

**NOTE NEW, EARLIER DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2012**  
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## **BRUCE CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Bruce Church Educational Foundation awards scholarships in the range of \$1,000 - \$5,000 to deserving students who are interested in studying agriculture to prepare themselves for a career in agriculture. Applicants for scholarships should have at least a 2.5 grade point average, be committed to studying agriculture at the college level, and be actively involved in service to their schools and /or their communities. The scholarships are awarded on a year-by-year basis and re-application is necessary to receive the scholarship in each subsequent year of college-level education. Students who did not receive a scholarship in one year are also encouraged to re-apply the following year. "Studying agriculture" includes agricultural business, agronomy, horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, food science and safety and other academic disciplines reasonably related to a career in agriculture. The Foundation's first priority will be students from the Salinas or Pajaro Valleys. Students who reside outside the Salinas or Pajaro Valleys may still apply, however, an award to such an applicant must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

### **Types of Awards**

Bruce Church Community College Student Scholarships, in the range of \$500 - \$1,500, are awarded to students committed to studying agriculture at Hartnell Community College, Salinas, California.

Bruce Church Four-Year College/University Student Scholarships, in the range of \$500 - \$5,000, are awarded to students committed to studying agriculture at a four-year accredited college or university.

The Scholarship Committee will consider requests for graduate or professional schools but the applicant must clearly demonstrate how the graduate or professional degree will prepare the applicant for a career in agriculture.

### **Application Process**

**Qualified first time applicants must submit the following by the deadlines noted below:**

1. A Letter of Request between two to four pages in length. It should discuss all of the following points: (a) background information on the applicant and his or her family, (b) the applicant's current school, academic grade/year, and accomplishments, (c) the applicant's educational and career goals, including to which college(s)/university (ies) the applicant is applying or attending, (d) any activities or hobbies in which the applicant has been involved and (e) why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship including any financial need or special circumstances. Letters of Recommendation may supplement the Letter of Request but are not required.
2. A transcript showing the complete name of classes taken, units/credits earned and grades earned for the current school year and the previous three (3) years, for a total of four (4) years. Official transcripts are appreciated but not required. Unofficial transcripts, clean photocopies of a transcript or report cards or screen shots from a school's official site are acceptable.
3. A completed summary sheet. See attached
4. A photo page of the applicant, his/her family and favorite activities.

**Applicants who have already received an award and wish to reapply in a subsequent school year must submit the following by the deadlines noted below:**

1. A Letter of Request between two to four pages in length that updates the Scholarship Committee on the applicant's education, activities, progress and/or setback in the previous year. It is not necessary to repeat the background information on the applicant provided in the first year's application. The Letter of Request should also focus on the applicant's educational and career goals, especially as they relate to agriculture. The Letter of Request may also include why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship including any financial need or special circumstances. Letters of Recommendation may supplement the Letter of Request but are not required.
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**Submission**

Applications are to be submitted to Anne Leach, Ottone Leach Olsen & Ray LLP, at 17 Gabilan Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Applications may be submitted by regular mail or emailed (in pdf format only).

Questions are to be directed to Anne Leach at email [aleach@olorlaw.com](mailto:aleach@olorlaw.com) or telephone (831) 758-2401 or Jean Panziera at [reception@olorlaw.com](mailto:reception@olorlaw.com) or telephone (831) 758-2401.

**Personal Interviews**

Finalists may be invited to an interview with the Foundation's Board of Directors.

**Payment of Awards**

Awards will be divided into either two or three installments based upon either the two semester system or the three quarter system in place at the applicant's school. For the first semester/quarter in a school year, the applicant must mail, email or fax proof of enrollment which must show (1) the applicant's name, (2) the full name of each class, and (3) the number of units/credits. For subsequent semesters/quarters in a school year, the applicant must mail, email or fax the applicant's grades from the prior semester/quarter and proof of enrollment in the upcoming semester/quarter. Screen shots from the school's official site are acceptable but the names of the classes must be clear. For example: "English 2B" or "Ag 301" are inadequate descriptions. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold the payment of an award if a student is not taking an adequate class load designed to result in a timely graduation in the field described in the student's application. Awards will generally be paid directly to the applicant via check but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to pay the award to the applicant's college for the applicant's account.

**Application Suggestions**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHEN APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP, IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT HIS/HER APPLICATION IS COMPLETE, NEAT AND LEGIBLE. APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE. WE WILL NOT CONSIDER INCOMPLETE, SLOPPY, ILLEGIBLE OR LATE APPLICATIONS.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE BRUCE CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION RECEIVES NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM WORTHY STUDENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, APPLICANTS SHOULD TAKE TIME TO PREPARE A THOUGHTFUL AND THOROUGH LETTER OF REQUEST.**

*Please submit one-sided copies, not double-sided copies, for our convenience in copying your application for our Board.*

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**APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address and Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_

High School and City: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

List Major Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current School (if other than high school): \_\_\_\_\_

List Major Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School applying to (if other than current school): \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship/Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Cost of Tuition/Books/Room & Board at College: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date