



AVF Scholarship Program

A Voice Found, Inc. (AVF), a nonprofit career counseling and scholarship service, is pleased to announce the following scholarship opportunities for qualified individuals seeking financial assistance in their pursuit of specific vocational education and training at an accredited university, college, academy, or community college. The scholarships are named after everyday heroes who exemplify the best of their professions while serving their communities, overcoming obstacles, and mentoring young people.

The AVF scholarships span the areas of business administration, early childhood education, barber and beautician arts, culinary and hospitality services, nursing, health sciences, health technology, public safety, agriculture, automotive technology, engineering and applied technology, and industrial and trade technology. Additional information on each of these scholarships can be found on the reverse side of this form as well as on the AVF website www.avoicfound.org.

2012 Program Description

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The number and amount of the AVF Scholarships will depend upon the number of qualified applicants, the scholarship funds available for the year, and the students most deserving (based on competitive assessment of need and personal achievement).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be a high school graduate or have an equivalent GED certificate by June 30, 2012.
2. For at least one year, applicant must have resided or worked in Napa County (California) or have attended a Napa County high school (or college). International students (on student visas) are ineligible for AVF scholarship consideration.
3. Applicant must be under the age of 30.
4. Applicant must meet the following financial criteria: Applicant living independently must have an annual income below \$40,000 (without dependents) or below \$80,000 (with dependents); or if living with parents, applicant's parents must have an annual income below \$80,000.
5. Applicant must submit a personal statement (not more than 250 words) describing an obstacle or challenge that the applicant has endured or overcome in pursuit of an education, training, or preparation for a career and future.
6. For distribution of scholarship funds awarded, applicant must be enrolled in the specific vocational course of study approved at an accredited university, college, academy, or community college.

Special consideration will be given to applicants who are: single parent, foster child, orphan, ward of the court, first generation high school graduate, first generation college-bound student, immigrant, at risk (through court-ordered or community-based services), disabled.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKLIST

- Applicants must complete both pages of the AVF Scholarship Application (also available online at www.avoicfound.org) and mail to the address on the application form within the deadline specified. The form must be signed and dated to be considered complete.
- The personal statement must be included with the application packet.
- An official transcript of the applicant's high school (and college, if applicable) scholastic record must be included with the application packet.

Mail application and supporting documents to: A Voice Found, Inc., Attention: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 3146, Yountville, CA 94599. The application can also be emailed to scholarshipcommittee@avoicfound.org with the supporting documents sent within the deadline to the mailing address as indicated.

DEADLINES AND TIMETABLES

- April 13, 2012: Application with personal statement and official transcript completed and postmarked by this date (NO EXCEPTIONS!).
- May 11, 2012: Applicant notified of eligibility, status, and, if a finalist, the award amount and instructions for award check distribution.
- Early Fall Semester: Scholarship recipient obtains school verification of program enrolled and mails it with AVF form as instructed in award letter.
- October 5, 2012: Award check mailed to the scholarship recipient who has met the award letter criteria (NO EXCEPTIONS!).

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW AND NOTIFICATION

The Scholarship Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors of A Voice Found, Inc., a nonprofit public charity. This Committee will review all applications and read all personal statements. From this process, those who meet all the qualifications will be ranked based on special circumstances and a competitive scoring of the personal statements. Applications become the property of the AVF Scholarship Committee and will not be returned. All information submitted will be used and maintained confidentially for the sole purpose of scholarship consideration and processing. Applicants will be notified in writing of the status of their applications (and if chosen as a finalist). A Voice Found, Inc. reserves the right to publicize the name, comments, and photograph of any scholarship award finalist.

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

As outlined in the award letter, the scholarship funds will be sent directly to the student once the AVF Scholarship Committee has received official documentation from the school verifying the student's enrollment in the program, as well as the signed AVF student verification form.

RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIP

Some of the AVF scholarships (see list) may be renewed for the following (consecutive) school year provided that the individual: 1) continues to be enrolled in the specific vocational course of study approved at an accredited university, college, academy, or community college; 2) maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average; and 3) completes the required scholarship application within the specified deadline for that year.



2012 AVF Scholarship Descriptions

Business and Education

John Maestretti Business Administration Scholarship (renewable) honors a man who worked his way from office helper to business manager with a strong work ethic and sense of community, excellent business knowledge and skills, and a dedication to helping others. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing business related training and education, such as accounting, bookkeeping, office administration, finance, office technology, office systems.

June Genochio Early Childhood Education Scholarship honors a woman whose positive spirit and love of children led her to a career as a teacher's aide working with special needs children. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing early childhood related training and education, such as child and family studies, child development, teaching, instructional aide, child care aide.

Consumer Services

Art Frengle Barber and Beautician Scholarship honors a man who loved his barbering profession for over 40 years and was a mentor to many who were interested in pursuing this career. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing barber, beautician, or cosmetology training and education.

Tucker Barrett Culinary and Hospitality Scholarship honors a man who, despite battling a life-threatening medical condition, was an inspiration to many young people starting out in the restaurant business and wine sales. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing culinary/hospitality related training and education, such as cooking/baking, restaurant/hotel management, wine sales and marketing, tour and tourism, event and meeting planning, client and customer service.

Health and Public Services

Anne Cumming Nursing Scholarship (renewable) was initiated in 2006 to honor a woman who dedicated her life to the nursing profession while raising her family as a single parent. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing nursing training and education.

Mary Antonich Health Sciences Scholarship (renewable) honors a woman who dedicated her life to the nursing and medical profession attending to emergencies and the general health of her community. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing health science related training and education, such as nutrition, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, dental hygiene, sports medicine, psychiatric technician, pharmacology.

Mary Jean Azevedo Health Technology Scholarship honors a woman who bravely fought multiple myeloma while working full-time, caring for her family, and admiring the health care technicians and specialists for their knowledge and compassion. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing health technology related training and education, such as radiology, imaging, pathology, audiology.

Frank Springer Public Safety Scholarship honors a man who dedicated his career to firefighting and public service while actively volunteering his time in support of young people in the community. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing public safety related training and education, such as fire technology, law enforcement, public safety dispatch, human services case work, court reporting, paralegal, forensic science, criminal justice, disaster and emergency management and technology.

Trades and Sciences

Fred Giacomini Agriculture Scholarship (renewable) honors a man who, despite dropping out of school to support his infirmed parents and six siblings, was dedicated to agriculture, young people, his community, and the environment. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing an agricultural related training and education, such as animal science, food science, environmental horticulture, landscaping, viticulture, land conservation.

Clem McCorkel Automotive Technology Scholarship honors a man who enjoyed a career in the automotive industry while mentoring young men in the care and maintenance of cars as well as in their athletic pursuits and general development. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing automotive technology related training and education, such as automotive maintenance and services, collision repair, heavy equipment maintenance.

Clement McDermott Engineering and Applied Technology Scholarship (renewable) honors a man who, despite battling a war-related heart condition, pursued his education in industrial engineering while supporting his wife and young family. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing engineering/applied technology related training and education, such as drafting, surveying, construction management, applied graphics, architecture.

Gene Genochio Industrial and Trade Technology Scholarship honors a man who followed in his father's footsteps as a successful sheet metal worker for over 50 years where he trained and mentored many in his profession. This scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing industrial/trade technology related training and education, such as machine and metals technology, welding, electronics, air conditioning/refrigeration, machine tool and diesel equipment technology, masonry, heavy equipment operation.