

JOHN F. MEALEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM

2017 Guidelines

The John F. Mealey (JFM) College Scholarship Fund Program is a scholarship program available to graduating high school seniors, undergraduate students, and graduate students who reside in CVHC housing communities (home or apartment) who are pursuing higher education. The JFM College Scholarship Fund Program also offers two scholarship opportunities within its program: the Father Edward Donovan Memorial Scholarship for Exceptional Community Service, which awards one \$2,000-dollar scholarship and a paid summer internship to a student with well-marked community service and commitment to making a difference in their local or host community; and the Sandy Rosenblith Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Students, which awards one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a graduate-level student who has a demonstrated commitment to social justice, leadership and making a difference in their community. Based on funding availability, merit and the type of institution, scholarships will range between \$250 and \$2,000. The program is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 program cycle through May 1, 2017 at 4:00 PM. Students selected to receive a scholarship are invited to an awards luncheon in June.

Eligibility Requirements for All Scholarship Opportunities

1. You and/or your parent(s)/guardian(s) must be residents of a CVHC housing community (house or apartment);
2. Be accepted or matriculated at an undergraduate community college, university, vocational/technical school, or graduate-level program;
3. Maintain a GPA of 2.00 (for JFM Scholarship) or 3.00 GPA (for Sandy Rosenblith and Father Donovan Scholarships);
4. Enroll in and complete full-time coursework (12 units) per academic term;
5. Recipients are required to provide evidence of enrollment and course registration in 12 units or more for the Fall 2017 term and Spring-Winter 2018 term. Recipients will be required to provide Fall 2017 grades and a 1-paragraph summary of their academic progress in January/February 2018.

Application Submission Requirements

John F. Mealey College Scholarship Fund

- ✓ Submission of a completed 2017-18 JFM College Scholarship Fund application;
- ✓ Your personal statement essay response for the JFM College Scholarship Fund;
- ✓ A copy of your unofficial high school -or- college/university transcript; 1st-year students include a copy of your Letter of Acceptance;
- ✓ Copy of utility bill with CVHC address (water/electric bill).

Father Edward Donovan Memorial Scholarship for Exceptional Community Service

Father Donovan was on special assignment with the United Farmworkers of America from 1978 until 1983. It would be during that transformational period in his life that he was inspired to help farmworkers obtain decent, safe and affordable housing by helping to found the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition. Subsequently, CVHC and its Board of Directors established the Father Edward J. Donovan Memorial Scholarship for Exceptional Community Service in honor of his lifelong commitment to community service and making a difference in the lives of farmworkers and the Coachella Valley.


- ✓ Comply with submission of all of the stated requirements for the John F. Mealey College Scholarship Fund;
- ✓ You or your parents must be farmworkers;
- ✓ Have accumulated 40 or more volunteer community service hours in the last 12 months;
- ✓ Letter of Verification certifying your community service from the organization/agency with which you volunteer;
- ✓ Your personal statement essay response for the Father Edward Donovan Memorial Scholarship opportunity;
- ✓ Maintain a 3.00 GPA or better.

Sandy Rosenblith Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Students

Sandy Rosenblith founded Rural LISC in 1995, an organization dedicated to creating vibrant rural communities throughout America. She also helped found *Stand Up for Rural America*, a coalition of campaigns devoted to bringing the plight of rural America to the forefront of policymaking. Ms. Rosenblith is held in high regard by her peers for her formidable legacy to the field of nonprofit community development. She held a Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a law degree from Harvard University.

- ✓ Comply with submission of all of the stated requirements for the John F. Mealey College Scholarship Fund;
- ✓ Your personal statement essay response for the Sandy Rosenblith Memorial Scholarship opportunity;
- ✓ Maintain a 3.00 GPA or better.

Timeline

Scholarship	Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Community Service	 INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP An informational scholarship workshop will be held on Monday, April 10 at 4:00 PM at the CVHC Office
Award Amount	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	
Application Available	March 31 st	March 31 st	March 31 st	
Application Deadline	May 1 st @ 4:00 PM	May 1 st @ 4:00 PM	May 1 st @ 4:00 PM	
Enrollment Verification Deadline	August - October	August - October	August - October	
Award Distribution (distributed in two equal parts)	Sept. - Oct. & Jan. - Feb.	Sept. - Oct. & Jan. - Feb.	Sept. - Oct. & Jan. - Feb.	

Submit Complete Application Packages:

Via Mail: JFM College Scholarship Fund
 % Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
 45701 Monroe Street, Suite G
 Indio, CA 92201

Download an application:

www.cvhc.org/programs/scholarship_fund
 Request via email: cmiller@cvhc.org
 Questions: Ms. Miller (760) 347-3157 ext. 551

