

John J. Parsons Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is being awarded in memory of John Joaquin Parsons, a long time farmer from Ducor, CA. After graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in agriculture business management, John returned home to farm and continue a custom harvesting business with his father and brother.

They grew dryland wheat on the rolling hills of the east side of the San Joaquin Valley and harvested grain for other growers from Fresno to Bakersfield. John branched out into vegetable seed harvesting, modifying grain harvesters to do the job.

John loved being a farmer and riding out the ups and downs of weather and crop prices. He also saw that fewer young people were taking the risk of entering production agriculture. It is hoped that the scholarship will be an incentive to join the next generation of farmers.

This scholarship is being offered to a current, full-time California university undergraduate student who is planning a career in production agriculture. Any student enrolled in a four-year college with a major in agriculture is eligible. Applicant will need to provide proof of enrollment, and be a U.S. citizen.

One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually by the Parsons family based on a written essay, two letters of recommendation, and a completed application. The California Grain Foundation will collect applications; after an initial screen of applications, finalists will be interviewed by the Parsons family. The final award decision will be made by the Parsons family.

The essay (no determined length) should detail the applicant's goals in agriculture and discuss why they want to go into production agriculture.

All materials must be submitted by October 30, 2012 to:

California Grain Foundation
1240 Commerce Avenue, Suite A
Woodland, CA 95776

or by email to: info@californiawheat.org

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Questions may be directed to: info@californiawheat.org.

JOHN J. PARSONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application for scholarship for college academic year 2012-13. **Submission Deadline: October 30, 2012**

Note: Essay, proof of enrollment and letters of recommendations **must accompany** this application.

NAME

First Middle Initial Last

PERMANENT ADDRESS

Street County

City State Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

DATE OF BIRTH / /

Month Day Year

EMAIL ADDRESS

How did you find out about this scholarship? _____

College where enrolled _____ Date of enrollment _____

Attending Full-Time Yes No

Agricultural Major course of study _____

For what agricultural occupation are you preparing? _____

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: Applicant must submit two (2) **CURRENT** letters of recommendation written within six months of application due date, commenting on the applicant's character and abilities and prospects for a successful career in production agriculture. The name and occupation of each person writing a letter is required.

The persons writing letters of recommendations (relatives excluded) are:

Name Occupation

Name Occupation

By signing this application, Applicant specifically agrees to the terms and conditions of the scholarship program and represents that all statements and representations made in this application are true and correct at the time made. Applicant understands and agrees that the decision of the Parsons Family/Cecilia Parsons regarding scholarship recipients is final and that by signing this application, Applicant and Applicant's parents and guardians waive any and all right to contest the decision of the Parsons Family/Cecilia Parsons. Applicant further agrees to hold the Parsons Family, Cecilia Parsons, the California Grain Foundation (CGF), and the California Wheat Commission (CWC) and their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, costs, damages, attorneys' fees, and any other expenses which the Parsons Family/Cecilia Parsons, and/or CGF and/or CWC or their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees may sustain or incur as a result of Applicant's or Applicant's parents' or guardians' breach of this provision.

Applicant's Name

Date