Steward AG FOUNDATION

IMPACT REPORT 2023 & 2024



Welcome

Steward Ag Foundation IMPACT REPORT 2023 & 2024

We are pleased to present this report that outlines the Steward Ag Foundation progress towards meeting our mission to honor the integrity of the California farm worker by providing scholarships for their children, allowing them to transform their lives by pursuing higher education. This report highlights our fundraising events, donations, donors and our student scholarship program.

We want to express our deep gratitude to our generous donors, committed friends and valued partners who believe in our mission in making a difference in the lives of students and their farm worker families. We sincerely appreciate large donations from the Gesner-Johnson Family Foundation, the Ron D. Kline Foundation and Ann Kraemer.

OUR TEAM

Steward Ag Foundation 2023 - 2024 Board of Directors

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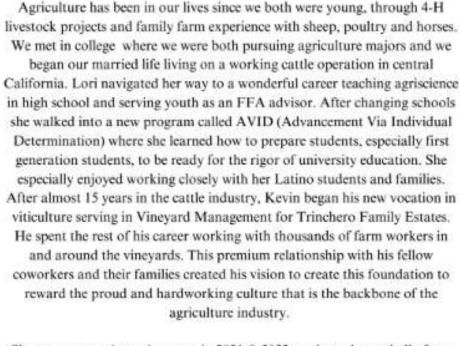
Event Committee

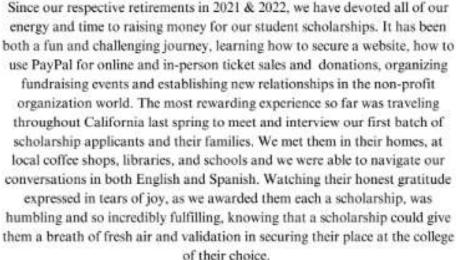
Pam Knapp | Cameo King | Ronda Christensen | Stephanie Hitchcock | Lori Steward

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Our board is excited to announce plans for an endowment initiative set to launch in 2025. More details and information to be shared in the coming year.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS





We are excited for this next scholarship cycle! We thank you for your support and we welcome new partners to help us accomplish our mission of making a positive difference in the lives of farmworker families and their students.





FINANCIAL REPORT

2023

TOTAL REVENUE ~ \$86,590

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DONATIONS ~ \$70,450

AUGUST 2023 SALUD TO SCHOLARSHIPS EVENT ~ \$16,140

2024

TOTAL REVENUE ~ \$88,945

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DONATIONS ~ \$60,730 (other than events)

MAY 2024 SPRING INTO SCHOLARSHIPS EVENT ~ \$8,300

AUGUST 2024 SALUD TO SCHOLARSHIPS EVENT ~ \$19,915

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED ~ \$ 49,000

NO SALARIES ARE PAID TO OFFICERS OR STAFF OF THE FOUNDATION

EVENTS & DONORS

August 11, 2023 - Salud To Scholarships

Our first fundraising event was held at Klinker Brick Winery, Lodi, CA. Our special thanks to owners

Lori and Steve Felten who graciously donated their winery and brick patio for our event. Each ticket
buyer was given a token Steward Ag Foundation wine glass to enjoy the Klinker Brick wines. Delicious
tacos, quesadillas, ceviche, tornitos and salsas were enjoyed as patrons purchased raffle tickets and bid
on silent auction items. Special thanks to our friend Ronda for help setting up and to Cameo and
Natana for working the registration table.

Thank you also to friends who donated and purchased items, and to the following business donations:

Silt Winery Heringer Estates Winery Terra d' Oro Winery Sobon Vineyards Lopez Ag Services Kapahi French Macaroons Bien Nacido Wines Three Stix Wines Head High Wines Klinker Brick Winery Burroughs Family Farms Lawrence Knapp Law Andis Wines Yorba Wines Ilsley Vineyards Kevin Schinke Jewelers Crane Assembly Wines Grand Island Vineyards









May 4, 2024 - Spring Into Scholarships

This was a catered dinner held at the Steward home in Walnut Grove, CA. Space was limited to 80 guests due to the size of the venue inside the barn. Grilled rib eye steak and shrimp scampi dinner was prepared and served by Blodgett Catering of Escalon. Program included happy hour and appetizers, student speaker, dinner followed by outdoor entertainment.

Special thanks to wine donated by:

Silt Winery Dillian Winery Terra d'Oro Winery Klinker Brick Winery

Special thanks also to the table sponsors from:

Martin Livestock Kristi & Jack Dalton North Delta Wildlife Conservancy Lopez Ag Services Koket Resort Anderson Farms

Steve Quashnik McCormack Farms Todd Hirtel



August 2, 2024 - Salud To Scholarships

Our second annual event took place again at Klinker Brick Winery in Lodi. Two of our recent student scholarship winners spoke on behalf of the foundation. We provided personalized wine glasses to each ticket holder and served authentic Mexican food while participants bought raffle tickets and silent auction items. Special thanks to our event committee who helped secure most the items for the raffle and silent auction and for their help setting up, running the auction and for cleaning up.

Thanks also to friends and businesses who donated items and to Clutch Brake Exchange for making our personalized foundation metal coasters.

Terra d'Oro Winery Silt Winery McSparren Auto Glass Fiore's Floral & Gifts Cindy Stearns Gifts Woodbridge Crossing Waterloo Restaurant Honest Fish Farm Clutch Brake Exchange Yosemite Farm Credit Ilsley Vineyards Sobon Estates Shenandoah Vineyards Bien Nacido Wine Bogle Winery Generation Growers Kapahi French Macaroons Beyond Pots & Pans

Luxury in Home Personal Wine Tasting Experience by Stephanie Hitchcock Luxury in Home Personal Wine Tasting Experience by Libby Schreiber



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Linden, CA

January 1st to May 10th Scholarship Application available online

January to April Visit schools, counselors, migrant ed

family meetings to publicize scholarship as well as post flyers & signs in stores

May 10th Scholarship Application closes at midnight

May 11th Begin reviewing scholarship documents

May 15th Scholarship Committee meets to review

scholarships

May 16th Begin contacting students to schedule

interviews

May 20th to June 2nd Student Interviews & Presentation of

Scholarship Checks

June 12th Mail Press Release to Steward Ag

Foundation mailing list

PRESS RELEASE

The Steward AG Foundation Awards \$49,000 in Student Scholarships

The Steward AG Foundation is proud to announce the awarding of \$49,000 in college scholarships to fifteen deserving students. The mission of the Steward AG Foundation is to honor the integrity of the California farm worker by providing scholarships for their children, allowing them to transform their lives by pursuing higher education.

Scholarships are offered to recent high school graduates and current college students. Students may be pursuing career technical training, community college or university education in any major or focus area. The Steward AG Foundation board selects recipients who have demonstrated participation and achievements across multiple domains. These include a personal essay describing their educational plan and career goals, official transcript that verifies a 2.5 minimum gpa, letter of recommendation describing their character and work ethic, resume documenting work, activities and accomplishments, proof of college/program acceptance or current enrollment, and a copy of a pay stub verifying parent employment in agriculture. These scholarships were made possible through generous donations from friends and personal contacts in the agriculture community and education liaisons. The Foundation welcomes online donations on the Steward AG Foundation website: stewardagfoundation.org as well as checks mailed directly to the Foundation. Patrons may also give at Foundation sponsored live fundraising activities through the purchase of event tickets, silent auction items and on-site raffle tickets. All events are posted on the Steward AG Foundation website.

This inaugural year, seven four-year scholarships were awarded to recent high school graduates attending either a University of California or California State University campus, five two-year scholarships were awarded to recent high school students attending California community college, one scholarship was awarded to a current student attending Modesto Junior College and two scholarships were awarded to two students who have recently completed their second year of university education.

2024 High School Graduates attending Four-Year University - \$3,500 each

<u>Fatima Alfaro</u>, Thornton, Delta HS, UC Irvine, Criminology, Law & Society <u>Stephanie Altamirano</u>, Stockton, Linden HS, Sonoma State University, Education <u>Cindy Arreola</u>, Walnut Grove, Delta HS, San Jose State University, Public Health <u>Anisa Gonzalez</u>, Lodi, St. Mary's HS, San Francisco State University, Kinesiology <u>Gabriel Guzman</u>, Stockton, Linden HS, UC Irvine, Computer Science <u>Francisco Herrera Cruz</u>, Stockton, Linden HS, Fresno State University, Civil Engineering <u>Angela Vargas</u>, Courtland, Delta HS, Fresno State University, Architecture

2024 High School Graduates attending Community College - \$2,000 each

Jocelyn Aparicio, Fillmore, Fillmore HS, Ventura College, Education Emily Gutierrez, Stockton, Franklin HS, San Joaquin Delta College, Graphic Design <u>Carina Gonzalez</u>, Stockton, Venture Academy, San Joaquin Delta College, Health Sci <u>Jasmin Gonzalez</u>. Stockton, Venture Academy, San Joaquin Delta College, Business <u>Carolina Martinez Perez</u>. Hollister, Hollister HS, Gavilan College, Health Science*

Current Community College Student - \$2,500

Brianna Gonzalez, Isleton, Modesto Jr. College, IGETC Animal Science/Pre-Vet

Current Four-Year University Students

Samantha Zavala, Ione, Pacific Oaks College, BS Early Childhood Education - \$7,500
Pedro Medina Alvarez, Walnut Grove, Sacramento State University, Kinesiology, \$5,000

Our 2024 Scholarship Recipients

Clarksburg, CA

Hollister, CA

Clements, CA







Walnut Grove, CA

Walnut Grove, CA

Walnut Grove, CA







Fillmore, CA

Walnut Grove, CA

Lodi, CA







HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

DONATE

Make a Financial Contribution, either one time or recurring at stewardagfoundation.org

Donate Raffle Items or Auction Items for our events. Contact us at info@stewardagfoundation.org



SPONSOR

Sponsor a - Fundraising Event

- Event facility/location
- Event equipment(tables, chairs, tents)
- Event drinks, food or dessert
- Publicity: (glassware, bags, napkins, signs, shirts)

Email us at info@stewardagfoundation.org or call 916-812-1933

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer at one of our events or join a committee Email us at info@stewardagfoundation.org or call 916-812-1933

SAVE THESE DATES EVENTS 2025

Saturday May 17th, 2025 - Spring Into Scholarships, 5-9pm Catered Dinner at the Steward Residence, Barn & outdoor patio Walnut Grove, CA





Friday August 8th, 2025 - Salud To Scholarships, 6-9pm Mexican style dinner, Raffle Tickets and Auction Items for purchase Klinker Brick Winery, Lodi, CA







***Tickets will be available for purchase on www.stewardagfoundation.org
website or by mail starting end of February 2025