



VACAVILLE CHAMBER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Scholarship Application

Purpose

The Vacaville Chamber Educational Foundation (VCEF), in collaboration with local businesses and organizations, established the Vacaville Workforce Scholarship Program to develop the talent and resources of our community. The goal of the program is to assist high school graduates and adult learners returning to school who either may not qualify for traditional high school graduation grants or have taken a break and are now returning to further their education. We believe investing in this underfunded pool of students is important for our community.

VCEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose goal is to develop the local workforce through a variety of programs. VCEF awards financial scholarships of \$500-\$2,500 to local students pursuing post-high school education at accredited and state-approved vocational trade schools, community colleges, and traditional colleges. Scholarships may be used for a variety of expenses including tuition, books, training fees, industry-specific equipment, and other career-related expenditures. The program is not industry specific. Applicants from all types of career paths are encouraged to apply.

Applicant Qualifications

- Must live or work in Vacaville.
- Should be continuing or re-entering education or training at an accredited trade school or college in any field.
- Must provide proof of high school diploma or equivalent. (Official transcript preferred.)
- No GPA minimum is required.
- Complete and submit an application by the deadline.

Instructions

- Complete and sign the Application Form.
- Respond to all Applicant Questions.
- Include two Letters of Recommendation.
- Attach a complete high school transcript, college transcript, or GED. (Official transcript preferred.)
- Limit length of the total application (not including transcripts or GED) to seven pages.
- Use of a cover page is optional and will not be included in the page count.

Next Steps - Completed applications must be received by Friday, October 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Key Dates ~ Week of November 13: Recipients Notified ~ December 7: Awards Reception

Finalists will be chosen based on a review of the written applications. The final selection of recipients will be made based on individual interviews of each finalist by an interview panel. Supporting exhibits may be presented by the applicant during the interview.

Applications can be sent in PDF format via email to Connect@VacavilleChamber.com or delivered or mailed to the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce at the address below. Late applications will not be accepted. For additional information, please feel free to contact the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce via the phone number or email below.



Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Program of Study: _____

I agree to be available for a personal interview with the Vacaville Workforce Scholarship Program interview panel to discuss my qualifications as an applicant should an interview be granted. I certify that all statements and information I have given are true and correct. I am aware that any information I have submitted may be used for publication.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Applicant Questions

Please limit each response to one page. All submissions must be typed in at least 10-point font.

1) *Describe the education and training you are currently taking or plan on taking. Include high school and college courses, certificate programs, work experience, and any other relevant training. List the years completed and the grades or certificates you earned. Tell us about any related achievements including any special recognition, honors, advanced placement, or successes.*

2) *What are your career goals and how would you use a Vacaville Workforce Scholarship Program Award? Explain how receiving an Award would ultimately benefit the Vacaville community.*

3) *Up to this point in your life, how have you used your talents, skills, and efforts for the betterment of the community and/or your school?*

4) *Describe what you consider to be the single most important project or activity in which you have participated. Tell about the role you played and how the accomplishment affected you and your future goals.*

Letters of Recommendation

Provide two Letters of Recommendation. Ask the persons providing the recommendations to respond to the question below. Letters should be limited to one page, be signed and dated, and include how the author knows the applicant.

In what specific way(s) do you feel this applicant is deserving of being awarded a Vacaville Workforce Scholarship from the Vacaville Chamber Educational Foundation?