

The Illuminators Educational Foundation Program

About Our Scholarship

The Illuminators Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the grocery industry through the California Grocers Association and Western Association of Food Chains. The Illuminators Educational Foundation is proud to offer a scholarship program to the most qualified and deserving high school seniors and college students (with one or more years of undergraduate work remaining) each year. This program is endorsed by the following individuals and organizations:

- Ron Fong – California Grocers Association
- Carole Christianson – Western Association of Food Chains

Donating to the Scholarship Fund

The Illuminators Educational Foundation welcomes and appreciates donations that help make the scholarship program possible. You can submit an online donation at www.illuminators.org.

Students - Eligibility & Requirements

In 2010, the Educational Foundation awarded eight scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each. We anticipate awarding ten scholarships of \$2,500 each in 2011. The scholarships for higher education will be awarded to eligible high school seniors and college students with one or more years of undergraduate work remaining, who work for a food related industry or are a direct relative of anyone who is associated with a current member organization of The Illuminators, The Illuminators Educational Foundation, California Grocers Association, or Western Association of Food Chains.

Criteria selection is based upon overall analysis of grade point average, SAT I/II and ACT scores, school and community activities, etc. A special merit scholarship will be awarded to an individual who has overcome personal adversities or exhibits unusual need, and demonstrated admirable gains in academic standings. Applicants of good moral character must submit a completed application to the Educational Foundation no later than February 1 of each year. Final selection is to be made and announced by The Illuminator Educational Foundation no later than May 1 of each year. Once a recipient has been selected and has enrolled in an accredited college or university, the award will be deposited with the registrar of the college or university. The funds will be applied against the recipient's expenses for tuition, fees, books, etc. Funds must be used within 12 months of notification of award. The scholarship application is available online. Please visit our application checklist to help you successfully submit your application at www.illuminators.org.

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