES, BOOKS

ESTIMATED COST OF ROOM & BOARD IF NOT AT HOME _____

Use additional pages if necessary. Complete a one-page essay on the topic "Where I Hope My Advanced Education Will Take Me".

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH THE ITEMS LISTED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010 TO *Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance, 783 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476.*