

Lodi Grape Festival

“Funds for the Future” Scholarship Application Summary

The Lodi Grape Festival Scholarship Program awards numerous scholarships each year for up to \$2,000 each. The scholarships are to be used to offset the cost of tuition, books and other expenses (with supporting documentation) associated with higher education. This scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors and college/trade school students seeking a bachelor’s degree. College students may re-apply for awards year after year, up to their fifth year of studies.

Who May Apply:

The Lodi Grape Festival Scholarship Program is open to any applicant who is:

- A high school senior graduating from a school in the Lodi Unified School District or whose primary residence is within the Lodi Unified School District, with a 2.5 or better grade point average who is applying to a trade school, two-year college or university or four-year college or university.
- A college student who graduated from a high school in the Lodi Unified School District or whose primary residence was within the Lodi Unified School District and is currently enrolled in a trade school, two-year college or university or four-year college or university with a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

Other Requirements:

Awards will be made on a reimbursement basis. Before receiving any portion of the award, recipients must: (1) prove in writing that they are registered in college; (2) prove in writing that the tuition payment or materials purchased are directly related to college education; (3) provide sales receipts showing the tuition or item(s) purchased, its price and the store/location where the materials were purchased or rented and (4) provide a total of the amount of reimbursement requested. Examples of items that qualify are books, calculators, laptops, parking passes or anything related to your major (i.e. nurses – stethoscope, uniform, shoes; welding students – helmets, gloves, goggles, torches, etc.) All reimbursement requests must be submitted no later than two years from the time that the award is given. Any reimbursement money not claimed after that time will be forfeited. A recipient may receive the award no more than two times. If the scholarship recipient that has received partial or complete reimbursement and then drops out or is expelled from school during the quarter/semester that the reimbursement was made the recipient must repay the money to the Lodi Grape Festival.

Characteristics Sought:

The application review committee is looking for a well-rounded individual that shows commitments to self, school, and community, and has a history of dedication and involvement. Participation in the Lodi Grape Festival is given consideration. Academic ability and financial need are also considered.

Areas of Consideration:

The application review process examines the applicants in four areas. All areas are important, though they are considered on an individual basis in descending order. Area one is considered before area two and so on. The four areas of consideration are:

1. Involvement/participation in the Lodi Grape Festival
2. Personal Determination, School and Community Involvement including but not limited to 4-H, FFA, athletics, etc.
3. Citizenship
4. Academic Performance and Financial Need

Deadlines for Applying:

January 15: Applications are available at the area high school career centers and the Lodi Grape Festival Business Office
March 1: The completed application must be returned to the Lodi Grape Festival Business Office no later than 5 p.m. If March 1 falls on a weekend the application is due by 5 p.m. on the following Monday.
April 1: Scholarship recipients will be selected.
May 1: Scholarship recipients will be announced at their appropriate school awards ceremony. If already a college student, you will be notified by the Lodi Grape Festival selection committee chairman.

IMPORTANT!!! A completed application packet must include the following:

1. The enclosed application, legibly completed, signed, and dated. A fillable application can also be found online at www.grapefestival.com.
2. Three short essays. (See page 3 for details)
3. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members. One must be from a member of the faculty at students’ high school and one from the general public.
4. An official high school or college transcript, whichever is applicable.

Incomplete applications will be immediately disqualified.

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“Funds for the Future” Scholarship Application

This application is to be completed by all students wishing to be considered for a Lodi Grape Festival “Funds for the Future” scholarship. Scholarships awarded by the Lodi Grape Festival Scholarship Committee will be based upon the information provided here and how it relates to the criteria listed in the Scholarship Application Summary. The deadline for submitting an application is March 1, 2025. Applications are to be turned into the Lodi Grape Festival Business Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or can be dropped in the mail slot after hours.

Section 1 Contact Information

Applicants Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone _____

Section 2 School Information

High School Information (Complete even if currently attending college/trade school)

School Name: _____ Year Graduated: _____

If you are currently attending high school, complete 1 through 4 below:

List any high school organizations, athletic teams or other school related activities in which you have participated:

List any school related awards and/or honors that you have received:

List the colleges or trade schools you have applied to and their locations:

Intended major(s): _____

Desired occupation after college/trade school: _____

If you are currently attending college/trade school, please complete the following:

School Name: _____ No. of years attending: _____

School Address: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

List any awards and/or honors that you have received while in college/trade school: _____

List any extra curricular activities you have been involved with while in college/trade school: _____

Section 3 Participation in the Lodi Grape Festival and Community Service

Apart from simply attending the Lodi Grape Festival, describe any involvement and experience you may have had with it such as working on a mural, entering exhibits, etc. Indicate activity and year: (including but not limited to participation with 4-H and FFA)

List any community service or volunteer activities which you have participated in and list the time given:

Activity	Time (hours/days/weeks)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Section 4 Financial Background

Describe your family’s financial situation:

List any paid work experience you may have and include the maximum amount of time you had each job:

Job	Hours per Week	Start & End Date	Supervisor

List the name, age, and relationship to you of each person living in your household:

Describe any hardship you or your family has endured, or other personal circumstances you would like the selection committee to be aware of:

Section 5 Essay: Answer a total of three essay questions. Questions A and B are mandatory; answer one of the two questions under C. There is a 500-word maximum for each question.

- A. How do you think the Lodi Grape Festival can more effectively showcase agriculture in San Joaquin County?
- B. Apart from carnival rides, games or food experiences, what exhibit or activity would you add to improve the experience at the Lodi Grape Festival?
- C. Answer one of the following questions:
 1. Describe an event you have experienced, or person you have met that has changed your life. Explain the affect this event or person has had on you.
 2. How will you put your education to work? What are your goals for the future?

By signing this document, I certify that the information I have provided here is true:

Signature

Date

