



California Association of Supervisors of  
Child Welfare & Attendance

2015-2016 School Year

Dear Student:

Each year, the San Joaquin Section of CASCWA provides scholarship awards to high school seniors, who will graduate during or at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, and who attend schools in our region, which is comprised of these counties: *Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus or Tulare.*

The San Joaquin Section of CASCWA is pleased to announce the new scholarship award format and amount. Five (5) awards will be given out this year. Each successful applicant will be awarded an amount of \$1,000.00, and have the ability to receive an additional \$1,000.00 per year for up to three years depending upon the type of post high school program or school the Pupil is attending. In order to receive the additional year(s) award the applicant must maintain good standing in the military, full time enrollment at a technical training program, or at least part time enrollment (defined as at least half of a full time student) at a college or university. Applicants must also keep the scholarship chair informed of any change of addresses during the applications eligibility for future awards. It is the responsibility of the award winner to keep the chair and or organization informed of their progress and their qualifying for future year's awards. As CASCWA is a nonprofit organization future awards are based upon available funding of the organization. If funding is not available future year's awards will not be distributed. Additional information on subsequent years funding will be provided to the successful applicants.

Our scholarship is called the "Anthony Brucia Success Award," named after the beloved, deceased son of one of our Board members. The award is intended for resilient pupils who have made a turn-around in their lives. The kind of pupil we want to recognize and honor is the pupil who most likely did not have a 4.0+ throughout high school. We're looking for a student who has had to overcome lack of success early on or who had to struggle to maintain academic progress due to a variety of reasons, including but not limited to personal or family stress or problems. We want to acknowledge and support pupils who may have been burdened by "at risk" circumstances and/or may have "hit bottom" but are now putting things back together and show future promise.

If you believe you are a good candidate for the "Anthony Brucia Success Award," please complete the APPLICATION FOR THE ANTHONY BRUCIA SUCCESS AWARD, including all items that listed at the bottom of the application. Ask your counselor for a copy of the form, if you have not received one or visit the CASCWA website at [www.cascwa.org](http://www.cascwa.org).

To be considered for the Award, your **application must be** mailed and **postmarked no later than March 26, 2016**. Send your application to –

Sergio Mendoza  
Director of Assessments and Accountability  
Porterville Unified School District  
600 W. Grand Ave, Porterville, CA 93257

If you have questions, please email me at [smendoza@portervilleschools.org](mailto:smendoza@portervilleschools.org) or call me at 559-793-2445.

Best Wishes,  
Sergio Mendoza



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**APPLICATION FOR THE ANTHONY BRUCIA SUCCESS AWARD**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Phone Including Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person (Counselor, Teacher, or Other): \_\_\_\_\_

The Contact Person must be someone who knows you well, who is aware of your Personal Narrative, and is someone who has your permission to verify the content of your essay.

School Contact's Phone Including Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My future career plans are to attend (check as appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> College           | _____                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational School | _____ <i>Name(s)</i>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military          | _____ <i>Name(s)</i>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment        | _____ <i>Branch</i>             |
|  | _____ <i>Type of Employment</i> |

I hereby authorize my school to release a transcript and other information, as may be necessary concerning this scholarship application.

I hereby authorize the person designated above as Contact Person to verify the content of my Personal Narrative and/or to clarify questions, if necessary.

I hereby verify that I am a senior in good standing and will graduate at the end of the current academic year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature                      Date                      Parent/Guardian's Signature                      Date

**Enclosed, in addition to this application form, please find all of the following items intended to complete my application for the Anthony Brucia Award:**

1. A Personal Narrative, which tells your story. It describes the obstacles you have faced, your progress despite difficulties and your plans for future success
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Activities record and employment history
4. Transcript – freshman through first semester of your senior year
5. Attendance record for the first semester of your senior year

**Applications must be postmarked no later than March 26, 2016 and mailed to Sergio Mendoza at the address shown on the cover letter accompanying this application.**