

MIKE AND ELEANOR GIKAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

As a continuing memorial to Mike and Eleanor, the Gikas family has established the Mike and Eleanor Gikas Memorial Scholarship with the intention of providing financial aid to students who wish to pursue careers in the agriculture industry. One (1) \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually.

- ♦ Who is eligible?

Any student entering or attending an accredited junior college or four-year college/university who is pursuing a career in agriculture.

- ♦ How are recipients selected?

The Mike and Eleanor Gikas Memorial Scholarship is awarded based on the student's recognized and demonstrated desire to pursue a career in the agriculture industry, Although, academic performance will be considered, awards will be given to students based on career goals, their demonstrated leadership abilities, and their commitment to succeed.

- ♦ Distribution of Funds

The recipient must submit official proof of registration showing the student's full-time enrollment along with their social security number before funds will be disbursed. The student must also have a declared major in agriculture or a related field. This documentation must be sent directly from the recipient's college to the SJFB Foundation for Agricultural Education office.

A scholarship check will be sent directly to the recipient's college, which may credit the recipient's account for tuition, books, laboratory fees, or other academic costs.

Recipients will be presented with a certificate recognizing the award at the SJFB's Scholarship Awards Ceremony which will be held in July. Look for updates on this event on our website.

Attendance of the Scholarship Awards Ceremony is mandatory in order to be eligible for this scholarship.

Application Instructions

- ♦ The legibly typed or printed complete application must be postmarked or delivered by Friday, March 29, 2024, by 4 pm.
Mail or Deliver to: 3290 N. Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA 95215
- ♦ 1-2 current letters of recommendation must accompany this application. At least one letter of recommendation must be submitted by a teacher or school counselor. The optional second letter of recommendation can be submitted by another teacher or school counselor, employer, coach, or any third party (not related to the applicant)
- ♦ High school, junior college, or college transcripts *must be included with each application.*
- ♦ A two page, typed, double-spaced essay describing the most important educational or personal experience(s) that has led you to pursue a college education, why you chose agriculture as your major area of study, and what you hope to achieve in the future.
- ♦ Where applicable, documentation of SAT and/or ACT scores must be included.
- ♦ Applications submitted without ALL of the request documentation will not be considered in the selection process.
- ♦ *Do not enclose or attach any documents other than the required attachments.*

For what occupation are you preparing? _____

My class in September 2024 will be: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior College Graduate

Have you participated in 4H or FFA? If so, for how many years? What was your involvement? Did you receive any special honors or awards?

Activity	No. Years Participation	Special Honors/Awards

List all extracurricular activities (school and community) you participated in during the past four years without pay, i.e. Red Cross, church, sports, volunteer work. Attach additional page, if necessary.

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Applicant must submit one - two (1-2) current letters of recommendation. The persons writing letters of recommendation are:

Name	Occupation
_____	_____
_____	_____

APPLICANT ESSAY: A two page, typed, double-spaced essay describing the most important educational or personal experience(s) that has led you to pursue a college education, why you chose agriculture as your major area of study, and what you hope to achieve in the futures.

Signature _____ Date _____