



2026 Scotty K Giving Scholarship Application

Applicants must be a senior in high school or currently attending college. Must have permanent residency in Kern County. Must be enrolled as a full time for the 2026 fall semester with a minimum of 12 credits. Maintained a minimum of 2.5 GPA in each of your last 2 years in school. Ag major is encouraged, other majors are welcome. Applications are due by March 31, 2026. Please submit application, letter of recommendation, personal essay and transcripts. All items must be submitted to have a complete application. If you have any other supporting documents, please include. When completed, email to events@kirschenmannfoundation.org

Background Information

*Must complete questions. If question does not apply to you, please indicate N/A.

First Name*

Student's first name exactly as it appears on your college application.

MiddleName

Student's middle name exactly as it appears on your college application.

Last Name*

Student's last name exactly as it appears on your college application.

Address & Phone Number & Email Address*

Date of Birth*

mm-dd-yyyy (ie. 01-01-2001)

Gender*

Please tell us about your parent's level of education*

Ethnicity*

Race*

High School Information

High School Name* **if in College, please add college & high school name**

High School GPA* **if in college, please add college GPA & High School**

Enter your weighted, 9-12 cumulative GPA. This GPA should include your grades from the first semester of your senior year.

What grade are you currently in?*

Honors

How many honors classes have you taken?

Advanced Placement (AP)

How many AP classes have you taken?

International Baccalaureate (IB)

How many IB classes have you taken?

SAT Score

IF APPLICABLE , enter your SAT total score. If taken multiple times, enter in the highest total score. If you did not take it, enter NONE.

Transcript Request*

Please mail in with your application your most current copy of your high school or transcript (unofficial is okay) that includes your first semester of your senior year grades. If in college, please send last years transcripts.

Postsecondary Institution Information

Student Education Goals*

What school do you plan to attend?*

You can change the school at a later date if necessary.

What CITY is your school (college) in?*

What STATE is your school (college) in?*

Intended Major*

Will you attend school full-time for the academic year?

Choices

Yes

No

Financial Aid Information

Dependency Status*

Select one

Choices

Dependent

Independent

Foster Youth

Tuition Assistance*

Please explain why you need assistance with your tuition

Estimated Family Contribution*

Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) can be found on the confirmation page of the student's FAFSA on their Student Aid Report (SAR) or CA Dream Act in their California Aid Report (CAR).

Extracurricular Activities and Personal Essay

Use the questions in this section to tell the scholarship review panel more about yourself.

Volunteer / Work / Extracurricular Activities*

List your extracurricular activities. This includes volunteering or part-time work related or unrelated to a school setting. Be sure to note the hours and dates of your involvement. Include activities such as music, athletics, service clubs, debate and forensics, church, etc. Note any offices or positions you have held. If you have not participated in any extracurricular activities, please enter "No extracurricular activities."

Example:

Associate Student Body, Vice President, 2018/19, 3 hours/week

Personal Essay*

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR ESSAY WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Your Personal Essay provides an opportunity for you to let your personality and life experiences shine through.

ESSAY PROMPT:

- What are your educational goals after high school?
- What do you expect to gain from earning a college certificate or degree.
- What do you think will be your biggest challenge as you transition to college?

Letter of Recommendation

We request that you submit one letter of recommendation. **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

Letters of recommendations are another way for the evaluators to get to know you better.

You must submit one letter of recommendation in order to be considered for a scholarship.

Please INCLUDE one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, coach, employer, pastor, or any non-relative with some level of authority who has known you for at least six months.

Upon completing your post secondary education, do you plan to return to Kern County for your career?*

Choices

Yes

No

Not sure

Do you intend to pursue a career in Agriculture or a related field?*

Choices

Yes

No

If you answered "No" to the above question, please advance to the Application Certification.

If you answered "Yes" to the above question and plan to pursue a career in Agriculture or a related field, please answer the following supplemental questions.

Agricultural Scholarship Supplemental Question #1

What appeals to you about pursuing a career in Agriculture?

Agricultural Scholarship Supplemental Question #2

What prior involvement have you and/or your family had in Agriculture and how will that experience be used in your future

Agricultural Scholarship Supplemental Question #3

How does Agriculture impact your community and how do you plan to give back?

Application Certification

I certify that all information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize SKFF to release any information submitted as a part of this application process to any scholarship selection committees, and I give permission to the SKFF and any scholarship selection committees to verify any information submitted as part of this application. I understand that falsification of information contained in this application will disqualify my application. I understand that if falsification is discovered after I have been awarded the scholarship, I will be required to repay all funds awarded, plus interest and administrative fees. I understand that, once submitted, my application and supporting documents become the property of SKFF. I also understand that my personal statements become the property of the SKFF and may be used for, but not limited to, advertising/marketing, program reports, newsletters and other publications.

Application deadline is March 31, 2026. Application must be completed. Included with completed application must be transcripts, letter of recommendation and personal essay. When completed, email to events@kirschenmannfoundation.org. Please call Mariela Avalos at 661.863.9400 if you have any questions.

I have read and agree to the above*

Choices

Yes

No

Signature*

By signing your name below, you certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.