



January 4, 2016

Once again the California Strawberry Festival is seeking qualified High School applicants from the Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Camarillo area for the Dr. Tsujio Kato Memorial Scholarship. The award amount can be from \$500 up to \$6,000, which can be awarded at your annual scholarship awards ceremony.

Your encouragement of eligible students to apply and providing them with photocopies of the enclosed application and this cover letter outlining the criteria is appreciated. The specifics of the scholarship eligibility and application process are detailed as follows:

1. **NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP: Dr. Tsujio Kato Memorial Scholarship**

2. **PURPOSE:**

To promote and present a scholarship in conjunction with the California Strawberry Festival held in May of each year, and to honor the memory of Dr. Tsujio Kato and his contribution the community as founder and Chairman of the California Strawberry Festival.

3. **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. Currently enrolled in OUHSD.
- b. Students intending to enroll as a candidate for a Bachelors degree at an accredited college or university in the fall of 2016. Scholarship will be revoked if not enrolled by the fall of 2016.
- c. This scholarship is for Legal Residents of the Oxnard/Port Hueneme/Camarillo area, which includes El Rio, who attend the local OUHSD.
- d. Students with a **minimum transfer G.P.A. of 3.0.**
- e. Students who exemplify leadership and active participation in school (including athletics), community, or church activities.
- f. Scholarship offered on a racially nondiscriminatory basis.

4. **SELECTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL BE BASED ON:**

- a. Transcripts for all years of high school.
- b. Two letters of recommendation.
- c. Personal statement of 1000 words or less.
- d. Completed application submitted on time.

5. **2016 AWARD AMOUNT: \$500 to \$6,000.00.**

The awards will be a check to the school/recipient upon receipt of proof of enrollment.

6. **STATE IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR PROOF OF ADDRESS**

Only State ID or Driver's License with application for proof of address are accepted. If you do not have a State ID, or Driver's License, please get one through the DMV department prior to turning in your application. Student School ID is not accepted.

7. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

All completed applications and other required materials must be **received** at the address below **by 5:00 P.M. on April 10, 2016.** Late entries are automatically disqualified

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Dr. Tsujio Kato Memorial Scholarship

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sandy Montes-Cerna at 805-385-4739 extension 102 or by email at csf@strawberry-fest.org.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sumiko Kato

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Scholarship Chair