



**MEDIA ALERT**  
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## **Friends of the California State Fair Awarding Over \$46,000 In Scholarship Funds**

The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2018 - 2019 academic year.

The program offers 14 categories of scholarships ranging from \$1,000 - \$2,500 each with varying eligibility requirements. Categories include: agriculture, art, academic excellence, business, culinary/hospitality/event management, education, international relations, trade school, viticulture and enology.

Applicants may apply for one scholarship category of their choice per year and will be evaluated based on academics, community service, quality of essay and recommendation. Top scholarship winners in select categories may be invited to compete for the \$5,000 Ironstone Concours Foundation Scholarship. Scholarships are not renewable; however, students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is a collaboration between the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, the Ironstone Concours Foundation, Blue Diamond Growers and Western Fairs Association. [International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. \(ISTS\)](#), an independent scholarship management company, hosts the online application process and disburses awards for the program.

The deadline to apply is March 2, 2018. Learn more at [CAStateFair.org/scholarship](http://CAStateFair.org/scholarship). For questions about the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program, please email [scholarship@caexpo.com](mailto:scholarship@caexpo.com).

### **About The Friends of the California State Fair**

The Friends of the California State Fair is a charitable, non-profit, volunteer organization that supports programs and education initiatives at the California Exposition & State Fair. Since 1993, the Friends of the California State Fair have supported high achieving California students through their scholarship program.

**About the California State Fair**

Established in 1854, the California State Fair is dedicated as a place to celebrate California's achievements, industries, agriculture, and diversity of its people, traditions and trends that shape the Golden State's future. We invite you to join us for the 165th California State Fair July 13 - 29, 2018.

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