



YUBA RIVER ENDOWMENT

FARMERS GIVING BACK

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES | 2026

BACKGROUND

The Yuba River Endowment is a non-profit organization created by Yuba County farmers to benefit the residents of Yuba County. It's farmers giving back! The Endowment is comprised of farmers who have a right to water that flows on the Yuba River. In some years these farmers are able to both farm their own land and transfer a portion of their water to drought-stricken areas of the state. A portion of the proceeds from these water transfers goes to the Endowment. Since formation in late 2019, the Endowment has donated over \$1,300,000 to support Yuba County education, provide food resources, veteran's support, and much more.

PURPOSE

The Yuba River Endowment Scholarships are meant to provide support for Yuba County students and Yuba County residents wishing to continue their education at any college or trade school.

2026 AWARDS

Up to \$100,000 in scholarships will be awarded in individual awards of \$500 to \$5000 each.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Your primary residence must be in Yuba County, or be currently enrolled at a high school in Yuba County
2. You must be planning to attend, or continue at, a trade school, junior college, or college in the fall of 2026
3. For continuing college/trade school students (not high school seniors) a minimum 3.0 GPA is required, current enrollment in at least 9 units (or equivalent for trade school), and an unofficial transcript is required.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application 1) online at www.farmersgivingback.com; 2) by completing the application PDF and emailing it, along with your letters of reference as attachments, to scholarships@farmersgivingback.com; or 3) mail the application and recommendations to Yuba River Endowment, P.O. Box 1602, Yuba City, CA 95992

TIMELINE

- Application deadline is January 31, 2026
- Complete the application online, or by emailing the application PDF
- Chosen applicants will be scheduled for an interview in February, 2026
- Scholarship winners will be notified in April, 2026
- Awards will be paid directly to the recipient after submission of an official class schedule that shows the student is enrolled for fall 2026 courses

QUESTIONS?

Please email scholarships@farmersgivingback.com

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR - APPLICATION



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION | 2026

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If additional space is needed to answer questions, include a separate attachment titled "additional answers."

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I'm Currently a Resident of Yuba County ☐ YES ☐ NO

I'm Currently Attending a High School Located in Yuba County ☐ YES ☐ NO

What school(s) are you currently attending?

High School Name _____

I am also attending: School Name _____

This is a (check one) ☐ Trade School ☐ Community College

List your work experience during the past 4 years, including dates of employment, approximate number of hours worked each week.

Position _____ From (mm/yy) _____ To (mm/yy) _____ Hours/Week _____

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List up to four extracurricular activities (school and community) you participated in during the past 4 years without pay (e.g. volunteer work, church, sports, clubs), please include leadership positions held, if any.

Activity _____ Honors/Awards _____ # Years Participated _____

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Please indicate any family or personal circumstances you feel warrant special attention:

What college, university or trade school do you plan to attend? _____

City/State _____ Expected Graduation Year _____ Major/Program _____

Class standing in fall 2026: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Other _____

Will you live at home or at school? ☐ Home ☐ Campus Will you work while attending? ☐ Yes ☐ No

List the name and amount of any grants or scholarships you expect to be awarded for the 2026 school year:

Letters of recommendation: Applicant must attach two CURRENT letters, dated within the past three months, and must be on recommender’s letterhead and signed. The person writing letters of recommendation are:

Name of Recommender #1 _____ Occupation _____

Name of Recommender #2 _____ Occupation _____

Short Answer Question #1 (around 100 words): Explain your future education and career goals and why you are pursuing these goals _____

Short Answer Question #2 (around 100 words): Agriculture is the backbone of Yuba County’s economy. Explain your connection to ag (family, business, school) and a favorite memory involving agriculture in Yuba County (tip - Yuba City is not in Yuba County) _____

What is your current GPA (there is no minimum GPA requirement to apply)? _____