

**NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
ALDO DELFINO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**HISTORY**

Aldo Delfino is the late Napa County Agricultural Commissioner who valued both the opportunity to attend college and the opportunity to return to Napa County and serve the community and agriculture.

The Aldo Delfino Scholarship was established upon the death of Aldo Delfino in 1981 for the purpose of awarding scholarships, in his name, to local students planning to attend college and study some form of agriculture.

Since its inception, in 1982, the Aldo Delfino Scholarship program has awarded over \$50,000 to local students.

**POLICY**

1. The Agriculture in the Classroom Committee of the Napa County Farm Bureau will appoint a committee to operate the functions of the Aldo Delfino Scholarship. This committee will consist of no less than five members and no more than seven. The Napa County Farm Bureau will oversee the operations of the Aldo Delfino Scholarship Committee.
2. The activities of the Aldo Delfino Scholarship Committee are reported regularly to the Napa County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. The Committee, however, is appointed to determine the following without the consent of the NCFB Board of Directors:
  - criteria to be used in selection process
  - financial amount to be awarded
  - actual selection of students
  - development of categories for scholarships
  - scholarship distribution procedures
3. The Scholarship Selection Committee will be appointed by the Ag in the Classroom Chair annually and will consist of five to seven members of the Ag in the Classroom Committee. The Chair will act as moderator of the selection process.
4. The Napa County Farm Bureau donates staff time, office space, and supplies necessary to carry out the business of the Aldo Delfino Scholarship Fund.

5. The Aldo Delfino Scholarship Fund consists of a principal investment account and a secondary operating account. Only interest dividends and earnings growth generated from these accounts, and/or monies from fundraising activities can be awarded to students in the form of scholarships. The Fund's historical contributions shall not be used for disbursement. The operating account is available for the purpose of funding fundraising projects for the committee and other Fund related operating expenses. All monies raised from fundraising events are added to the operating account and may be distributed to students directly in the form of scholarships. All funds raised through donations are deposited in the principal account unless otherwise specified by the donor. In addition, an annual review of the principal and operating accounts' performances will be conducted by the Napa County Farm Bureau Investment Committee and the Aldo Delfino Scholarship Committee.
6. The Committee will develop and conduct some form of annual fundraising event or program to maintain the dollar amount in the principal account to the level whereby the amount awarded each year is consistent, until such time a larger sum can be awarded without the threat of being forced to award less the following year.

## **PROCEDURES**

1. Applications for Aldo Delfino Scholarships are made available to local high schools, local FFA groups, and to local 4-H groups.
2. Students first receive a written application, which includes questions regarding personal information (e.g. name, address, school they plan to attend, subject of study, grade point average, etc.), a list of activities and work experience, financial statement and a written essay regarding the student's future plans. A letter outlining the scholarship, including its history, is attached. Scholarship information is mailed to local schools in January.
3. Committee members call those teachers, counselors and principals who received scholarship information to encourage them to target students who may be suitable for the scholarship. This should be done shortly after the scholarship information has been mailed.

**Scholarship applications are due at the Napa County Farm Bureau office by April 1st.**

4. The Selection Committee meets to review the applications submitted, and conducts the oral interviews for those students who meet the criteria of the written application.

5. After undergoing an oral interview, students are selected by the Committee to receive scholarships. After making their decision, the Selection Committee records the names of those students who are awarded scholarships. Students, both those who receive scholarships and those not awarded, are notified. Students should be selected by the first week of May and notified during their school awards ceremonies. Those who were not awarded scholarships will be notified by letter by the end of May.
6. Students who receive a scholarship must mail a copy of the registration form of the school they are attending to the Napa County Farm Bureau office. The entire scholarship is then mailed to the student with a letter to include the following conditions for distribution of funds:
  - The student must be enrolled full-time.
  - The student must continue to attend that school or an equivalent school.
  - The student must maintain a GPA acceptable to the school's standard of academic conduct.
  - Scholarship funding may be used only for academic related expenses including tuition, course textbooks, and on-campus room and board.
7. Counselors, teachers, and principals are notified of the students awarded scholarships and a Committee member or a Napa County Farm Bureau board member attends the scholarship awards ceremonies of the appropriate schools to acknowledge those students awarded scholarships. Only a certificate is given at the award ceremonies as the actual check is mailed directly to the student when fall classes resume.

## **SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

1. At least two categories of scholarships will be awarded:
  - a) One to a student planning to attend a four-year accredited college or university. (suggested scholarship \$400- \$1,000)
  - b) One to a student planning either of the following: two-year accredited college or a vocational specialty school. (suggested scholarship \$300-\$600)

If more than two applicants are chosen as recipients, the money from the previous year's fundraisers for Aldo Delfino scholarships will be allotted to the additional recipients. No single recipient should receive more than \$1,000 dollars in a single year.

The dollar amount of the scholarship varies each year depending on how many recipients are selected, and how much money was raised the previous year for Aldo Delfino scholarships.

If no applications are received for the above categories, then no scholarships will be awarded.

2. Scholarship candidates' plans must fall within the study of agriculture or related fields including:

- Farm Management
- Soil Science
- Forestry & Natural Resources
- Resource Management
- Enology
- Viticulture
- Crops Sciences
- Plant Genetics
- Animal Sciences
- Gen. Science & Research
- Food Science
- Ag Business
- Environmental Horticulture
- Ag. Systems Management
- Biological Sciences
- Ag Education Communication
- Dairy Science
- Environmental Management & Protection
- Other related fields

3. Students are subject to an oral interview before the Aldo Delfino Committee. Students will be judged by the following criteria as established by the Committee:

Need	25%
Potential	25%
Academic Achievement	15%
Involvement in extra curricular activities	15%
Consideration of returning to Napa County	10%
Other	10%

Each member of the committee scores the students. Their total score and any miscellaneous comments are recorded in the office of the Napa County Farm Bureau.

4. Students who receive a scholarship must attend the school or an equivalent school as stated when they applied, they must begin school at least four months after graduation from high school (unless the situation is extraordinary as determined by the Committee), must be attending that school on a full-time basis, and must maintain a GPA acceptable to that school's standard of academic conduct. A student receiving a scholarship must continue in the field of study as stated in the written application and/or during the oral interview process, or they must study some related field, which meets the guidelines mentioned in #2.

5. Scholarships will be distributed for academic related expenses including tuition, course textbooks, and on-campus room and board. The Committee may make exceptions regarding those scholarship recipients attending special schools such as vocational institutions.

6. Students will agree, via the written application, to give Napa County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Committee a full report on their progress and an accounting of their income and expenses at any time requested by the Committee.