

Lodi Grape Festival *“Bucks-for-Books” Scholarship Application Summary*

The Lodi Grape Festival Scholarship Program awards numerous scholarships each year for up to \$1,000 each. The scholarships are to be used to offset the cost of books associated with higher education. This scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors and college students seeking a bachelor’s degree. College students may re-apply for awards year after year, up to their fifth year of studies.

Who May Apply:

The Lodi Grape Festival Scholarship Program is open to any applicant who is:

- A high school senior graduating from a school in the Lodi Unified School District or whose primary residence is within the Lodi Unified School District, with a 2.5 or better grade point average who is applying to a trade school, two-year college or university or four-year college or university.
- A college student who graduated from a high school in the Lodi Unified School District or whose primary residence was within the Lodi Unified School District and is currently enrolled in a trade school, two-year college or university or four-year college or university with a grade point average of 2.5 or better

Other Requirements:

Awards will be made on a reimbursement basis. Before receiving any portion of the award, recipients must: (1) prove in writing that they are registered in a course; (2) prove in writing that the book(s) purchased are required reading for that course; (3) provide sales receipts showing the book(s), its price and the store/location where the book was purchased or rented and (4) provide a total of the amount of reimbursement requested. All reimbursement requests must be submitted no later than two years from the time that the award is given. Any reimbursement money not claimed after that time will be forfeited. Recipient may receive award no more than two times.

Characteristics Sought:

The application review committee is looking for a well-rounded individual that shows commitments to self, school and community, and has a history of dedication and involvement. Participation in the Lodi Grape Festival is given consideration. Academic ability and financial need are also considered.

Areas of Consideration:

The application review process examines the applicants in four areas. All areas are important, though they are considered on an individual basis in descending order. Area one is considered before area two and so on. The four areas of consideration are:

1. Involvement/participation in the Lodi Grape Festival
2. Personal Determination, School and Community Involvement
3. Citizenship
4. Academic Performance and Financial Need

Deadlines for Applying:

January 1: Applications are available at the local area high school career centers and the Lodi Grape Festival Business Office

March 1: Completed application must be returned to the Lodi Grape Festival Business Office no later than 5 p.m. If March 1 falls on a weekend the application is due by 5 p.m. on the following Monday.

April 1: Scholarship recipients will be selected

May 1: Scholarship recipients will be announced at their appropriate school awards ceremony. If already a college student, you will be notified by the Lodi Grape Festival selection committee chairman.

IMPORTANT!!! A completed application packet must include the following:

1. The enclosed application, legibly completed, signed and dated.
2. Three short essays. (See page 3 for details)
3. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members. One must be from a member of the faculty at students’ high school and one from the general public.
4. An official high school or college transcript, whichever is applicable.

Incomplete applications will be immediately disqualified.

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This application is to be completed by all students wishing to be considered for a Lodi Grape Festival “Bucks-for-Books” scholarship. Scholarships awarded by the Lodi Grape Festival Scholarship Review Committee will be based upon the information provided here and how it relates to the criteria listed in the Scholarship Application Summary. The deadline for submitting an application is March 2, 2020. Applications are to be turned into the Lodi Grape Festival Business Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or can be dropped in the mail slot after hours.

Section1 Contact Information

Applicants Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Complete Address: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone _____

Section 2 School Information

High School Information (Complete even if currently attending college)

School Name: _____ Year Graduated: _____

If you are currently attending high school, complete 1 through 4 below:

1. List any high school organizations, clubs or other activities in which you have participated:

2. List any awards and/or honors that you have received during your high school career:

3. List the colleges you have applied to and their locations:

4. Intended major(s): _____

If you are currently attending college, please complete the following:

School Name: _____ No. of years attending: _____

School Address: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

1. List any awards and/or honors that you have received while in college:

2. List any extra curricular activities you have been involved with while in college:

Section 3 Participation in the Lodi Grape Festival and Community Service

Describe your involvement in and experience with the Lodi Grape Festival, not including attendance at the Festival (i.e. working on a mural, entering exhibits). Indicate activity and year:

List any community service or volunteer activities in which you have participated in the last year:

Section 4 Financial Background

What is your family's annual income? (Check appropriate amount)

____ Under \$25,000 ____ \$25,001 - \$50,000 ____ \$50,001 - \$75,000
____ \$75,001 - \$100,000 ____ \$100,001 - \$125,000 ____ More than \$125,001

List the names, ages, and relationship to you of each person living in your household.

Section 5

Describe any financial hardship your family has endured and/or other personal circumstances you would like the selection committee to be aware of.

Section 6 Essay: *On a separate piece of paper, answer both A and B.*

- A. How will you use your college experience to benefit yourself and others?
- B. Answer two of the following essay questions. There is a 500-word maximum for each question.
 - 1. Describe a moment, event or person that has had profound influence upon your life and has changed the direction it is taking.
 - 2. What would you do to improve the experience at the Lodi Grape Festival?
 - 3. If something were to interrupt your plans for college, what would you do?

By signing this document, I certify that the information I have provided here is true:

Signature

Date