

2024 CCID WATER AWARENESS SCHOLARSHIP

Due Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

- A. The Board of Directors of the Central California Irrigation District (CCID) is sponsoring a scholarship, which will be available to any students who meet either of the following criteria:
1. A graduating high school student from any of the five school districts within the CCID service area:
 - Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District
 - Gustine Unified School District
 - Los Banos Unified School District
 - Dos Palos-Oro Loma Unified School District
 - Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District
 2. A student graduating from any high school, whose parents or grandparents either farm or own land in CCID or the other member agencies of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors (Columbia Canal Company, Firebaugh Canal Water District and San Luis Canal Company).
- B. The scholarship will consist of at least \$500.00. The Board of Directors has requested donations from the District's landowners and consumers, and there will be one or more additional scholarships offered this year, depending upon how much money is received. The money will be paid in two equal installments to the recipient: one-half after proof of registration at the beginning of the first semester or quarter; and one-half after proof of registration for the second semester or quarter.
- C. The scholarship will be available to students seeking education beyond high school in any field at any accredited college or university, community college, or trade or vocational school.
- D. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0.
- E. Applicants must submit an essay of a minimum of 300 words. The essay should include some or all of the following elements
- The history and current status of the CCID water supply
 - The importance and value of the Exchange Contract to CCID farmers in a drought year
 - The effect of State and Federal regulations on the District's ability to receive its full water supply
 - The importance of local agriculture
 - The applicant's vision as to what part he or she may be playing in local agriculture in the future
- It is suggested that applicants contact Board members, farmers and employees of CCID for information. Some general information about CCID can also be found on the District's website, www.ccidwater.org.
- F. The criteria for selection will be:
1. Essay contents (70%, broken down as follows: 50% contents; 10% organization; and 10% presentation)
 2. Scholastic records (15%)
 3. All activities and service (15%)
- G. A committee appointed by the CCID Board of Directors will make the final selection.
- I. The application package is to be returned to the CCID Main Office, located at 1335 West "I" Street, Los Banos, or may be mailed to:
- Central California Irrigation District
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1231
Los Banos, CA 93635
- J. Applications must be received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 22, 2024, and must include:
1. A completed application form
 2. An unofficial copy of the transcript
 3. The essay, as described in paragraph F above