

Are You Eligible?

You are eligible if you are a high school senior, full-time college student with one or more years of undergraduate or graduate work remaining, or an adult returning to college to further your career within the food industry.

Must be: (a) employed in the food industry or (b) a direct relative* of a current organizational member of the Illuminators, Illuminators Educational Foundation, California Grocers Association, or Western Association of Food Chains. *Direct relative is defined as an aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, child, sibling or grandchild.

Selection Criteria for all scholarship candidates (\$2,500 University level and \$1,000 community college level scholarships):

1. Overall analysis of H.S./college GPA,
2. School and/or community activities
3. Moral Character
4. Essay or video as described in section, "What is the Scholarship election process?"

Special Merit Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who have overcome personal adversities, or exhibit unusual needs, and have demonstrated admirable gains in academic standings. Good moral character is expected.

Graduate Program candidates who are current, or incoming students with one or more years of graduate work remaining, or adults looking to return to graduate school to further their career. Fully completed applications must be submitted no later than 3/1/2021. Final selection will be announced by the Illuminators Educational Foundation no later than 4/1/2021. Once a recipient has been selected and has enrolled in an accredited college or university, the award will be deposited with the Registrar or Bursar's of the college or university. The funds will be applied against the recipient's education expenses for tuition, fees, books, etc. The funds must be used within a 12 month period from the date announced. U.S. legal residents only.

2020-2021 Scholarship Recipients

Douglas Hamada	Albertsons
Audrey Heng	Albertsons
Gabrielle Gibbon	Albertsons
Katherine Meredith	Bashas'
Kylee Engelke	Bashas'
Salvatore Puliafico	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Kailyn Beierle	Bimbo Bakeries USA
Garrett Valdez	City Market
Catherine Murphy	Coca-Cola/Minute Maid Business Unit
Paige Petersen	Costco Wholesale
Steven Leal	Costco Wholesale
Sylvie de Rouin	Gelson's
Nicholas Lam	Gelson's
Austin Evey	Gelson's
Christine Atamian	Gelson's
Daisy Perez	Gelson's
Anderson Lam	Gelson's
Lauren Averill	King Soopers
Blake Hogen	King Soopers
Lauryn Crittenden	King Soopers
Benjamin Parmelee-Martinez	King Soopers
Anh Nguyen	Kroger
Luci Tomas	Pepsi Co. Beverages
Ian Nation	Post Consumer Brands
Shayna Davis	Ralphs Grocery Company
Emily Bockelman	Ralphs Grocery Company
Mikayla Davis	Ralphs Grocery Company
Caroline Burslem	Randall's
Kayden Heinrich	Reynolds Consumer Products
Kayla Leland	Rosauers Supermarkets
Breck Burwell	Royal Ridge Fruits
Bryan Wolfe	Safeway
Frank Silva	Savemart Lucky Stores
Ryan Rossow	SBR Consulting
Haley Kamholz	Schoeller Allibert USA
Noah Carey	Stater Bros. Markets
Hayden Melin	Stater Bros. Markets
Seth Hankla	Stater Bros. Markets
Allison Totzke	Stater Bros. Markets
Michael Gallegos	Stater Bros. Markets
Justin Cleaver	Stater Bros. Markets
Adrianna Miranda	Stater Bros. Markets
Elizabeth Quinonez Tello	Superior Grocers
Alexis Valdez	Superior Grocers
Catherine Cranston	The J.M. Smucker Company
Matthew Tobeck	UNFI
Nicole Chang	Vons
Braxton Husserl	Vons
Erika Manasewitsch	Vons
Nicholas Manasewitsch	Vons
Benjamin Williams	2 Towns Ciderhouse



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The Illuminators Educational Foundation

The IEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the grocery industry through partnerships with The California Grocers Association, and the Western Association of Food Chains.

Mission Statement

The Illuminators Educational Foundation provides college scholarships to further the education of members and families of the Illuminators, Western Association of Food Chains, and the California Grocers Association.

— 2021 - 2022 —

\$147,500

Total Scholarships will be awarded

- Thirteen (13) scholarships of \$1,000 intended for community college Retail Management Certificate students/graduates.
- Twenty-four (24) scholarships of \$2,500 awarded based on academic performance and overall school/community involvement.
- Thirteen (13) scholarships of \$2,500 intended for students' personal circumstances and ability to overcome adversity.
- Two (2) scholarships of \$2,500 awarded for Graduate level work.
- \$12,000 awarded to the CGA (California Grocers Association) Educational Foundation.
- \$25,000 awarded to WAFC (Western Association of Food Chains) Education Fund.



Create an account, or login to your existing account. Once you log in you will be taken to the first page of the application. Should you need additional assistance, please call International Scholarship and Tuition Services (ISTS) directly at 615-777-3750.

Be sure to enter the Program Key: ILLUMINATORS

Scholarship Submission Timeline

- Applications must be submitted complete (no exceptions) no later than March 1, 2021.
- Final selections will be announced by the Illuminators scholarship committee no later than April 1, 2021.

Disbursement of Funds

- Once a recipient has been selected and has enrolled in an accredited college or university, the award will be deposited with the Registrar or, Bursar's office of the college or university.
- The Funds will be applied against the recipient's educational expenses for tuition, fees, books, etc.
- Funds must be used within a 12 month period from the date announced.

Use of Image / Name / Voice

Except where prohibited by law, submittal of this application constitutes permission to use the name, image, visual likeness, and/or voice of the applicant(s) to whom the scholarship is awarded, without limitation, for promotional purposes without further permission or compensation. As a condition of being awarded the scholarship, except where prohibited by law, applicants may be required to execute a release and license to the use of their name, image, visual likeness, voice and/or prize information, without limitation, for promotional purposes, without further permission or compensation.

What is the Scholarship Selection Process?

Selection Criteria:

High School seniors and full-time college students, with one or more years of undergraduate (community college or university level) or graduate work remaining:

Analysis of high school/college GPA, school and community activities, moral character, and the submission of an essay on either of the following prompts:

- What qualities in a company encourage you to work for them?
- How do you see yourself making a difference in another person's life?

Working adults - new or returning to college (community, undergraduate, or graduate level) to further their career within the food industry:

Analysis of most recent academic GPA, school and community activities, moral character, and the submission of the following essay prompt:

- Describe your career path and the ultimate results you aspire to achieve.

Essay can be submitted in writing or as a video. Details are posted on the website when you log in to apply.

Additional information is available online.

Go to: <https://aim.applyists.net>

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What Else Should I Know?

By submitting this application, you release the Illuminators Educational Foundation, its affiliates, directors, trustees, officers, employees, agents, licensees, and assigns from any liability whatsoever, and waive any and all causes of action, related to any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the scholarship or delivery, mis-delivery, acceptance, possession, use of or inability to use the scholarship (including, without limitation) claims, costs, injuries, losses, and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional whether under a theory of contract, tort, warranty or other theory.

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 Illuminators Educational Foundation.