

# Totally Local VC Agricultural Educational Foundation 2024 Scholarship Fund



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### Introduction

The **Totally Local VC Agricultural Education Foundation 2024 Scholarship Fund** aims to help support the next generation of Ventura County farmers and chefs.

The strength of the American food system depends on our agricultural industry and its ability to expand its education in the fields of Agriculture, Food Science and Culinary Arts. Totally Local VC is dedicated to educating our youth and community on the important role that Agriculture plays in our lives. Simply put, we educate from field-to-fork and field-to-career.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs in Agriculture and Food Science are expected to grow by 7% from 2000 to 2028. These jobs play an integral and important role in increasing food production and ensuring that there is enough food to feed the world's population, which is projected to increase to nearly ten billion people by 2050. The Bureau also reports the growing demand for workers with expertise in the Ag and food-related industries.

*Perhaps no other intervention in the lives of young people makes as much intuitive sense as the concept of mentoring. This scholarship will take that a step further in helping students to elevate some of the financial burden as they work to achieve their educational goals.*

– Kat Merrick, CEO & Founder, Totally Local VC

### About Totally Local VC Agricultural Education Foundation

Over the past 17 years, Totally Local VC has worked as an advisor for Agriculture and Culinary Arts programs at both high school and college levels. Through our *Totally Local VC Agricultural and Culinary Mentorship & Internship Programs*, we work together with area chefs and farmers to empower students to take the next step in their journeys toward achieving their educational and professional goals.

To grow and continuously raise the bar on our academic initiatives, **Totally Local VC Agricultural Education Foundation** depends on community support. Funds raised from donations, sponsorships and events help to expand our programs and to continue our work with students. Totally Local VC's programs help to prepare students for successful careers in Agriculture, Food Science and the Culinary Arts fields as well as creating a direct connection to possible future employers and educators. This investment goes beyond that of monetary support and gives us a firm foundation upon which we build the future agricultural leaders and chefs of tomorrow.

*Totally Local VC Agricultural Education Foundation is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization.*

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### About the scholarship

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**Applications:** Applicants must fill out and submit the application below to be considered for the scholarship. Completed applications will be accepted through June 5, 2024. No applications will be accepted after the closing date.

**Amount:** One \$5,000 scholarship for educational financial assistance will be awarded in 2024.

**Requirements for Applicants:**

- Must have a GPA of 3.00 or above.
- Must be a High School senior attending school in Ventura County, California.
- Must be seeking a professional certification, associate, or bachelor's degree in agriculture, food science or culinary arts.
- Must submit transcripts; a list of school activities, awards and achievements, community involvement, and work experience; and a letter of recommendation.
- Must submit a brief essay covering their career aspirations, goals for the next 5 to 10 years, most meaningful accomplishments and how they relate to their field of study and future goals, and explain how this scholarship will help to fund their education.
- Must clearly show participation in community service or extracurricular activities.

**During the selection process, priority is given to first time applicants, students showing financial need, and applicants studying an agricultural or related field.**

### Scholarship Application

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**Please fill out and send us the application to be considered for the Scholarship. If you need more space for answers, attach additional pages as needed. Submission instructions follow the application.**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name

Gender      Female      Male      Choose not to answer

Mailing address

City

State

Zip code

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Phone number

Email address

Date of birth

Mother's occupation

Mother's employer

Father's occupation

Father's employer

Applicant's occupation

Applicant's employer

Applicant's employment  
history for last two years

Describe your career aspirations

What are your goals for the next  
5 to 10 years?

In order to fully understand your needs,  
please provide insight into your financial  
situation that supports your request for aid

How will this scholarship help  
you to fund your education?

Describe your most meaningful  
accomplishments and how they relate  
to your field of study and future goals

Describe your participation in community  
service or extracurricular activities

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### EDUCATION INFORMATION

Current school name

When did you first enroll at this school (month/year)

Current cumulative GPA

Anticipated graduation date

College/University/Trade School you plan to attend

College/University/Trade School address

Anticipated school start date

Anticipated major

Anticipated graduation year

### CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

I certify that I have completed all of the information on this application, and, to the best of my knowledge, it is complete and accurate. I acknowledge that all information on this application may be disclosed to third parties for the sole purpose of scholarship award consideration. If I am selected for a scholarship award, I will notify Totally Local VC Agricultural Education Foundation promptly of any change in my college major that could affect my eligibility for this award. Additionally, if selected, I will keep the Totally Local VC Agricultural Education Foundation's board of directors informed as to my whereabouts and employment progress following graduation.

I understand that the decision of the Scholarship Committee is final. Selected students will be invited to attend a special event when their scholarship award will be announced and presented to them. The date and time of this event will be included in your award notification.

**Applicant's signature**

Date

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**Submit your completed application to us either by postal mail or by scanning the application and sending the scanned copy via email.**

Mailing address:

Totally Local VC  
375 Los Cabos Lane  
Ventura, CA 93001

Email address:

scholarship@totallylocalvc.com

*Your submission **MUST** include:*

This application, with all requested information completed.

Copies of your school transcript documents.

**Or, you may fill out and submit an online version of this form, including uploading a file of your school transcript documents, at [TotallyLocalVC.com](http://TotallyLocalVC.com).**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the **Totally Local VC Agricultural Education Foundation 2024 Scholarship Fund**.

Sincerely,

*The Totally Local VC crew*

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