

# SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Costa - Kern County Water Agency  
Water Resources Fellowship



2010-2011 Academic Year

## \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP!

Water Resources Fellowship - Helping you reach your goals.

The Jim Costa-Kern County Water Agency Water Resources Fellowship was developed to honor the many years of leadership by Jim Costa, who served in both the California State Assembly and Senate during the 1980s and 1990s. Mr. Costa was deeply involved in California's water issues and consistently worked to the benefit of constituents in the San Joaquin Valley, where water is paramount to the survival of people and commerce. After Mr. Costa left the Senate in 2002, the Kern County Water Agency honored him by instituting a fellowship (scholarship) program for students pursuing a course of study related to water resources. Currently, Mr. Costa is serving as a Congressman for California's 20th District, following his election in November 2004.

Scholarships will be awarded annually to one or more recipients in an amount up to \$10,000. The funds will be transferred to the recipients' chosen college and will be distributed by the college according to its regulations. To maintain eligibility for receipt of scholarship payments, each recipient must remain in good standing and maintain a course of study in a water resources-related field.

Scholarship recipients may have an opportunity for a paid internship with the Kern County Water Agency.

**Deadline: April 9, 2010**  
For more information, contact  
Jeanne Varga at (661) 634-1423  
or [jvarga@kcwa.com](mailto:jvarga@kcwa.com).

# GENERAL INFORMATION AND CRITERIA

1. The Jim Costa-Kern County Water Agency Fellowship was established for college students enrolled in a course of study related to water resources.
2. The scholarship is available to graduates of Kern County high schools or to individuals who are current residents of Kern County. Immediate family members of the Board of Directors of the Kern County Water Agency (Agency), immediate family members of employees of the Agency, Agency employees and Agency Board Members are not eligible.
3. The student must be enrolled in a four-year college or have plans to do so by the fall of the current year.  
  
Applicants must be registered as full-time students and be pursuing a course of study in a water resources-related field. Eligible fields of study include physical and biological sciences, public administration, health, political science and other related fields.
4. Scholastic achievement will be a criterion for selection, as well as demonstration of interest in a water resources field. Students must complete essay questions on the scholarship application form.
5. Students must submit both high school and college transcripts. Official transcripts must be sealed by the school and included with the completed application.
6. Transcripts must include Grade Point Averages (GPA).
7. Students must complete the entire application form and submit three recommendations from non-relatives. Two of the recommendations must come from a person outside the teaching profession. Faxed application are allowed but letters of recommendation must be mailed.
8. Applications may be handwritten or typed.
9. Students will be selected by a committee named by the Agency Board of Directors.
10. Final candidates may be interviewed in person at the Agency in Bakersfield, California.
11. Financial need is not a criterion.
12. Strong consideration will be given to students interested in working in a water resources field in Kern County.
13. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all documentation has been received by the deadline by contacting Jeanne Varga. DO NOT assume that all the information has arrived.
14. The application deadline is April 9, 2010. All materials must be postmarked by this date to qualify. All recommendations must also arrive or be postmarked by this date in order to qualify. No exceptions will be made.
15. Applications are available at [www.kcwa.com](http://www.kcwa.com).

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APPLICATION FORM FOR 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

Read guidelines carefully before completing this application form.

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Last First Middle Student ID (4 year college)

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Permanent Address City State Zip

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Current Mailing address City State Zip

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Current Phone Mobile Phone Email Address

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High School - attending or graduated from

High School:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

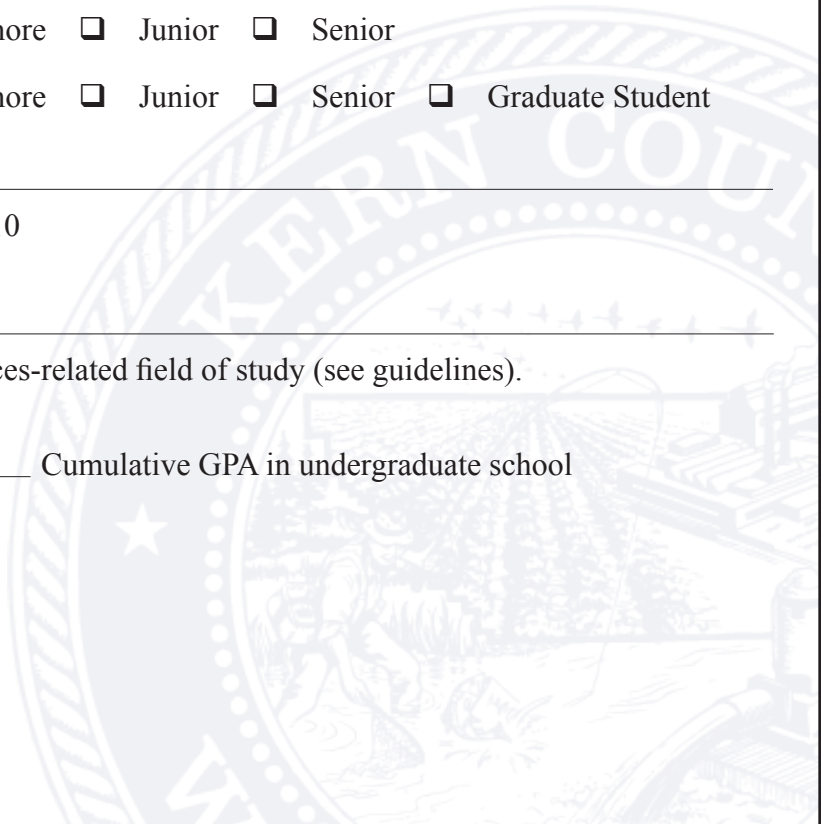
College:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate Student

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Name of college you plan to attend in the fall of 2010

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Degree sought. Degree should be in a water resources-related field of study (see guidelines).

\_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA in high school \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA in undergraduate school

\_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA in graduate school



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**Please provide the following information:**

1. Sealed college transcript or current high school transcript.
2. Three letters of recommendation.
3. List extra-curricular activities in high school, college, the community, etc.

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4. List any significant awards, honors, etc. received. (Please limit to five.)

*Awards*

*Date*

<i>Awards</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____
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_____	_____

5. List any technical societies you belong to (or have belonged to) and any offices held.

*Name of organization/society*

*Office Held*

<i>Name of organization/society</i>	<i>Office Held</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. Briefly describe any past or current employment related to your field of study and the average number of hours worked per week.

*Employer*

*Description*

*Hours / week*

<i>Employer</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Hours / week</i>
_____	_____	_____
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7. Briefly describe what you know about the Kern County Water Agency and its mission.

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8. Attach three typed essays (no more than 150 words each) answering the following:

Essay 1) Identify significant water-related issues facing the Central San Joaquin Valley you would address, if given the opportunity?

Essay 2) Describe “groundwater banking” as it is practiced in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Essay 3) Explain how your educational and career goals relate to a future in water resources?

9. Please write a brief essay (no more than 150 words) on any water-related research in which you have participated, or will perform during the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

Applications may be delivered or post marked to the Kern County Water Agency  
no later than, April 9, 2010.

**Documents will be date stamped by the Kern County Water Agency upon receipt.**

Mailing address:  
Kern County Water Agency  
P.O. Box 58  
Bakersfield, CA 93302-0058

Physical address:  
Kern County Water Agency  
3200 Rio Mirada Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Please contact Jeanne Varga at (661) 634-1423 or [jvarga@kcwa.com](mailto:jvarga@kcwa.com)  
to confirm delivery of your application and references.