



CENTRAL VALLEY  
SCHOLARS



## \$1000 FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP

### INTRODUCTION

Here at Central Valley Scholars, we understand the obstacles and discriminations students who are the first in their families to go to college face in education systems. As advocates for first-generation students, we have created a First Generation Scholarship in the Central Valley as an initiative to give students with this identity the opportunity to share their stories. We want first-generation students in the Central Valley to understand that they are an important part of our community, and their voices should be heard. We are not looking for the student with the highest academic achievements, nor are we looking for students with impressive resumes; but rather, this scholarship was established to give students who are the first in their families to go to college the opportunity to share their experiences with their identities in the Central Valley. Use this scholarship to tell us your story, your struggles, and obstacles you have overcome in both education and your communities.

### PRIVACY POLICY

We understand that some of the responses shared in this application may be very personal and something students do not want to be shared with others. We do not want this to be a barrier for applying to this scholarship; thus, your story, name, and identity will be kept completely confidential upon request. Your information will not be shared outside of Central Valley Scholars staff, and you are not obligated to share your identity on any of our media outlets. If you are a recipient of this scholarship and request confidentiality, we will send you the funds under "Central Valley Scholars Scholarship." For questions or concerns about our privacy policy, please visit [centralvalleyscholars.org/termsandconditions](https://centralvalleyscholars.org/termsandconditions).

### REQUIREMENTS

1. You must be a first generation student.
2. You must be an incoming student during the 2020-2021 academic year at an undergraduate university.
3. You must be a current resident in one of the following counties; San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Merced County, Madera County, Fresno County, Tulare County, Kern County, or Kings County. Please visit [centralvalleyscholars.org/scholarships](https://centralvalleyscholars.org/scholarships) for a visual reference.
4. You must originate from a community college, high school, continuation school, or nontraditional G.E.D school from San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Merced County, Madera County, Fresno County, Tulare County, Kern County, or Kings County. Please visit [centralvalleyscholars.org/scholarships](https://centralvalleyscholars.org/scholarships) for a visual reference.

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## IMPORTANT NOTES

You are welcome to write this application in pen, including your writing responses. We understand that not many students have printing or computer access. We want to make this application as accessible as possible. For questions or help with turning in this application please email us at [contact@centralvalleyscholars.org](mailto:contact@centralvalleyscholars.org).

## APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed College Major \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of high school, non-traditional G.E.D school, or community college you are currently attending:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about Central Valley Scholars? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your racial/ethnic background? \_\_\_\_\_

Last year, that is in 2019, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

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How would you best describe your gender? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require your name and identify to be confidential? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

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## PERSONAL REFERENCES

There is one required letter of recommendation. You are **NOT** obligated to disclose information about your personal identity to the individual who is writing your letter of recommendation. If you are asked what it is for and are not comfortable saying the title of the scholarship, you may simply refer to it as a scholarship for "Central Valley Scholars". In this letter of recommendation, we are looking to obtain insight on your work ethic, character, and experience. Your teachers, counselors, mentors, coaches, and employers are welcome to write this letter. For more information on who qualifies for writing the letter of recommendation please visit [centralvalleyscholars.org](http://centralvalleyscholars.org).

Name	Email	Occupation	Telephone
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*By submitting this letter, you acknowledge that Central Valley Scholars will contact this person to verify they wrote this letter.*

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY

We would like you to use this essay as a way to highlight your experiences and struggles while attempting to achieve higher education as a first-generation student. What obstacles have you faced? How was your experience navigating the college application process? How was your experience going through school as a first-generation student? Feel free to include your family background, upbringing, and other identities that have impacted your academic success. Ultimately, there is no right or wrong answer to this prompt. We simply want to value your story, your experiences, and your identities as an important part of our community (650-word maximum).

**PLEASE NOTE:** All information contained herein will remain confidential upon your request.

## GOALS & ASPIRATIONS ESSAY

Describe what your goals and dreams are and how you plan to achieve them. This does not have to be your academic goals, nor does it have to be based on your future career. Your goal and dream could be to be happy, or perhaps have a family, or become a doctor. It is really open-ended and is a way for us to get to know you a little better (250 word maximum).

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## **BEFORE SUBMITTING MAKE SURE YOU HAVE...**

1. An autobiography (650 word maximum).
2. Brief essay on your goals and aspirations (250 word maximum).
3. Copy of your current school schedule or picture of your school ID
4. Letter of recommendation.

## **BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION YOU AGREE TO THE STATEMENTS BELOW**

I understand that I am submitting a general application and that this general application alone does not qualify me to be considered for any scholarships administered by Central Valley Scholars. I must complete and submit the individual recommended scholarship opportunities to be considered for each respective scholarship.

I hereby confirm and certify that all of the information above is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge and has been written and submitted by me. I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified on this application. I release this information to the Central Valley Scholars and its staff for the purposes of evaluating my scholarship application. I understand that the information given may be investigated and that any false representation and/or evidence of plagiarism is sufficient to cause for rejection of this application or forfeiture of all awarded funds. I have read and agree with all the terms and conditions of Central Valley Scholars found on [centralvalleyscholars.org/termsandconditions](http://centralvalleyscholars.org/termsandconditions).

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **SUMMISSION OPTIONS**

You can submit this application through our online forms at [centralvalleyscholars.org/scholarships](http://centralvalleyscholars.org/scholarships).

You can mail this filled form, with the proper documents to 14920 West D St #542 Kerman, CA 93630.

**Submit By April 1st, 2020**

**April 7th for students with disability accommodations.**

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