



E.M. THARP INC. /WORLD AG EXPO® SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline for Scholarship Application: Friday, January 17, 2020– 5:00 p.m.

The E.M. Tharp Scholarship will be awarded based on eligibility as outlined in the criteria below, as well as the quality of the application. Grades, ACT/SAT scores and financial need will be assessed but are not the only factors considered when awarding the scholarship. If the applicant is selected for an interview, they must bring a professional photo of themselves to the interview. Scholarship winners will be contacted prior to World Ag Expo® in February.

The grant will be sent to the university the recipient will be attending in the fall. The recipient of the scholarship must spend the grant within 12 months of award date for tuition, fees, books or other education-related expenses. Failure to use the scholarship within 12 months or use of the scholarship for any purpose other than educational expenses will result in the recipient needing to refund the full amount of the scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Officially graduate from high school during the 2019-2020 school year
- Acceptance by an accredited 4-year university, if not accepted yet provide which universities you have applied to at this time
- Future educational and vocational career goals must be related to agriculture
- Applicant must reside in Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings or Kern counties
- Completion of scholarship application, including transcripts and letters of recommendation

Incomplete, hand written, or late applications will not be accepted.

Application Process:

- Complete application, including letters of recommendation and transcripts, prior to deadline of Friday, January 17, 2020. Must receive application by deadline date, not postmarked.
- Provide a transcript of high school grades and ACT or SAT scores. (Please do NOT provide original transcripts in sealed envelopes or folded)
- Provide two letters of recommendation
- Do NOT fold application or send application in small envelope.
- Submit **two unstapled copies** of your scholarship application; including transcripts and letters of recommendation to:

International Agri-Center®
“We Believe in Growing Scholarship”
4500 S. Laspina St.
Tulare, CA 93274
Attn: Kerissa Chapman



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Applications will not be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on deadline date

TYPE APPLICATION & ESSAY QUESTIONS

Applicant Name _____

High School _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Secondary Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s) _____

Prospective University you will be attending _____

Prospective College Major _____

Future Career/Vocation _____

Semester/Year you will first enroll in the university _____

Date of Application Submitted _____

Office Use Only: Date Received Application _____



ESSAY QUESTION

Type a one-page essay describing your future educational and career goals. Explain what kind of impact you would like to have in the agriculture industry. Describe steps you have taken to accomplish your future aspirations.

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

Answer questions 1-6 on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Describe your FFA and 4-H experience including activities, projects and judging teams.
2. List your extracurricular school activities, including community/church service activities or projects.
3. Describe your work experience.
4. Describe your financial needs.
5. Explain other types of financial assistance you have requested.
6. Please provide additional information you feel is pertinent to this application.