

**Lower Tule River Irrigation District
&
Pixley Irrigation District
Water Resources Scholarship
2020**

Deadline: **April 17, 2020**

For more information contact: (559) 686-4716

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The Boards of Directors of the Lower Tule River and Pixley Irrigation Districts believe in quality college education. Furthermore, the Boards encourage local students to pursue academic interests that will benefit San Joaquin Valley agriculture. The Districts promote this ideal by offering a scholarship program for students in a course of study related to agriculture and more specifically, water resources. The intent of the scholarship is to have well rounded and educated students return to employment in an agricultural related field upon their graduation.

The Districts want to make a commitment and investment in the students who are awarded the scholarships. A scholarship will be **awarded annually**, in the amount of \$2,500. One-half of the funds will be transferred to the students' choice of university at the beginning of the first semester/quarter of the school year. The student must continue to be a student in good standing (3.0 GPA) and continue a course of study in an agriculture/water resources related field in order to receive the second half of the scholarship. **The scholarship will be renewed annually for up to three additional years**, provided the student continues to meet the GPA and course of study requirements. **By virtue of this renewal, this scholarship turns into a four-year \$10,000 scholarship for students who continue to meet the requirements.**

Scholarship winners may have an opportunity for a paid internship with the Lower Tule River and Pixley Irrigation Districts.

General information and criteria:

1. The Scholarship has been established for students enrolled in a course of study related to agriculture and water resources. Only those students enrolled in accredited four-year colleges or universities are eligible for the Scholarship.
2. Preference on awarding the Scholarship will be given to residents and landowners of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID) and Pixley Irrigation District (PID). However, the Districts encourage all eligible students, who are residents of Tulare County, California to apply. Immediate family members of LTRID and PID employees or LTRID and PID board members are not eligible. For further information on District boundaries, please contact the district office.
3. The student must be enrolled in a four-year college or university or have plans to do so by the fall of the current year, prior to receiving the Scholarship.
4. An applicant may be either a graduate or undergraduate student pursuing a course of study in an agriculture or water resources related field. Eligible fields of study include engineering, agriculture, public administration, political science or other related fields.
5. Scholastic achievement will be a criterion for selection as well as demonstrated interest in the agriculture/water resources industry. Students must complete essay questions on the scholarship application form.
6. Students must submit both high school and all college transcripts. Applicants must obtain official transcripts sealed by the school and enclose them with your completed application.
7. Please be sure transcripts include GPA.
8. Applicants must complete the entire application form along with three recommendations from non-relatives. Two of the recommendations must come from a person outside the teaching profession. Recommendations must be post marked by the deadline April 17, 2020. Faxed recommendations will not be accepted.
9. Applications must be typed.
10. Recipients will be reviewed and selected by a committee named by the General Manager and the Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River and Pixley Irrigation District.
11. Financial need is not a criterion.

12. Strong consideration will be given to applicants interested in working in water resources.
13. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all documentation has been received by the deadline. DO NOT assume that all the information has arrived.
14. Application deadline is: **April 17, 2020**. Applications must be postmarked by this date to qualify. All recommendations must also arrive or be postmarked by this date in order to qualify. No exceptions will be made. Please inform your references of this deadline.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT

1. Attach a completed high school and/or college transcript including current course of study.
2. Attach three letters of recommendation (see guidelines)
3. List your extra curricular activities in high school, college, the community, etc
4. List any significant awards, honors, etc., you have received. (Please limit to five.)
5. List any technical societies of which you are a member and any offices held.
6. Attach typed essays of no more than 150 words each answering the following:

Essay 1) Briefly describe any past or current employment related to your field, the average number of hours worked per week and lessons learned that you will use in your chosen career path.

Essay 2) Briefly describe skills you have and want to further develop that would make a contribution to irrigated agriculture.

Essay 3) Briefly describe the functions of irrigation districts and the importance of irrigated agriculture in California.

Essay 4) Briefly describe what you think is the biggest challenge currently facing the agriculture industry.

Essay 5) (**For graduate students only**) Please describe any water related research in which you have participated, or will perform during the period of this award.

Applications must be delivered to the District office: 357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272. **Documents will be date stamped by the District upon receipt.**

I hereby certify that the information presented on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____