

## About the Doc and Jean Chaffee Scholarship

This scholarship is named after Dr. Paul Chaffee, who served for 28 years as veterinarian and 25 years as director of the Fresno Zoo. The zoo was renamed the Fresno Chaffee Zoo in July of 1990, prior to his death.

Paul Chaffee made major improvements for exotic animals through medical care practices, nutrition, natural habitats, and detailed record-keeping. He was a visionary leader respected by his contemporaries. This scholarship is open to animal science, plant science, or conservation majors who want to follow in Paul Chaffee's footsteps. Jean Chaffee is his widow.

Applications may be submitted via email to: [scholarships@centralvalleycf.org](mailto:scholarships@centralvalleycf.org) or may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Central Valley Community Foundation  
Attention: Karen Quibal  
1260 Fulton St. Ste 200  
Fresno, CA 93721

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 by 5:00 PM. Mailed applications must arrive by this date.

### Eligibility

The Doc and Jean Chaffee Scholarship is open to

- Graduating high school seniors entering college majoring in animal science, plant science, or conservation.
- Continuing college students (Sophomore — Senior) majoring in animal science, plant science, or conservation.
- Adults entering college for the first time, or reentering college, seeking a degree in animal science, plant science, or conservation.
- All applicants must be majoring in animal science, plant science, or conservation.
- Employees of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo and past participants of the summer internship program at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo are encouraged to apply.
- Those seeking advanced degrees and working full time are allowed part time school status.
- Applicants must demonstrate extraordinary academic growth, financial need, community service, and school participation.

Applicants must be available for a possible interview with the selection committee.

If applicants are unable to meet in person, online or phone interview may be scheduled.

### Selection Process

The scholarship committee will judge each application in a nondiscriminatory and objective manner. The following details the criteria the committee will use to judge applications, and the accompanying weight each criterion carries in regard to the committee's decisions:

- Academic growth/improvement (50% weight)
- Community and school activities (20% weight)
- Financial need (30% weight)

# Doc and Jean Chaffee Scholarship Application Form

For your application to be considered by the scholarship committee, you must fill out all the fields in the form below and include all of the following attachments, unless otherwise specified:

- A copy of your FAFSA form or financial aid summary (if available);
- A copy of your unofficial high school transcripts (only required of students who are recent high school graduates entering college and adults entering college for the first time);
- A copy of your unofficial college transcripts (only required for students who are already enrolled in college and reentering students who have completed some college); ● At least one (1) letter of recommendation.
- Your completed personal essay (please see the end of this application form for the prompts).

## Applicant Information

Name (First, MI, Last):

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: Please provide your updated email as this will be the main form of communication used to contact you regarding your application):

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Number of Dependents in Your Home: \_\_\_\_\_

What \$ amount, if any, have you saved toward higher education? \_\_\_\_\_

How much financial support might your family provide? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a recent high school graduate entering college (Yes/No)?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a re-entering college student (Yes/No)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an adult (not a recent high school graduate) seeking to enroll in college for the first time? (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you, or have you or your family ever been, employed by the Fresno Chaffee Zoo (Yes/No)?:

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If you answered YES to the previous question, please list the months/years for which you/your family member was employed and your family member's name:

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Are you a former Fresno Chaffee Zoo summer intern entering college (Yes/No):\_\_\_\_\_

If you answered YES to the previous question, please provide the months/years of your internship (if NO, please fill in as "N/A")

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### Education

Where did you attend high school? If you attended more than one institution, please list them all below. High School(s) Attended:

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Dates Attended for Each:

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Graduation Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Did you graduate with a diploma or a GED? Indicate which here:\_\_\_\_\_

College/institution I have previously/will be/am currently attending:

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What is or will be your major?

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### Community Service & Leadership Activities

Please list all of your service activities and any activities demonstrating leadership. These activities may or may not be related to school (e.g., serving as class president, volunteering, etc.). You may attach a separate sheet with your application if more space is needed than is provided by the fields below. If you haven't performed any community service or leadership activities, enter "N/A" in the fields below.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

DATES OF ACTIVITIES

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## Paid Work Experience

List any paid work experience. You may attach a separate sheet with your application if more space is needed than is provided by the fields below. If you don't have any paid work experience, enter "N/A" for the fields below.

POSITION HELD	EMPLOYER	START/END DATE
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## Personal Statement Essay

Listed below are questions all applicants must respond to in an essay. The essay must be at least one page in length typed and single-spaced. Include your completed essay when submitting your application and other required documents and attachments. Note: Your application will not be considered if you do not include the personal statement essay.

### Essay Questions:

1. Why do you think you deserve this scholarship?
2. Where do you see yourself in five (5) years?

AND choose one of the additional topics below to also respond to in your essay:

- What adversity have you overcome and how did it impact you?
- What do you hope to achieve through your animal science, plant science, or conservation education?
- How will your major studies make a difference in the world?

## Acknowledgement & Signature of Applicant

By signing below, I, acting as the applicant, grant my permission for the receipt of a scholarship to be publicized, should I be selected to receive one. I understand that I do not have any obligations to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, and that my application will not be considered for review by the scholarship committee if I have not filled out the application form in its entirety or have not provided all of the requested documents. I understand that completing and submitting an application does not guarantee I will be called for an interview or that I will receive a scholarship award. Further, I declare that the information I have provided in this application is truthful and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_