

**TAFT COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2008-2009**

**WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TAFT, CALIFORNIA 93268**

Pursuant to Education Code Sections 72650, et seq., a Scholarship Program has been established at Taft College. Funds available for this purpose are determined annually by the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District. The Financial Aid Advisory Committee shall be the final authority in awarding financial aid through this program.

Completed applications are to be returned to the Financial Aid Office. Deadlines for completed applications are the third Friday of each semester. Applications are accepted contingent on available funding.

Following are the criteria for awarding Taft College Scholarships:

IN NO CASE SHALL THE TOTAL FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE AT TAFT COLLEGE EXCEED THE STATED INDIVIDUAL COST OF EDUCATION AS DETERMINED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

- (a) Applicants must possess a high school diploma, a G.E.D. certificate, or a high school Certificate of Proficiency.
- (b) Scholarships shall be awarded on the basis of achievement and potential.
- (c) Excellence in past academic achievement as evidenced by a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average or better in:
 - (1) prior high school
 - (2) 12 or more units of college work*
- (d) A student approved for admission to Taft College may apply for a Scholarship.
- (e) Scholarship recipients must be in good standing as determined by Taft College.
- (f) Merit Award recipients are not eligible for the Taft College Scholarship during semesters of their Merit Award eligibility.

*Cumulative GPA obtained as a result of Academic Renewal will be used. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office of Academic Renewal approval!

(g) Scholarship recipients will receive their awards once a semester. To continue to receive the scholarship award recipients must:

(1) have completed 12 or more units in the previous semester with 3.00 or higher G.P.A. and maintained a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.00.

(2) be enrolled in 12 or more units in the current semester.

Records will be verified by the Financial Aid Office.

(h) Scholarships may be granted in the amount of \$250 per academic year to students who are California residents.

(i) Scholarships may be renewed for a second year upon submission of a renewal application and approval of the Financial Aid Advisory Committee.

(j) Any student who has participated in the Taft College Scholarship Program for four (4) semesters is not eligible for continued funding.**

FINANCIAL AID PACKAGING PRIORITIES

The following order of priorities will be used in packaging students for the Taft College Scholarship Program. The College reserves the right to vary priorities when deemed necessary by the Financial Aid Office.

1. Federal Pell Grant eligibility
2. BOGG eligibility
3. FSEOG eligibility
4. Cal Grant eligibility
5. Taft College Scholarship eligibility
6. FWS eligibility
7. IWS eligibility
8. EOPS/CARE Grant and Work-Study eligibility
9. SWS eligibility

Approved by Board of Trustees

April 6, 1995

Phone # _____

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APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER.

Name Social Security Number

Home Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Local Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS

I do hereby grant permission for the student records as well as any recommendations and or evaluations to be released to the Taft College Financial Aid Advisory Committee for the purpose of consideration and possible selection for Scholarship. I further grant permission to Taft College to publicize any scholarship award I might receive.

Student's Signature Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature Date
(if student is a minor)

Applications are accepted contingent on available funding.

Late applications may be considered only if funds are available and only on an individual basis, including an appearance by the applicant before the Financial Aid Advisory Committee. Applications for the spring semester are not considered retroactive to the fall semester. Applicants are required to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for use in financial aid packaging. **NO FINANCIAL AID WILL BE DISBURSED UNTIL THE FAFSA INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND EVALUATED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.**