

2020 Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship Application

Application Deadline – February 28, 2020

The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Governing Board and staff established the Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship program in memory and tribute to Anna Maria Fuentes, Grants Program Manager, colleague and friend.

The 2020 scholarship will be awarded by the MCAG Governing Board in the amount of \$1,000. Recipients may receive additional annual awards of up to \$1,000 for three years, or until their degree is achieved, whichever is less. The cumulative maximum is \$4,000. Submission of annual scholastic documentation may be required by MCAG.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating high school senior from a high school in Merced County with a grade point average of 3.8 or higher (4.0 =A) who has demonstrated a high level of participation in extracurricular activities including positions of leadership. Applicants must also include an explanation of scholarship need in a personal essay or as a separate attachment.

Students requesting to continue their award for additional years must maintain full-time enrollment and a 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

In addition, please read and follow the instructions attached carefully prior to submitting your application. It is suggested that applicants retain a copy of their application packages as they will not be returned. General inquiries may be directed to Eva Garibay, Public Program Specialist, at eva.garibay@mcagov.org or 209-723-3153 x 108.

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Instructions

All forms must be completed in blue or black ink, or typed, and legible. Use this checklist to ensure all documents are included in your scholarship application package in the following order. **Application deadline is Friday, February 28, 2020 by 5:00 P.M. at MCAG.**

- Application Form - Do not forget required signatures!
- Scholarship Survey
- Personal Essay - Express your educational and career plan goals and explain your need for the scholarship. Use this as an opportunity to tell the scholarship committee about yourself. (Two-page limit – single spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point font)
- Three Letters of Recommendation - from school personnel, and/or community members
- Official High School Transcript(s) - seven semesters. Note: Transcripts may be emailed directly from Parchment to eva.garibay@mcagov.org. If emailed, please have a note attached to your application stating that transcripts were emailed.
- Staple your entire application package together, upper left-hand corner, in the order provided above.

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**Your completed application package must be received by MCAG by
Friday, February 28, 2020 by 5:00 PM.**

Mail or deliver your application to:

**Merced County Association of Governments
AMF Scholarship Program
369 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340**

NO POSTMARKS ACCEPTED – NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Award notification will be sent to the selected scholarship candidate by May 1, 2020.

2020 Application Form

1. Personal Information

Full Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Number) (Street) (City) (Zip)

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____

Name of Father (or guardian) _____

Occupation _____ Annual Income \$ _____

Name of Mother (or guardian) _____

Occupation _____ Annual Income \$ _____

Number of siblings ____ Older ____ Younger

Optional Information

The following information is completely optional and will not be in the evaluation process. Any information you provide will be kept confidential.

Gender: M / F

Are you a US Citizen? Y / N

Are you a first-generation college student?

- Yes, I am the first among my parents and grandparents to attend college.
- No, either my parents or grandparents have attended college.

What is your major area of study? _____

2. High School Information

Name of High School _____

Address _____
(Number) (Street) (City) (Zip)

Name of school counselor (for independent verification of your school records)
_____ Contact Phone Number _____

Name of school Principal _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Anticipated graduation date _____ Most recent cumulative GPA _____

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3. Activities Record (You may attach a separate sheet if more space is needed)

Year of participation

Student Government/School Council:	9	10	11	12
Organizations/Clubs: (note leadership positions)				
Athletics: (Specify Varsity, Junior Varsity or Freshman)				
Awards/Recognition:				
Community Service: (Include hours)				

I hereby authorize _____ (High school name) to release a transcript and such other information as may be necessary concerning _____ (student name) for scholarship purposes.

Print Name _____
(Parent/Guardian)
Signature _____
Date _____

Print Name _____
(Student)
Signature _____
Date _____

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4. College / Vocational Plans

Name of school you plan to attend _____

Address _____
(Number) (Street) (City) (Zip)

✓ **Mark appropriate space below**

- 2 Year College 4 Year College Vocational/Technical School

Anticipated College Major _____

Anticipated Vocational/Career Plans _____

What is your career objective? _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Scholarship Survey

Highlight or circle all areas that apply to you. You are required to complete this form as part of the scholarship application packet. If you list an activity on this survey, make sure it is included on your Activity report as well. For each activity highlight or circle the grade(s) you participated. It is to your advantage to highlight or circle all areas that apply to you.

Student Name _____

High School _____

Clubs				
FFA	9	10	11	12
4-H	9	10	11	12
Key Club	9	10	11	12
Track Club	9	10	11	12
Currently enrolled in or a member of				
<input type="radio"/> FFA				
<input type="radio"/> 4-H				
<input type="radio"/> Music Class				
<input type="radio"/> Ag Class				
<input type="radio"/> Other:				

Athletics	
Baseball	Softball
Basketball	Swim/Dive
Cheerleading	Tennis
Color Guard	Track
Cross country	Volleyball
Football	Water polo
Golf	Wrestling
Soccer	Other:

Circle/Highlight all that apply
ASB/SBO Officer
FFA/4-H Office
Club Advisor/Officer
Other:

Miscellaneous
Boy State/Girls State
Rotary Leadership
Leadership (school or community)

Community Service
Total Community Service Hours: _____

AP Classes
Total of AP Classes taken: _____

<input type="radio"/> Career/Major
<input type="radio"/> Agriculture
<input type="radio"/> Art/Graphic Art
<input type="radio"/> Business
<input type="radio"/> Coach
<input type="radio"/> Computer Technology
<input type="radio"/> Engineering
<input type="radio"/> Floriculture/Horticulture/Plant Science
<input type="radio"/> Legal
<input type="radio"/> Medical/Medical related field
<input type="radio"/> Music
<input type="radio"/> Theatre
<input type="radio"/> Education (Circle/Highlight all that apply)
<input type="radio"/> Teacher (Grade ____); School Administrator; Professor; Math Teacher; Special Education
<input type="radio"/> Veterinarian
<input type="radio"/> Other