2020 Friends of the Fair Student Scholarship Awards Announced

Each year, the Friends of the California State Fair Student Scholarships help our state's most promising students achieve their goals and realize their dreams by granting scholarships to a broad range of academic studies.

These awards are presented to college students and graduating high school seniors at the <u>California State Fair Gala</u> presented by Friends of the Fair, to students who exhibit academic excellence, leadership potential, civic accomplishments, and a strong sense of personal commitment to continuing their education. The <u>Gala</u> dinner sponsors, ticket buyers, and our live and silent auction sponsors provide a majority of the funding for the scholarships. Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Gala was cancelled, but the Friends of the Fair wanted to award and acknowledge the deserving students despite the cancellation of their fundraising event.

This year, Friends of the Fair awarded twenty-six students \$44,000 in <u>scholarships</u> for the 2020-21 academic year. These students represent twenty California cities.

The Ironstone Concours Foundation/Friends of the California State Fair also provides \$5,000 to be awarded to one outstanding candidate. Please congratulate all twenty-six students for their achievements and recognize the recipient of the Ironstone Concours Foundation/ Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Tiffany Ng.

Tiffany Ng graduated from Cosumnes Oaks High School in Elk Grove in June 2020. She will be entering the University of California, Davis, in the fall of 2020 as a freshman with a major in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior. She aspires to be an optometrist serving populations worldwide that have limited access to eye care.

Support for her school and community is very important to Tiffany and she has been involved in a rich variety of volunteer activities. She volunteered as a camp counselor at the Sacramento Zoo, worked as an assistant coach teaching children volleyball skills, served as a teaching assistant in US History, and tutored students in math.

From one of the recommenders on her application is this well-deserved summary. "One need not look further than this piano-playing, volleyball-spiking, zoo-camp-counseling, AP-class-acing, writing-feedback-seeking student to find someone who's not afraid of taking on new roles or confronting challenging and exciting work."

Congratulations to Tiffany and all of the 2020 recipients. See the 2020 scholarship recipient list here.



2020 Scholarship Overall Winner Tiffany Ng