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Imperial County Board of Supervisors 2016 Agricultural Benefit Scholarship Match

Announcement / Important Information for Scholarship Organizations

Imperial County is pleased to announce the availability of Agricultural Benefit Program funding to match qualifying scholarships awarded by other organizations. To be a Qualifying Scholarship eligible for this match, the scholarship must go to an Imperial County student, and the organization's scholarship criteria/requirements must show that it is degree specific for agriculture or related fields.

The Agricultural Benefit Program was established by the Board of Supervisors to mitigate losses to agricultural production, jobs, and our local economy resulting from renewable energy development on farmland in Imperial County. One of the target areas of the fund approved by the Board of Supervisors is education and scholarships for agricultural studies.

The County will not be accepting or reviewing applications from students, but rather working with organizations to match qualifying scholarships.

To participate, organizations must provide us with the following as soon as possible:

Name of your organization, contact name(s), and contact information (please include email)

Information on the scholarship(s) awarded by your organization that may qualify for a match

A copy of each scholarship's criteria/requirements

The approximate dates that you will determine your scholarship recipients and then notify them

We will let you know whether or not your scholarship qualifies for a match from this fund.

Please submit your list of recipients and award amounts for each qualifying scholarship by May 16, 2016. If you are not able to meet that deadline, please contact us. We also need a completed "Agricultural Benefit Scholarship Match: Required Information" form (attached) from the student. This form must be received by June 20, 2016 unless we receive prior notice of a circumstance which prevents submittal by that time and we approve the late submission.

The student and their family will be invited to attend an award program at a Board of Supervisors meeting, tentatively to be held at the end of June. Board meetings are usually on Tuesday mornings.

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Please pass this notice on to any other organizations with scholarship programs that may qualify; the Board of Supervisors would like to assist as many students as possible.