

The Fruit of the Vine Scholarship Fund benefits graduating Napa County high school seniors and Napa Valley College transfer students 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 7, 2017

WHO'S ELIGIBLE

- Napa County graduating high school seniors
- Napa Valley College students who will be transferring to a four-year college/university in fall 2017
- Previous recipients of the scholarship completing their first, second, or third year of college
- Candidates must:
 - be in good academic standing
 - have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0
 - be planning to attend an accredited, non-profit, four-year college/university pursuing undergraduate study in any field (preference may be given to applicants planning to attend a California public university)
- Preference given to:
 - first generation college students (i.e. neither parent has obtained a Bachelor's Degree)
 - students who are employed (or have a parent or guardian who is employed) in the Napa County wine or grape industry
- Consideration will be given to the:
 - candidate's financial need
 - candidate's community involvement

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 or Napa Valley College transfer student:

- Completed two page application form
- 500 word 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 academic letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator
- A copy of the page from your FAFSA Student Aid Report or California Dream Act 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
- 500 word 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 academic letter of recommendation from a professor, counselor or administrator
- A copy of the page from your FAFSA Student Aid Report or California Dream Act Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)- *if applicable*

QUESTIONS?

Contact Ellen Drayton, Manager of Grants Administration & Scholarships, at (707) 254-9565 ext. 14 or ellend@napavalleycf.org

HOW TO APPLY (DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MARCH 7, 2017)

Candidates must submit a completed two page application form, along with the items listed under "Application Materials" as attachments, to Ellen Drayton, Manager of Grants Administration & Scholarships, via email at ellend@napavalleycf.org on or before **March 7, 2017**. Incomplete applications, applications not including the required attachments or applications that arrive after the deadline 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

I am (check one): a graduating Napa County high school senior
 a Napa Valley College student transferring to a four-year college/university in fall 2017
 a previous recipient of the Fruit of the Vine Scholarship

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Name of your high school: _____

Name of college/university you plan to attend or 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 2017-2018 academic year: _____

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

Do you or your parents/guardians work in the Napa County wine or grape industry? I do parent/guardian No

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

APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. In a separate Word document, please answer the applicable essay question in **no more than 500 words**:
 - a. **Graduating High School Seniors & Napa Valley College Transfer Students:**
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?
 - b. **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.
2. In a separate Word document (250 words or less), please list the community service activities in which you have been involved, the number of hours per week you devote to these activities and the roles and responsibilities you performed.
3. A copy of your unofficial transcript
4. One academic letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor, counselor or administrator
5. A copy of the page from your FAFSA Student Aid Report or California Dream Act Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)- if applicable (see page 2 for instructions)
6. Completed and signed application form (pages 1 and 2)

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). FAFSA applications may be submitted starting October 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:

Students who are ineligible to file the FAFSA application are still eligible to apply for this scholarship. If you are not eligible to file the FAFSA, you must fill out the California Dream Act Application (if eligible). The California Dream Act Application is available online at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>. You must include a copy of the page from your California Dream Act Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) when you submit your scholarship application.

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

* **PLEASE NOTE:** You should fall into one of the two categories listed above, but if for some reason you are not eligible to file the FAFSA or the California Dream Act application, then please submit your parent/guardian's federal tax return. You can submit your own tax return if you are an independent.

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