



2017 Jim Kissler Memorial Scholarship Application Instructions

The Lodi District Grape Growers Association's **Jim Kissler Memorial Scholarship** is available to those pursuing a **career in agriculture**, with an emphasis on viticulture, enology, agribusiness, agricultural engineering, or agriculture education.

The Jim Kissler Memorial Scholarship Fund may award scholarships of \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, or other amounts, as determined by the selection committee.

Applicant Eligibility

- Must have attended and/or graduated from a high school in Crush District 11, OR have a relationship with a farming operation in Crush District 11. Relationship can include work experience, parent or guardian employment, etc.
- Must be pursuing a career in agriculture, with an emphasis on viticulture, enology, agribusiness, agricultural engineering, or agriculture education.
- Past applicants and past recipients are invited to reapply each year.

Applicant Essay

The applicant must submit an essay of 350 words describing a current issue facing California agriculture and how the applicant could be part of the solution to this issue in their future career.

Transcripts

Include official, complete school transcript. Transcript may be a photocopy that bears the original signature of the proper school authority.

Two Letters of Recommendation

Include one letter of recommendation from a teacher. The letter may cover the applicant's ability, work habits, personality, and integrity. Include one letter of recommendation from a responsible community leader. The person should not be related to the applicant. The letter may cover applicant's participation in the community in terms of service, leadership skills, and outstanding recognition. Letters may be originals or photocopies and must be limited to one side of a single sheet (8.5" x 11") of paper, typed, and signed by the author.

Resume

Include a personal resume. Limited to one side of a single sheet of paper, typed.

Photo & Biography

Include a photo and short biography (up to 150 words) outlining your experiences and career path to be included in the LDGGA Newsletter if selected as a scholarship recipient.

Banquet Attendance

Recipients will be asked to attend the LDGGA Annual Banquet, in February 2018 in Lodi to accept their scholarship plaques. Travel expenses will be paid by the LDGGA scholarship program if needed.

Applicant Checklist

Incomplete applications will not be considered

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Application (original, typed or neatly printed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Resume |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Essay | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript of Grades | <input type="checkbox"/> 150 word biography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Letters of Recommendation | |

Mail to:
Jim Kissler Memorial Scholarship
PO Box 2004, Lodi, CA 95241

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