

**2024 CCID VOCATIONAL/TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**IN HONOR OF JAMES O'BANION**

**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 vocational/trade school 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 be available to students seeking education beyond high school at a trade or vocational school.
- C. The scholarship will consist of at least \$500.00; all funds were donation in honor of CCID's late President, James O'Banion. The funds will be disbursed when proof of enrollment is provided.
- D. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- E. Applicants must submit an essay of a minimum of 150 words. The essay should include some or all of the following elements
- 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.
- F. The criteria for selection will be:
1. Essay contents (70%, broken down as follows: 50% for contents; 10% for organization; and 10% for 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