



## **2026 CHARLES T. YERXA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO  
BE CONSIDERED FOR THE CHARLES T. YERXA SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear Applicant:

Following this letter are the rules and requirements and the application for the Sunsweet Growers Charles T. Yerxa Scholarship Fund. I cannot tell you how important it is to “plan ahead.” Do not wait until the last minute to request and secure your transcripts and letters of recommendation because:

1. All application and certification forms and required information must be in one envelope,
2. Faxed transmissions of transcripts will not be accepted,
3. Envelope must be postmarked no later than April 3, 2026, and
4. Must be addressed to: Member Services Dept.  
Sunsweet Growers Inc  
901 N. Walton Avenue  
Yuba City, CA 95993

Please be aware of the following:

1. should any part of your application package be mailed separately, you will not be considered for the scholarship; therefore, e-mailed and faxed applications are not acceptable.
2. mail is not necessarily postmarked the same date placed in a U.S. Postal Service mail receptacle so prepare and mail your application prior to the deadline.

Although these requirements and deadlines are very firm, we want you to have every opportunity to compete for these scholarships, so please, plan your actions accordingly.

Sincerely,

Mike Mitchell  
Member Services Dept.



## **SUNSWEEP GROWERS INC. CHARLES T. YERXA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### **I. CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Must be a child or grandchild of a current Sunsweet Growers Inc. member or current Central or District Director and be prepared to commit to the requirements of this scholarship offer. Children and grandchildren include natural, adopted, or stepchildren.
2. Must be a graduating high school senior with a grade-point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 point scale for each quarter or semester from the beginning of the ninth grade through the first semester of the twelfth grade.
3. To be accepted for consideration, all applicants must comply with points 1. and 2. above and all applications ***must*** be accompanied by (in the same envelope):
  - a. Applicable transcripts sealed by the high school;
  - b. Three letters of reference (example: school officials, teachers, clergy, etc., not a relative)
  - c. A personal statement by the applicant of 500 words or less stating his/her goals and future expectations.
4. Successful applicants will receive first scholarship payment after providing Sunsweet Growers with official proof of full-time student status registration at a domestic college/university grading on a 4-point system and is accredited by an agency recognized by the U. S. Secretary of Education.

### **II. SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Candidates shall submit application to Scholarship Committee by April 3, 2026.
2. Recipients will be notified by April 30, 2026.



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### **III. AMOUNT OF GRANT AND METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION**

1. The grant shall be for \$1,000 per year for 4 years.
  1. \$1,000.00 shall be awarded at beginning of the recipient's first Fall term upon receipt of request for funds accompanied by official proof of full-time registration at a domestic college/university using a four-point grading system and is accredited by an agency recognized by the U. S. Secretary of Education. Subsequent payments will be made at the beginning of the next three Fall terms based on the following criteria:
    - a. official transcripts reflect a minimum grade-point average of 2.5 for each term of the previous year at a domestic college/university using a four-point grading system;
    - b. student has maintained full-time undergraduate status;
      - i. full-time status shall be deemed as 12 credits per quarter or semester;
    - c. student has provided official proof of full-time registration for the current Fall term;
    - d. student is attending a domestic college/university grading on a 4-point system and is accredited by an agency recognized by the U. S. Secretary of Education.
    - e. student has had no breaks in attendance other than summer session;
    - f. student requests funds.

### **I.V. LACK OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS**

If there are no qualified applicants, the funds will be held over for the following year.

### **V. CONTINUANCE OF GRANT**

Continuance of this grant shall be upon fulfillment of the requirements by the recipient.



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**APPLICATION**

**2026**

Applicant's name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip code\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth\_\_\_\_\_

Sunsweet Growers Inc. Membership Name\_\_\_\_\_ Member#\_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the Sunsweet Growers Inc. member\_\_\_\_\_

School last attended name & location:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation\_\_\_\_\_ GPA\_\_\_\_\_

School to attend name & location:

\_\_\_\_\_

College major\_\_\_\_\_ College minor\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated date of graduation\_\_\_\_\_

Honors, Activities, Athletics, Organizational Affiliation, and career-related experience (include offices held): *You may make a **one-page** attachment if necessary. (Please limit your comments regarding activities to those which would be meaningful to most individuals and refrain from listing each incidence of supplying baked goods for a fundraising event, etc.)*

Please attach Letters of Reference from three people who know you who are not relatives and list them below:

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Business\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Business\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Business\_\_\_\_\_



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**CERTIFICATION**

As an applicant for a Sunsweet Growers Inc. Charles T. Yerxa Scholarship Fund award, I hereby certify that:

1. I will become a full-time undergraduate student as of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)
2. I acknowledge that I must remain a full-time undergraduate student at a domestic college/university that is accredited by an agency recognized by the U. S. Secretary of Education and maintain a minimum 2.5 grade-point average on a 4-point scale, for each semester or quarter, to be considered for continuance of the scholarship award.
3. All information submitted herewith is true and correct.
4. I consent to the release of grades and test scores to the Scholarship Committee of the Sunsweet Growers Inc. Charles T. Yerxa Scholarship Fund.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of scholarship applicant)