



Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority

# **Waste Reduction Student Scholarship**

## INTRODUCTION

The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (RecycleSmart) provides collection services and programs for residents, businesses and schools in Central Contra Costa County.

RecycleSmart holds franchise agreements with Republic Services for the collection, processing, transfer and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste, including organics recycling. Recyclable materials such as paper and containers are delivered to Mount Diablo Recycling for processing and marketing.

Member municipalities are [Danville](#), [Lafayette](#), [Moraga](#), [Orinda](#), [Walnut Creek](#) and surrounding areas of [Contra Costa County](#).

## WASTE REDUCTION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A scholarship of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to qualifying high school seniors by RecycleSmart. Once you are enrolled a check will be written to the college or university of your choice. All scholarship winners will be acknowledged by the RecycleSmart Board of Directors. To receive a scholarship student must attend the May 28, 2020 RecycleSmart Board meeting located at 1666 N. Main St., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Visit [www.recyclesmart.org/schools](http://www.recyclesmart.org/schools) for resources to help implement programs that support your schools waste reduction programs. For questions on the program or application, please contact Ruth Abbe at (415) 235-1356.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Who is eligible?

1. Applicants must be enrolled as a senior of a public high school located within the boundaries of the RecycleSmart service area.
2. Applicants must be enrolled as a high school senior expecting to graduate by June 2020.
3. Applicants must live within the boundaries of the RecycleSmart service area: [Danville](#), [Lafayette](#), [Moraga](#), [Orinda](#), [Walnut Creek](#) and surrounding areas of [Contra Costa County](#).
4. No family members of the RecycleSmart staff or Board Members are eligible to apply.
5. Applicants must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university for the entire 2020/21 academic year.
6. Scholarship application must be received by **Friday, April 3, 2020, no exceptions.** Please submit the application via email to: Ruth Abbe at [Ruth.Abbe@abbeassociates.com](mailto:Ruth.Abbe@abbeassociates.com).

## PROJECT APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Current Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact (Teacher, Principal, Advisor) \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Email & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**FALL 2020 INTENDED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**INTENDED MAJOR/FIELD OF STUDY** \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

All of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked to do so, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this application. I realize that if I do not provide proof in a timely manner, I will not be considered for a scholarship.

I agree that if I am selected to receive the RecycleSmart Waste Reduction Scholarship, I will provide proof of enrollment for the 2020/21 academic year. If selected, I agree to have my name, photo, school, intended major/field of study, and future school (if available) published by the RecycleSmart in a variety of publications, both printed and on the worldwide web.

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*Signature of Applicant*

Date

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*Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is a minor)*

Date

## DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OR LEADERSHIP ROLE

Any student who has carried out an environmental project and/or demonstrated a role as an environmental leader is encouraged to apply for the RecycleSmart Waste Reduction Student Scholarship. Write essay answers (note max. word count, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, and 1" margins) addressing each of the following topics:

- What does waste reduction mean to you and how has this experience developed your capacity to act as an environmental steward? (500-word maximum)
- Briefly describe your waste reduction project or your role as your school's waste reduction leader and what inspired you to carry out this project or role. (200-word maximum) Also include a video that demonstrates the described project.
- Describe how you applied the tenets of the 4Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot to your project. (200-word maximum)
- Describe the results of your project or your leadership role: did your project result in waste reduction and/or an increased diversion rate at your school or in your community? (200-word maximum)
- In what ways has your project or leadership role increased waste reduction awareness within your school or in your community? (200-word maximum)
- Attachments – You may include up to two pages (8.5"x11", double-sided) of attachments that support your project. Attachments can contain photos, illustrations, or additional information.
- Include information of school personnel (teacher, principal and advisor) that can verify implementation and success of project.

## PARTICIPATION IN RECYCLESMART SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Yes	No	Scholarship Applicant Activities	Date
		Initiated a project to increase diversion at your school or in your community	
		Met with your principal, custodian or facility manager to reduce trash volumes and "right size" recycling and food scrap collection service	
		Supported a local business, institution or elementary school in waste reduction, recycling or composting	
		Supported a school wide Green Team to help promote and monitor recycling and food scrap programs RecycleSmart)	
		Conducted one promotional activity (ex. assembly, classroom or lunchtime presentation, skit, or other school activity) during the school	
		Recruited younger students to carry on the program after you graduate	

**RECYCLES MART USE ONLY**

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**BASIC CRITERIA TO BE USED BY RECYCLES MART**

Yes	No	Scholarship Application Requirements
		Enrolled as RecycleSmart senior?
		Applicant lives within The RecycleSmart boundaries?
		Applicant selected “yes” to enrolling in 2- or 4-year college or university in fall of 2020?
		Application received by Friday, April 3, 2020
		Certification statement signed?