

About the Scholarship Fund: Family HealthCare Network (FHCN) is a private nonprofit organization offering primary and specialty care services with 41 locations serving Tulare, Kings, and Fresno Counties. Founded in 1976, FHCN has grown into the largest primary care provider in the South Valley. In 2009, FHCN established the Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund in honor of Anita de la Vega, a clinician who had a long-lasting impact on the organization because of her dedication to serving the underserved and her strong encouragement for higher education. Her clinical career in Tulare County spanned three decades where she was respected for her tenacity, mentorship, work ethic, and commitment to community service. Anita felt it was a privilege to practice medicine in underserved communities, but that it was a responsibility to advocate for them. Her exemplary professionalism and community service continues to be an inspiration for being a voice for the underserved and for the improvement of our communities' health.

About the Award: A \$1,000 scholarship, sponsored by Family HealthCare Network's Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund, is available to deserving Junior College students from Tulare, Kings or Fresno Counties.

Eligibility: To be eligible, qualified applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. First generation college student preferred
2. Planning to attend College of the Sequoias, Fresno City College, Porterville College, West Hills College, or San Joaquin Valley College.
3. Cumulative G.P.A of 3.0 or higher
4. Migrant or seasonal farm working background or family
5. Involvement in community service
6. Pursuing a degree in health or community health related field.

Award Conditions:

1. The Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund requests that the scholarship opportunity be posted in the guidance counselor office. Junior College students fitting the eligibility criteria are invited to apply.
2. Applicant must complete an application provided by the Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund. Applications are also available at www.fhcn.org. **Application deadline is no later than 5:00 pm Monday, April 5, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted.**
3. The Anita de la Vega de la Vega Scholarship Fund will make final decisions by April 26, 2021 and will contact the award recipients and their school guidance counselors directly.
4. Scholarships will be distributed to selected students directly. Scholarships will be distributed once the release of funds form and enrollment verification is submitted to the Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund. This information must be received no later than October 1, 2021 or the funds will be forfeited back to the Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund.
5. Selected students shall be willing to have their name listed as a recipient, provide a photograph, and any written materials provided in the application as a promotion for their annual fundraising purposes.
6. Selected students will be asked to submit a progress report at the end of their first semester or equivalent quarter providing a written statement of how funds have supported their efforts to pursue a career in health or community health.
7. Please call Family HealthCare Network for questions regarding the scholarship or application process at 559-737-4700 or email your questions to scholarships@fhcn.org.
8. Family members and/or children of Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund Committee Members, and Board Members and Officers of Family HealthCare Network are ineligible to apply.



Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund
2021 Junior College Student Application Form

Please complete this required form and submit with your application:

Personal Information:

Name: _____
First MI Last

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

County: (Please Circle) Tulare Fresno Kings Phone: _____ Email: _____

Migrant or Seasonal Farmworking Background? (Please circle) Y/N Relationship: _____
First Generation College Student? (Please circle) Y/N

School Information:

Please attach verification (a copy of transcript) of Cumulative G.P.A. of last school attended:

Last School Attended: _____ School District/Junior College Campus: _____

Last School Address: _____ G.P.A. _____
Street City State Zip Cumulative G.P.A.

Junior College planning or attending: _____ Major or field of study: _____

References:

Please attach two letters of recommendation:

- One letter from a personal reference knowledgeable about your character.
- One letter verifying community involvement from a community organization you have completed community service or volunteered. Letter must be on organization's letterhead.

Name of Reference in Letter: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

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Personal Statement:

Please attach a type written personal statement addressing how your migrant and seasonal farmworking background has influenced you to seek a career in health or community health and commit to making a difference in your community. Please attach a recent photo of yourself to the application.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit your complete application no later than 5:00 pm on April 5, 2021. Submit to: Anita de la Vega Scholarship Fund, 305 E. Center, Visalia, CA 93291. Only complete applications will be accepted. Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered by the due date. Questions can be sent to scholarships@fhcn.org.