

The Fruit of the Vine Scholarship Fund benefits graduating Napa County high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college/university and will find the cost of higher education a financial hardship. Previous recipients who are currently attending college are eligible to apply again in subsequent years.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 1, 2016

Who's Eligible

- Napa County graduating high school seniors
- Candidate must be in good standing and have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0
- Candidate must be planning to attend an accredited four-year college/university pursuing undergraduate study in any field; preference may be given to applicants planning to attend a public college/university
- Consideration will be given to the:
 - candidate's financial need
 - candidate's community involvement
- Preference may be given to applications from first generation college students (i.e. neither parent has obtained a Bachelor's Degree)
- Preference may be given to students whose parent or guardian is a Napa County vineyard or winery employee
- Previous recipients of the scholarship completing their first, second, or third year of college

How to Apply

Email the items listed below (as attachments) to Ellen Drayton at ellend@napavalleycf.org (if you don't have access to email, please call to make other arrangements):

If you are a graduating high school senior:

- Completed two page application form
- A one-page essay in response to question 1-a on page 1 of the application
- 250 words describing your community service activities
- A copy of your unofficial transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator
- A copy of the page from your FAFSA Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)- *if applicable*

If you are a previous recipient of the scholarship:

- Completed two page application form
- A one-page essay in response to question 1-b on page 1 of the application
- 250 words describing your community service activities
- A copy of your current unofficial transcript showing credits and grades
- One letter of recommendation from a professor, counselor, administrator or a member of college staff
- A copy of the page from your FAFSA Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)- *if applicable*

Questions?

Contact Ellen Drayton, Grants Administrator, at (707) 254-9565 ext. 14 or ellend@napavalleycf.org.

Email completed application form and requested documents to: Ellen Drayton, Grants Administrator, at ellend@napavalleycf.org. Incomplete applications, applications not including the required attachments or applications that arrive after March 1, 2016 will not be considered. NOTE: Scholarship must be used for educational expenses included in the cost of attending college or university. We encourage its use for nontaxable purposes including tuition, books, fees or equipment required for coursework.

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Name of your high school: _____

Name of college/university you plan to attend/currently attend: _____

Number of family members currently living in your home: _____

Number of family members in your household (including you) who will attend college during the 2016-2017 academic year: _____

What is the highest level of education completed by your parent(s)? _____

Do your parents/guardians work in the Napa County wine industry? € Yes € No

If yes, what is the name of their employer(s)? _____

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- In a separate Word document, please answer the applicable essay question in no more than one page:
 - Graduating High School Seniors:** What are your educational and career goals for college, and if you are the first person in your family to attend college, please tell us why attending college is important to you?
 - Previous Scholarship Recipients:** Please describe any changes in your career or academic goals since you started college and the progress you have made toward these goals.
- In a separate Word document (250 words or less), briefly describe the community service activities in which you have been involved and how you have impacted the community in a positive manner (example: volunteering).
- A copy of your unofficial transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor, counselor or administrator
- A copy of the page from your FAFSA Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)- *if applicable (see page 2 for instructions)*
- Completed and signed application form (pages 1 and 2)

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must submit a completed application form, along with the items listed under "Application Materials" as attachments, to Ellen Drayton, Grants Administrator, **via email** at ellend@napavalleycf.org **on or before March 1, 2016**

Student Name: _____

STUDENTS WHO ARE *ELIGIBLE* TO FILE FAFSA:

Before completing this form you will need to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will need tax records from the year prior to when you will start school in order to complete your FAFSA application. FAFSA applications may be submitted starting January 1 and can be found at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. Submit your FAFSA as early as possible! It can take between three days and three weeks after you submit your FAFSA application to receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) with your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which is needed for this scholarship application. Please include a copy of the page of your SAR showing your EFC when you submit your scholarship application.

1. What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the FAFSA? _____
2. Please check the statement that applies to you: I am a DEPENDENT I am an INDEPENDENT

STUDENTS WHO ARE *INELIGIBLE* TO FILE FAFSA:

Some students are not able to provide an EFC number because of the federal eligibility requirements for filing FAFSA. These students are still eligible to apply for this scholarship. If you are *ineligible* to submit a FAFSA application, please fill out the table of information below. Please complete the "Student Info" column of this form, and if you are a Dependent Student (you are under 24 years of age and your parent(s) claim you as a dependent on their IRS tax return), your parent(s) must also complete the "Parent Info" column using their most recent federal income tax return:

	Student Info	Parent(s) Info
1. Adjusted gross income (for YEAR: _____) \$	\$	\$
2. Untaxed income and benefits (child support, AFCD, SSI, etc.) \$	\$	\$
3. Total income for year (Add items 1+2 above for total) \$	\$	\$
4. Total cash assets (cash, checking/savings accounts, stocks, home equity) \$	\$	\$
5. Major medical expenses not covered by insurance \$	\$	\$

REQUIRED SIGNATURES (for all applicants):

I (we) certify that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of Napa Valley Community Foundation, I (we) agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I (we) realize that this proof may include a copy of a U.S. tax return and/or state income tax return. I (we) realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from receiving the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if the student is a dependent) Date