



THE GOLDEN SLATE

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Investing in the Next Generation of Agriculture Leaders

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At California State University, Chico, we believe tomorrow is built by those who are bold enough to start today. That's why our donors are investing in the next generation of California agriculture leaders who are committed to feeding, sustaining, and transforming their communities.

Each fall, Chico State's College of Agriculture awards a variety of recruitment scholarships. One award that stands out is the Bell Family Presidential Scholarship.

Each year, our college awards eight Bell Family Presidential Scholarships—four to incoming first-year students and four to transfer students. These prestigious scholarships cover full tuition and fees for the duration of the recipient's program (four years for freshmen, two years for transfers). This award, paired with the affordable cost of living in Chico, equals a great opportunity for students who may think that a four-year college is out of reach.

That's where you come in.

We're asking high school and community college agriculture educators like you to help us find these students who might otherwise be overlooked—those hiding in plain sight in your classrooms and chapters.

We invite you to nominate a student who shows promise, passion, and perseverance—a student who cares deeply about the future of agriculture, and who might just need someone to say, "You can do this."

Ideal nominees are students who:

- Are passionate about agriculture and committed to making an impact
- Are looking for a traditional college experience
- Have shown leadership or initiative—formally or informally
- Could thrive in a hands-on, close-knit program
- Have a high school GPA of 3.5, or a transfer GPA of 3.3

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Why Chico State Agriculture?

- 800-acre University Farm with experiential learning across disciplines
- Personalized support and strong student-faculty relationships
- High job placement and leadership opportunities through clubs and internships
- Deep roots in California's agricultural economy and communities

What can you do?

You can submit a nomination using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/10HR3qvcVx>

Once you submit a nomination, we'll reach out to the student to let them know you've nominated them and provide directions on how to apply for the scholarship. Your nomination will also be included in the review process.

Students can learn more about available scholarships here:

<https://www.csuchico.edu/academics/college/agriculture/resources/bell-scholarship.shtml>

Encourage your students to come to Chico. Our Ag Ambassadors are excited to welcome students (and classes) to the farm and share their own experiences at Chico State. To schedule a tour, email: farmtour@csuchico.edu

