



2025/2026 Academic Year Food Industry Sales Association of Northern CA Scholarship Application

This scholarship award for higher education is given to students who exhibit leadership in school, community activities and demonstrate superior scholastic achievement.

The Food Industry Sales Association plans to award multiple scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic school year in the amount of \$3,000 with one scholarship of \$4,000 going to the top applicant. Prospective applicants may apply if attending an undergraduate/graduate course of study in Fall 2025/2026, at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school. This includes those students currently enrolled in an undergraduate course of study and have one or more years of school remaining.

To apply you must complete the application and all the items on the application checklist. Copies of the application can be found on our website, <http://ncfisa.org>.

OFFICIAL RULES

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must work for or be an immediate family member of a company that is a current member of the Food Industry Sales Association of Northern California. Employees or immediate family members of Food Retailer/Wholesalers that are headquartered in the Northern California trade area also qualify. (Immediate family members include son, daughter, brother, sister, mother, father, niece, nephew, or grandparents, including in-law thereof.

Applicants must complete the application form in its entirety and email to NorthernCAFISA@gmail.com by the **entry deadline, June 1, 2025**.

All applicants will be evaluated based on 5 Criteria:

- Scholastic Achievement
- Leadership in Community & School
- Essay
- Clear Statement of Education/Career Goals
- Financial Need

The FISA scholarship committee will have the sole responsibility for the selection of recipients and its decision will be final.

Recipients will be notified with a phone call and follow up email. All Federal, State, and local laws and regulations apply. Recipients shall be responsible for any and all taxes. Recipients will be required to sign and return an Affidavit of Eligibility/Release of Liability. Acceptance of scholarship constitutes permission to use recipient's name and/or likeness for purposes of advertising and promotion

and agreement to attend a local awards ceremony at the FISA expense. Transfer of the scholarship is not permitted. The award will be paid directly to the registrar at the recipient's school after verification of enrollment. The funds must be used within a 12-month period from the date announced, exceptions must have FISA board approval and must be in writing.

Email completed application, essays, and transcript to: Northerncafisa@gmail.com

Application and all supporting information **must be received by June 1, 2025**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Student Application
- Essays
- Summary of School and Community activities, Honors and Offices held
- Recent official transcript with school seal of grades from High school, vocational school or college. (Transcript must be submitted with application.)
- Photocopy of SAT/ACT scores – if applicable
- Current high-resolution photo (electronic- Picture 2"x 2")





Insert High Resolution Electronic
Photo of applicant here.

Applicant Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Full Mailing Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name/Relationship _____

CURRENT COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, HIGH SCHOOL, DATA/TRADE SCHOOL

School Name _____

Full Registrar mailing Address _____

Student ID _____

TRADE MEMBER/ RETAILER

Retailer/Sponsor's Name & Phone Number _____

Relationship to Sponsor _____

Retailer/Sponsor's Company _____

Company Address _____

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT- DATA Cumulative high school GPA (4.0 scale)

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*SAT Score or _____ *ACT Score _____

INSTITUTION YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

School Name _____

Full Registrar Mailing Address _____

Student ID _____

Chosen Major/Minor course of study _____

Anticipated date of graduation (month/year) _____

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, write an original essay (300 words or more) on the following:

Egg prices have soared as Avian Influenza drastically diminished supply. The US needs about 300 million egg laying hens to comfortably supply demand. Since last October, over 20% of that supply was eliminated.

Describe how higher egg prices and reduced supply have influenced your family's egg purchase decisions and buying patterns. What actions have you recently taken or might you consider taking in response to egg shortages and higher prices?

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Goals & Aspirations within 200 words total or less as they relate to the following three topics:

- 1 – Education
- 2 – Career
- 3 – Future Plans

FINANCIAL NEED

On a separate sheet of paper, in four brief paragraphs, explain 1) why you need financial aid; 2) what other financial aid you have; 3) why you are applying for this scholarship and 4) why you should be a recipient.

COMMUNITY & WORK/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

What are your extracurricular Activities? Summarize/list community and school activities and honors. Why do you pursue them?

CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the sole property of the Food Industry Sales Association of Northern California.

Applicant's Signature _____ *Date* _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ *Date* _____