



# Merced County Academic Decathlon

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Dear Decathlete,

Enclosed is a copy of our policy for claiming your scholarship from the Merced County Academic Decathlon Robert Wayne Scholarship Program. In summary, you must be enrolled in an eligible school within 27 months of your high school graduation to receive your scholarship. Eligible schools include any adult vocational school, college or university licensed or accredited in the state in which it operates.

You must verify your enrollment by sending a copy of **one** of the following to the address below:

- Registration receipt
- Class schedule
- Enrollment fee receipt
- Letter from your school's registrar or financial aid manager
- Progress report or report card

Payments will be made directly to you, unless you request otherwise. In order to expedite your payment, please use the enclosed Request for Scholarship information form. Be sure to include your mailing address where the check is to be sent. Remember to submit your verification of enrollment.

On behalf of the Merced County Academic Decathlon board of directors, I wish you success in your chosen career.

Sincerely,

Stacie Arancibia, Board Secretary  
Merced County Academic Decathlon  
632 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95341

## **MERCED COUNTY ACADEMIC DECATHLON POLICY OF PROCESSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

1. A student **must be enrolled** in an eligible school within **twenty-seven (27)** months of his/her high school graduation:

June 2015 graduation = October 2017 deadline  
June 2016 graduation = October 2018 deadline  
June 2017 graduation = October 2019 deadline  
June 2018 graduation = October 2020 deadline

- **Exception to the 27-month rule:** Recipients may request deadline extensions beyond the 27-months (i.e. military service, Peace Corps, etc.). Requests for exception must be made in writing before the 27-month deadline. The board will consider requests on a case-by case basis.
2. Schools eligible for scholarship payouts include any adult vocational school, college or university licensed/accredited in the state in which it operates.
  3. In the event an award is unclaimed for any reason, including death, the monies will revert to the Merced County Academic Decathlon (MCAD) general fund.
  4. Scholarship winners are responsible for:
    - Notifying the MCAD board of their projected high school graduation date
    - Providing the MCAD board with a current address and telephone number. **Failure to submit this information to MCAD within 32 months of the award date will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.** It is advisable to use a “permanent contact” address, such as a parent’s or grandparent’s address.
    - Submitting acceptable proof of enrollment in an eligible school (as defined above) before the scholarship will be dispensed. Acceptable proof includes a registrar’s letter, copy of paid registration, progress/report card, etc. The award will then be sent **directly** to the winner unless the MCAD board is otherwise instructed.

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REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail my scholarship check to the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

\*If requesting check be mailed directly to the school

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Make Payable To:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Student #

I am verifying my enrollment by sending a copy of **one** of the following to the address below: (Please check one)

- Registration receipt
- Class schedule
- Enrollment fee receipt
- Letter from your school's registrar or financial aid manager
- Progress report or report card

Please return this completed form along with a copy of the checked document above to:

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