

S.R. PRITCHETT SCHOLARSHIP RULES

I. NAME

The scholarship shall be known as the S.R. PRITCHETT SCHOLARSHIP.

II. NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The number of scholarships given at any one time, as well as the monetary amount of each scholarship, shall be determined by the TRUSTEE as it deems advisable in its sole discretion.

III. PURPOSE

It is the hope that this scholarship may be continued annually in perpetuity, **serve as a goal for aspiring students** of the Vina area throughout their school career and be of material assistance to some students who might otherwise find it impossible to continue their education.

IV. USE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

A. The scholarship may be used upon graduation from high school by students from the Vina area to enable them to pursue their studies or develop their talents in schools, colleges or universities anywhere in the world.

B. Scholarship recipients may defer use of the scholarship for one year.

V. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

A. The student must be worthy, talented, industrious, and needy. Length of residency and time spent at Vina Elementary and Los Molinos High will aid the committee in judging these four criteria.

B. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of the Vina area.

C. To be eligible, a student must be a member of the current year graduating class or a worthy prior graduate (if additional funds are available).

D. The student must be accepted by the school, college or university he or she plans to attend. Such school, college or university must be accredited by the State of California or the state in which it is located.

E. The recipient shall not be determined solely by academic standing but should have at least average grades.

VI. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship application forms may be secured from Los Molinos High School. Completed applications must be submitted to the Counseling Office on or before April 15th of the year of the graduation in order for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship. Continuing recipients must submit an application with supporting data regarding attendance, grades and units to the Los Molinos High School on or before April 15th of each year.

VII. DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS

A. Sources of information – All available sources of information concerning each applicant will be considered, including school records, personal knowledge concerning applicants, and financial information.

B. Evaluation Criteria

1. Worthiness
2. Talent
3. Industry
4. Need

The ability to benefit by advanced education will receive prime consideration, but all criteria will be considered.

C. Evaluation procedure – The Counselor of the Los Molinos High School shall make available all information concerning each applicant. A meeting of the scholarship committee shall be held during the month of May or June and all new applicants will be asked to attend. Previous applicants need not attend, but must submit papers as prescribed above. All new applicants will be interviewed individually by the committee. The complete records of all applicants will be reviewed followed by a vote by secret ballot of the entire committee to determine the recipients. The committee reserves the right to request any and all new or former applicants to appear for a formal interview.

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

The S.R. Pritchett shall have one committee:

A. The Committee shall be formed to select recipients of the scholarship. The Selection Committee shall consist of the Principal of the Los Molinos High School and/or Superintendent of the Los Molinos Unified School District and two of the trustees from the Vina District who serve as members of the Los Molinos Unified School District Board of Trustees. If trustees have relatives eligible for the scholarship, the following order of selection for the committee shall be followed:

1. An immediate past Vina Trustee of the Los Molinos Unified School District.
2. The Live Oak Trustee of the Los Molinos Unified School District
3. The Vina Elementary principal shall fill the vacancy of the principal of the Los Molinos High School.
4. A teacher from the Vina Elementary School, to be selected by the principal of the Vina Elementary School shall fill the vacancy of the principal of the Los Molinos High School.
5. A citizen from the Vina area selected by the present Vina Trustees.

B. No scholarship shall be granted to relatives (children and grandchildren) of any member of the committee.

C. No unilateral decisions will be made by any committee member.

IX. SCHOLARSHIP TERM AND CONDITIONS

A. Scholarships will be given upon graduation from high school for a term of up to four years and are renewable and reviewable annually providing that the recipient remains in good standing at his/her school, college or university.

B. The amount of the scholarship for each recipient will be determined annually and will be dependent upon the amount of funding available and the number of applicants to be considered.

C. The recipient must carry a normal load (minimum of 12 units)* at all times and must maintain average grades (C or better or 2.0 grade point average or better). Recipients must send official reports to the committee to verify that they are meeting minimum requirements as outlined in this document. It is the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RECIPIENT to secure this verification and submit it to the S.R. Pritchett Scholarship Committee, otherwise payment of funds will not occur. The scholarship is valid only while the recipient remains in good standing at the school of attendance.

D. Probation MAY be granted a WORTHY student upon review of circumstances by the Committee. When a student is in danger of failing or is advised by a counselor to drop a class, they are to contact the District Superintendent of the Los Molinos Unified School District. Possible probation can be arranged for that semester, rather than getting an "F" grade on their record. The committee realizes that sometimes circumstances arise that are beyond a students control. Each situation will be looked at individually.

E. The recipients will be paid in a manner as may be determined by the committee when the scholarship is given, usually immediately following receipt of grade reports or transcripts of credit.

F. Should a recipient fail or quit school, the award may be given to an alternative. However, should injury or illness cause a student to withdraw from school, the award may be held for him or her for a period not to exceed one year. Should the recipient enter the military service, the scholarship will be continued upon entry or re-entry at any school, college or university providing that the recipient enrolls immediately upon receiving a discharge from the service. Also, scholarship recipients may defer use of the scholarship for one year upon approval by the selection committee.

G. Worthy applicants of previous years will be given consideration for additional scholarships if sufficient funds are available.*

X. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

Within the limits imposed by the terms of the Will of S.R. Pritchett and court orders subsequent to his death, the determination of the scholarship recipients shall be made by the S.R. Pritchett Scholarship Committee in accordance with the rules above. The committee recommendation shall be made to the Trustee whose decision shall be final.

* Recipients who attend post secondary training institutions where the 12 units full time load does not apply may submit a verified statement from such institutions indicating that they are full time students.