

# Application Instructions

## About CLFP's Scholarship Program

Established in 1905, the California League of Food Producers (CLFP) represents the business interests of California's dynamic fruit and vegetable processing industry, as well as other food processors.

CLFP is proud to offer a scholarship program that annually awards educational assistance to full-time (year-round or seasonal) employees and their dependents of CLFP member companies (Food Processor and Supplier Host Council members only). For the 2026-2027 academic year, CLFP will award up to **\$17,000** total in individual scholarships to deserving and qualified member employees and their dependents.

Individual scholarships will either be awarded at \$1,000 for students attending an accredited four-year California college/university or \$500 for students attending an accredited two-year California community college.

Previous applicants and recipients are eligible to reapply each year in open competition with new applicants.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for an individual scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Be currently enrolled (or enrolling) in the **Fall 2026** semester as an **undergraduate** student in an accredited four-year California college/university
- ✓ **or** an accredited two-year California community college
- ✓ Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ✓ Be a CLFP member\* company full-time (year-round/seasonal) employee or their dependent  
\*Food Processor and Supplier Host Council members only

## Submission Information & Application Deadline

All items must be mailed to:

**California League of Food Producers  
Attn: Scholarship Program  
2377 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 285  
Gold River, CA 95670**

Complete application materials must be postmarked ***no later than Wednesday, September 30, 2026.***

## How to Apply

Complete and return all the following application materials, postmarked *no later than* **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**. The required application and documents **MUST** be completed and returned together as one packet. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Application materials to include in your packet are:

- Official, unopened transcripts of the past two years of study
  - Photocopied or web-based transcripts, or applications with less than two years of transcripts will **NOT** be accepted.
- Official proof of enrollment for Fall 2026 semester in an accredited four-year California college/university *or* an accredited two-year California community college
  - Visit the Registrar's Office at your college or university for this document
  - Enrollment verifications from your online student services are acceptable
  - A print out of your webpage schedule will **NOT** be accepted
  - Photocopied documents will **NOT** be accepted
- Two letters of recommendation written within the past twelve months by someone other than a family member or a student peer
  - Be sure each letter has a date of creation and is signed by the author
- Application essay (see page three of the application form for details)
  - A completed and easy to read application**
  - Your **SIGNATURE & DATE** on page three
  - Package postmarked and mailed to the CLFP office by September 30, 2026

## Awards

Applicants will be notified of their status by early December 2026 following the CLFP Fall Board of Directors meeting. 2026-2027 Scholarship Recipients will be showcased on CLFP's website

Students may be asked to present verification of registration for the current quarter or semester prior to receipt of any funds.

For questions, please contact Halle McIlvenna with CLFP at (916) 640-8150 or [halle@clfp.com](mailto:halle@clfp.com).